

Sunday Shared Offering Donations Policy

The policy of Westside Unitarian Universalist Congregation is to give one third of the monthly total of undesignated donations from the Sunday offering to a nonprofit organization, preferably a 501 (C) (3), that is not affiliated with a political candidate, and is compatible with our UU principles and our Westside mission statement to support one another, expand our minds, and build a more just world.

These donations may also be used to support congregational and Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) denominational programs, as determined by the Sunday Shared Offering Committee. Examples of these recipients are: helping to fund WSUU youth participation at regional or national activities, the Minister's Discretionary Fund, the UU-United Nations Office.

The Sunday Shared Offering Committee comprises a chairperson and two other committee members who are members of the congregation. The committee works together to choose an organization each month, suggested by either a member of the congregation or a committee member, and makes the final recipient selection. Members of the congregation may contact the Sunday Shared Offering Committee by email at communitygiving@wsuu.org with donation recipient suggestions.

The Sunday Shared Offering recipient selection will coordinate with Sunday service topics and other congregational social justice projects when relevant. The committee will schedule the offering recipient in advance, but will be flexible in the event of unexpected needs.

The Committee chairperson will provide the Congregational Administrator with information on the selected Sunday Shared Offering recipient for the following month by the final Wednesday of each month, to expedite publication in the order of service, announcements by the Worship Team, and the processing of donations.

The Congregational Administrator manages the donation totals, sends the donation check to the recipient, and updates the Sunday Shared Offering total for each month, which can be accessed by a link published in the Westside Week.