

SHARE THE PLATE POLICY

The community that is Northwoods is committed to making a positive difference in the larger community and the world. The Share the Plate Committee (hereafter the STPC) is charged with funding social action projects that promise to make a concrete, positive contribution to the welfare of those they serve. To this end, the STPC will make cash grants to organizations meeting the criteria set forth below.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Grants shall be ranked according to the following characteristics:

- Recipients must be a 501c3 non-profit organization.
- Recipient organizations shall support a charitable purpose that is consistent with Unitarian Universalist principles and that exemplifies Northwoods' Mission and Vision.
- Preference will be given to grants that impact the local area, though national and world causes are also eligible.
- Special consideration will be given to grants that are part of a member-supported project for the receiving charity.
- Grant applications should include concrete plans for how the grant will be used.
- The group's willingness to work with the Committee on publicity in support of the collection.

Recommend a Share-the-Plate Charity

One Sunday each month, a charity organization is chosen from member recommendations to receive the undirected cash donations in the collection plate for that Sunday, and all checks marked "Share the Plate" in the memo field. To suggest an organization, please respond to the questions below and email your responses to nuucsharetheplate@gmail.com. Include your preferred means of contact to enable the committee to discuss your nomination with you. If you have questions about the program, call Share the Plate Chairperson Bob Long at 281-914-9837.

1. What is the name of the organization?
2. What is the organization's website?
3. Does the organization have a Facebook page?
4. Describe how this organization makes a difference through service, advocacy, or direct action (you may attach supporting documents)
5. How does the mission of this organization tie into the mission and vision of our congregation?

Information needed for funds disbursement:

1. Is there a particular month or time of year that would be best for this organization to receive a Share the Plate donation?
2. If donors write a check to the organization, to whom should checks be made payable?
3. To what address should contribution checks be mailed to the recipient organization?

Finally, are there ways that members of our congregation could be involved in this organization beyond the Share the Plate financial contribution? If so, please describe. This information will be shared with the SEE Justice chair, as a possible individual or organizational opportunity.