

Share the Basket Policy

In line with our mission and vision, and to promote greater outreach to the surrounding community, the UUFP will **Share the Basket** with organizations that are in line with our principles and purposes. Our Unitarian Universalist principles call for us to work for justice and humanity. By reaching out to the community, we are showing who we are and for what we stand. UUFP will be joining many other UU churches and fellowships that are using this process to enhance their outreach and impact in the world. The goals of the **Share the Basket** program are to actively be a life-affirming liberal religious force in our community and to provide support and care for our own community and the community at large. It will also be a way to enhance the meaning of the UUFP's relationships with and among partners in the larger local community, build awareness, learn more about ourselves and the projects the church gives to, and to develop a philosophy of giving within the church community. Churches and fellowships that are practicing this kind of generous giving are better able to empower and advocate for those in need.

The UUFP will share half of all of the non-Pledge portion of our collected offering with various charitable organizations. The Social Justice committee has been given the responsibility—with the Council of Committee's final approval—of selecting several organizations to span local, regional, national and international efforts as well as a range of issues, including hunger, civil rights, medical care, and the environment. The Social Justice Committee will accept nomination for charitable organizations for this program, from which three selections will be made. Each week, the basket will be shared with a different group, with LINK keeping its rightful place on the third Sunday of every month.

Organizations eligible for **Share the Basket** proceeds will:

- 1) be 501(C)3 non-profit organizations,
- 2) offer services compatible with UU principles
- 3) offer opportunities to educate or engage UUFP members and friends in social justice activities
- 4) have no greater than 20% administrative overhead expenses (unless reasonable argument can be made for an organization having a higher level of overhead costs).