

ASSESSMENT TOOL

Goal: To support the outreach ministry of our UU congregation by developing and coordinating Share the Plate collections.

Name of Organization _____ **Category** ____

Recipients of church support must have goals consistent with the mission of the church, with the mission and goals of STP and with UU values and beliefs. Recipients must have a justice or service focus. A member of the Community Church UU Chapel Hill must submit the application.

Categories

1. Organizations that have a special and established relationship with the UU Community Church will be the first priority and will receive a guaranteed Share The Plate collection in each six-month cycle. The organizations in this category are UU Justice NC, Charles House, Interfaith Council, and Habitat for Humanity.
2. Organizations that the UU Community Church has been involved with for many years will have the next priority.
3. Organizations that are newly supported by a committee or group of the Church will have the next priority.
4. Organizations that are supported by a UU Community Church member who has personal passion will have the next priority.
5. Organizations that have already received STP donations in the previous calendar year.

Except for groups in category 1, all STP recipient selections are made for one half year period only. groups must reapply for a subsequent slot in each half-year cycle with equal consideration given to both new and old groups.

Some organizations and special applications are guaranteed, other applications are non-guaranteed.

Other Factors

The following issues will be taken into consideration when evaluating a particular cause or organization:

1. Did or will the organization receive a donation from the Minister's Discretionary Fund?
2. Does the organization meet a significant need in the community?
3. Is there a system of using funds effectively, including sound accounting?
4. Is our assistance of critical importance to the success of the group?
5. Does the work of the organization complement other efforts in the community?
6. Does it encourage the church to show important leadership in the community or denomination?
7. Does the gift increase the profile and visibility of the Community Church and/or Unitarian Universalism as it addresses pressing social problems.
8. Does the organization serve our local community (Chapel Hill-Carrboro and the surrounding counties)?
9. Is this organization just getting started?