

Nomination for Generosity Offering First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego

Members of First UU, as well as active participants in its Social Justice Ministry, may nominate a non-profit organization (501c3), for one of our monthly generosity offerings. To do so, please carefully review your proposed organization and complete and return this nomination form to angela@firstuusandiego.org **NO Later than Sunday, September 3.**

Nominations will be considered by the Social Justice Ministry Team at a special Generosity Offering Meeting on **Sunday, September 10**, at which you will be invited to share a brief presentation of your organization. All nominations must be consistent with our current policies for Generosity Offerings (provided below).

Organization

Please provide the following information about the organization being nominated for a Generosity Offering.

Name of Organization:

Address:

Website:

Name of Contact Person:

Email and Phone of Contact Person:

Program

Please provide the organization's mission statement and a brief summary of the specific program that would be supported (identifying the problem it seeks to address and how it is being solved):

Furtherance of First UU Strategic Plan

Please briefly describe how the offering would further the key community-based goal of First UU's Strategic Plan:

Relative Need and Likely Impact

Please provide the following information to help assess the program's needs and the likely impact of First UU's offering. The first two items and other information on the organization can be found online at www.guidestar.org (Guidestar tracks most U.S. non-profits). The second two items can generally be found by signing in with Guidestar (which is free) – or by requesting the information from the organization.

Total Organizational Revenue:

Total Organizational Expenses:

Highest Paid Salary:

Program Budget:

Person Submitting Nomination

Please provide the following contact and related information:

Name:

Email or Phone:

Are you a Member of First UU (Y/N)?

Are you an active participant in First UU's Social Justice work (Y/N)?

Are you or have you been directly involved with the organization and program you are nominating? If so, how?

Generosity Offering Policy

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Background: The Social Ministry Team (then called the Social Justice Committee) began Generosity Offerings in 2002 after approval by the Finance Committee and the Ministers. The concept provided for giving the Sunday offering regularly (once per month) to an outside (non-UU) local non-profit organization. The Social Justice Ministry Team was given the responsibility of selecting the recipient organizations. In 2010, our congregation began giving the whole offering every month to a non-profit. In 2011, this was modified, with the non-profit receiving 85% of the offering, and 15% going towards administrative costs related to the offering.

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for selecting organizations to receive First UU's monthly Generosity Offerings (GO). The following policy is a set of **guidelines**, not rules. It is understood that the Social Justice Ministry Team Leadership and the Ministers have authority to override this policy.

Policy:

1. Recipient organizations will primarily be local (San Diego County), non-UU groups of 501c3 status (required). Local branches of national groups are acceptable. The goals of the organization must be congruent with UU values.
2. Exceptions can be made in support of Sunday service guest speakers' organizations. These exceptions can be approved by the Ministers.
3. We strive to support a balance of causes.
4. An organization can receive an offering every other year.
5. Members and active friends of First UU can nominate one organization per year to be considered for an offering. To be considered, they need to fill out an application form, and send a representative to the Fall Social Justice Ministry Team Meeting to make a brief presentation and to answer any questions raised.
6. Once per year, requests for nominations will be made via church publications for congregational suggestions for groups. The social justice action groups will be encouraged to nominate organizations they are actively in partnership with. Youth and Young Adults will also be encouraged to make suggestions.
7. Voting happens once a year at the Fall Social Justice Ministry Team Meeting. All those who are in attendance at the meeting, and are active participants at First UU, are welcome to vote. No staff or official representatives from nominated organizations can vote.
8. A list of recipients for the next year will be compiled and scheduled by the SJMT Leaders. The offering recipients will be published in church publications. The dollar amounts of past offerings will also be published.
9. Substitutions can be made by the SJMT leaders.
10. Selected groups will be verified to be respected, 501c3 status, and reflective of UU values. Objections by a few UUs should be considered by the SJMT leaders for disqualification.
11. Special Cases: Each January, the generosity offerings will be in support of organizations selected by the Larger UU Connections Ministry Team. These will not be voted on by the SJMT at the fall meeting. Offerings on the fifth Sundays are at the discretion of the Ministers.