

## How Dining for Dollar\$ (D4\$) Auction Works

**1.** First UU Members/Friends agree to sponsor a dinner, tea, picnic, museum tour with lunch, pool party, brunch, barbecue, sailing expedition, game night, provide a service or other event for our Church Members, Friends, and regular attendees and their families. You may submit your events and/or ask questions about how to host an event from a D4\$ Helper after service 03/01/2024 through 04/15/2024. The event(s) submitted for Auction One are to be scheduled between 06/01/2024 and 12/31/2024. **Proposed event host forms are due as soon as possible, but absolutely no later than April 15, 2024**.

2. The Auction Catalog will be available online in late April. A limited number of **Bidding Books (hard copies)** will be available ONLY at church. Everyone will also receive an email with a link to the online bidding catalog of events, together with your **individual bidding number**. Carefully review the online catalog and select the events you are interested in attending.

**3.** Auction One bidding will be online starting May 5, 2024 and continuing through May 19, 2024 on the church's auction bidding site. If you need help bidding, after each service on May 5, May 12, and May 19, church members, friends, and regular attendees and their families may enter bids on devices with the help of techie experts in Bard Hall. Feel free to buy places at events as gifts for your friends and family, as well as for yourself. We will also allow bidding by email and telephone through Remote Bidding.

## 4. Bid Amounts:

<u>Individuals</u>: Starting Bids from \$10 per person. <u>Family Events</u>: Starting Bids from \$30 per family. <u>Buy It Now</u>: this bid guarantees you a place at the event for the maximum bid stated on each event. Please remember to make a bid for each family member attending: if you are a family of four, place four bids! <u>Specialty Events</u>: An extraordinary event, such as a day of sailing with a picnic, or dinner with a guest musician may require a higher starting bid. <u>Economy Events</u>: Events with more modest prices. Additional details/instructions will be included in the bidding book and bidding sheet for each event.

5. Be sure to monitor your bids and events because, in the case of some popular events, you might be outbid!

6. Within one week of the close of bidding, all bidders will receive an email informing them of what they have won. Payments are by credit card, check or cash. Payment Schedule: Single Payment: By July 1, 2023. Two Payments: ½ of bids due by July 1, 2023; final payment due by December 1, 2024. We hope that by spreading out the payment, you will be able to bid on and enjoy more events.

All D4\$ proceeds go to the church's operating fund. This multi-faceted multigenerational communitybuilding auction featuring many different events is considered our church's major annual fundraiser. If you win a bid, but can't attend the event, please contact the host and donate your spot to a friend or email our Director of Operations, <u>Robie Evans</u>. Money will not be refunded. Questions or suggestions? Email Robie or look for a D4\$ helper on the patio after services through May 19th.