

General Guidelines for Choosing our Community Plate Recipients

1. The organization provides services, advocacy, or direct action that reflects UU principles and values.
2. Community Plate donations will support organizations whose leadership, e.g., administration, staff team leaders and/or board members, includes members of the community that is being served.
3. 501(c)3 organizations are preferred. If not a non-profit, congregants will be informed that their donations will not be tax-deductible.
4. We annually fund the Mel Hetland Scholarship, part of the Asheville City Schools Foundation (members of UUCA started the scholarship and UUCA is the only funder) and the Ministers' Discretionary Fund. Other organizations may be funded every other fiscal year.
5. Nomination must be made by a UUCA congregant who is a volunteer, has another connection, or is knowledgeable about the organization.
6. The recipient organization should have opportunities for congregational involvement.
7. Smaller organizations, where our donation can really make a difference, will be given preference.
8. Organizations must be local to Asheville/Buncombe County.