

General Guidelines for Choosing the Community Plate Organizations for 2021/22

1. Nomination must be made [online at the UU Asheville website](#) by a UU Asheville congregant who is a volunteer, has another connection, or is knowledgeable about the organization.
2. The organization provides services, advocacy, or direct action that reflects the UU principles and values.
3. We will support organizations whose leadership, e.g., administration, staff team leaders and/or board members, includes members of the community that is being served.
4. 501(c)3 preferred... donors will be informed that the donation is not tax deductible if the organization is not a non-profit.
5. We annually fund the Mel Hetland Scholarship (members of UU Asheville were founders and UU Asheville is the only funder) and UU Asheville's Ministers' Discretionary Fund. Other organizations may be funded every other fiscal year.
6. Opportunities for congregational involvement are limited at this time, but the organization is encouraged to publicize ways the congregation can be involved remotely.
7. Smaller organizations, where our donation can really make a difference, will be given preference.
8. The organization is local to the Asheville/Buncombe County.