

Policy for Special Offerings

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

The UUFB Board of Directors has decided to strive for one of its Sunday morning offerings per month to go to good causes outside the Fellowship. To that end, the Board asked the Social Justice Council to develop policies and procedures, causes for contributions and evaluating requests for them. The criteria the Committee will use in choosing causes include:

1. The policies and practices of an organization receiving assistance from UUFB shall not contradict the seven principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association.
2. Causes that provide opportunities for contributions through volunteer effort and allow members to observe the results or effects of the donation.
3. Causes that address humanitarian and environmental needs.
4. Causes that address social and environmental injustice and fight oppression.
5. Causes that are endorsed by the Unitarian Universalist Association.

UUFB members wishing to nominate a cause for consideration:

1. Should submit a request in writing to any member of the Social Justice Council.
2. Requests should contain the following information:
 - (a) The official name of the organization for which contributions will be solicited,
 - (b) Contact information including such items as names of organization representatives, mailing address, telephone number, email and web site.
3. A brief description of the cause and explanation of why it is worthy of support.
4. Suggestions for date of collection, program ideas and other pertinent information such as related events should be forwarded to the Sunday Service Committee

The Council will act on requests within one month of receipt and notify the following of its decision: the person making the request, the UUFB Board, the Fellowship Secretary and Treasurer, the Sunday Service Committee and the Minister

Other Items:

1. The Social Justice Council will consider causes for more than one offering per year and on-going (multi-year) assistance.
2. The Council may originate proposals for Fellowship support.
3. The Council will make an effort to plan special offerings for three months in advance in order to allow coordination with Sunday services.
4. Decisions of the Council may be appealed to the Board.

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