



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ARLINGTON VIRGINIA

A Place to Connect, Grow and Serve

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Share the Plate Distribution Goals and Schedule

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After many long discussions about Share the Plate, we have come to a decision to make a change for the remainder of the fiscal year. As most of you know, the church fiscal year runs July 1st through June 30th. We just finished the third quarter and are in the home stretch. The Connections article in March referenced the eleven partners that we will be partnering with financially which is only one part of how this church community works with nonprofit organizations.

The FY18 budget passed by the members last June included a 30 percent share for UUCA to support partners in all the ways that we do: financially, providing space at little or no cost and encouraging members and friends to participate in the many social justice opportunities offered. In FY17 this generous community gave away over \$150,000. The budget this fiscal year, given the change, was adjusted to an expectation of \$120,000 and a 70/30 split.

The Connections article distributed on the 8th of March outlined the partners UUCA would be contributing to this fiscal year. This is not to minimize how we also work with other very important partners in ways other than financial contributions. The list was narrowed to eleven through much discussion and discernment which was a very difficult task.

We are short of our \$120,000 goal this year - \$82,500 for our partners and \$37,500 for UUCA. The \$37,500 covers less than half the cost of our annual UUA Annual Program Fund dues (this year our expected donation was almost \$80,000).

The remainder of the fiscal year, each week will be designated as the recipient for Share the Plate. Seventy percent of the donations will go directly to that partner and the thirty percent will go to UUCA to cover our share to the UUA Annual program fund. Here is the schedule:

Group	Date	Goal
Dream Project	8 April 2018	\$7276
Service Never Sleeps	15 April 2018	\$3120
NISGUA/PAG	22 April 2018	\$7276
Little Friends for Peace	29 April 2018	\$5088
VOICE	6 May 2018	\$9271
Metro DC PFLAG	13 May 2018	\$1399
UUSJ	20 May 2018	\$5198
Sanctuaries	27 May 2018	\$1399
Equality Virginia	3 June 2018	\$3120
Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE)	10 June 2018	\$1040
Hopi Tutskwa	17 June 2018	\$1399
Miracle Sunday	24 June 2018	TBD

Donations will be received Sunday to Saturday. If donations received do not indicate that it is a payment for pledge, it will be marked as going toward this specific Share the Plate partner. We will have an article each week in connections and the order of service to update everyone goal vs. receipt.

One other thing to note – the goal also takes into account the 70/30 split. Here is an example. This Sunday is Share the Plate for the Dream Project. The goal is \$7,276. If we receive \$7,276 in donations, \$1,679 will go towards paying UUCA's share of the UUA annual program dues and \$5,597 will be sent directly to the Dream Project. The overall goal for the Dream Project this year was \$11,550. We have distributed \$5,953 to them so far this year. We have a goal for both UUCA and the partner program.

We hope that this helps in clarifying how we will be moving forward with our plate donations. Naming the recipient each week during services we hope will provide that clarification.

Thanks so much for your support this year!

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