

## **Policy on Community Service Donations**

**Reviewed by VIUU Board March 14, 2024**

Our congregation engages beyond our walls for peace, social and economic justice, freedom of belief, and protection of our planet and its inhabitants. Once a month we contribute the Sunday plate offering to a community organization that aligns with our values.

A Community Service Donation will be taken monthly during the service year (October through June).

The recipient organization must be a registered non-profit 501 3(c). Organizations may be a mixture of local, regional and national/international organizations. The Social and Environmental Justice Committee is strongly encouraged to solicit recommendations from members of the congregation.

The Social and Environmental Justice Committee is responsible for proposing a list of recipient organizations for the year for review by the board at the October board meeting. Any changes should be submitted to the board for review at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

The specific Sunday for each organization will be determined by the Sunday Services Committee and the Social and Environmental Justice Committee with a preference for linking the offering to social justice programming as appropriate.

A representative from the recipient organization (or the Social and Environmental Justice Committee) will make a presentation to the congregation at the service during which the collection is taken. This presentation may be the main focus of the service, or may be a brief presentation immediately prior to the collection. The Sunday Services Committee will coordinate with the Social and Environmental Justice Committee in arranging for this presentation.

The collection is treated as pass through income, not a part of the VIUU revenue stream.