

## **Pilot Program** **Share the Plate**

In order to deepen SUUC's relationship with the local community, the Board of Directors has authorized a six-month pilot program that would donate one-half of each month's Sunday collection plate offerings to a non-profit organization in South King County.

The practice of sharing a portion of the weekly collection plate offerings is practiced by a number of UU congregations nationally. Many congregations find this meaningful way to increase their awareness of their local community and to directly impact social justice projects that are important to them.

Any SUUC member may nominate a non-profit organization to be designated to receive offerings by submitting a nomination form to the church office. The Social Justice committee will review nominations and communicate to the nominating member whether the organization has been selected.

The criteria for an organization to receive plate offerings are:

1. The organization must be approved by the IRS as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.
2. The organization must serve the South King County area.
3. The organization's mission must be in alignment with Unitarian-Universalist values and principles.

In addition to the one-half of the total plate offerings, members may request an additional amount of their plate contributions be contributed to that month's designated organization. Organizations selected to receive donations will receive a single check during the early part of the month following the month in which the donations were received.

The Social Justice committee will coordinate this process, and will provide a short monthly report in the Scroll on the results of the monthly donations, and information about the coming month's recipient.

Members may nominate organizations by completing the attached nomination form. All items on the form must be completed in entirety.

At the end of this six month pilot program, the Social Justice committee will provide a summary of the results and any lesson's learned in the Scroll. At that time, the Board will decide whether to make the pilot program permanent.

For March 2007, Hospitality House will be the organization receiving donations. A new organization will be announced at the beginning of every month.

If you have any questions about this pilot program, please send an email to [socialjustice@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:socialjustice@saltwaterchurch.org), or call Debra Valpey at