

Designated Collection Program Selections Announced for 2025-2026

First Church's Designated Collection program evidences our UU principles by supporting community nonprofit and First Church programs and projects focused on those in need in our community. Children's educational and health, hunger and housing efforts are aided by our twice monthly plate donations.

Church members are encouraged to nominate worthy efforts and submitted twenty-two nominations this year. Twenty-one of these were approved as "Designated Collections" by committee. The remaining nomination, submitted by the Facilities Cluster, was designated a "Special Collection". While not falling within the usual Designated Collection program criteria, the goal of replacing trees on church grounds destroyed by the May tornado was viewed as beneficial for both our church and CWE neighborhood.

Recipients, in alpha order, for 2025-2026 plate collections include:

Arch City Defenders

Beyond Housing/Freedom Schools

Construction Forum

CWE Security Initiative/Street Outreach

Dream Builders 4 Equity

First Church Community Fund

First Church Facilities Cluster

First Church Little Pantry

First Church Partner Church

Food Outreach

Forest Releaf of Missouri

Gateway 180

Southside Education Center (SSEC)

St. Louis Area Food Bank

St. Martha's

Tabernacle CDC

Tabernacle CDC/ Food Pantry

Trinity Food Ministry

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

Welcome Neighbor

Wellston Loop CDC

