

Congregants' Choice Policy

(Approved by BOT April 2018)

1. Congregants can nominate a local 501(c)3 charitable organization whose core values are in alignment with Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing.
 - "Local" is defined as within the geographic parameters of our congregation.
 - "Congregant" is any USCL attendee. They do not need to be a voting member of the congregation.
2. Each organization nominated will be vetted by the minister to insure they are in alignment with USCL's Core Values.
3. To nominate an organization, the nominator, with the permission of the nominee, completes a nomination form and submits it prior to the third Sunday in January. Nominators are also required to make a poster featuring their nominee. These will be used for educating and for voting.
4. The top three recipients cannot be nominated for one year.
5. If fewer than four (4) organizations are nominated, the Leadership Council will recommend recipients for the remaining Congregants' Choice tithes. This *could* include past recipients.
6. Voting will take place on the first Sunday of February following the Celebration Service.
7. The three organizations receiving the highest number of votes each get 2% of USCL tithes for a three-month period. The fourth quarter (October, November, December) is divided among all the other nominees.
8. If an organization receives one of the three highest votes, the nominator will arrange for a representative to speak about their charitable work for approximately three minutes at a Sunday service and receive their check. Preferably, this happens in the month following the three months of tithes assigned to them.