

JRUUC Gifts-in-Kind Policy, adopted Jan. 29, 2014

1. Gifts in kind (objects other than cash, checks, etc.) will not be solicited or encouraged for meeting ordinary operational needs. These should be met through the regular budget process.
2. Individual purchase of new items for donation to JRUUC is discouraged. (Such purchases should be funded through the regular budget and expenditure process.) Items that may be appropriate as donations in kind include:
  - a. Hand-crafted items made for or by the donor. Examples include our stained glass, our quilts on the narthex wall, and our Joys and Sorrow candle holder. Such gifts can foster community by honoring the talents of our members and friends.
  - b. Items in good condition that were already in the possession of (or available at no cost to) the donor. Examples might include bookshelves, board or choir binders, or selected kitchen equipment. Such gifts can promote our environmental values by reducing waste.
3. Gifts in kind may be accepted on behalf of JRUUC by the minister, the president (or president-elect in the president's absence), or the chair or staff member of the activity/sphere for which the gift is intended. Examples of the latter include rummage sale or auction chairs accepting items for sale or auction, the RE chair or DRE accepting toys for RE, the worship chair accepting the gift of a new altar cloth, etc.
4. All gifts are final. Once a gift has been accepted, it becomes the sole property of JRUUC to use, sell, or dispose of, at its sole discretion. The donor does not retain any control over the use of a gift. With rare exceptions (e.g., memorial gift hymnals with an agreement that a memorial bookplate will name the person memorialized), gifts will not be accepted with conditions or strings attached.
5. No gifts may be simply left at the JRUUC building without prior approval or acceptance as described above.
6. Special drives for unbudgeted donations in cash or kind to support a particular program or activity within JRUUC will be rare and require prior approval by the board of trustees. However, the Social Justice Council may approve Share-the-Plate and Giving Tree solicitations for recipients outside JRUUC.
7. Valuation of gifts in kind for tax purposes is the responsibility of the donor. JRUUC will provide a receipt when requested and as applicable.