

The Principles of Unitarian Universalism speak in several places about our engagement with the wider world. Members and friends of UCE have deep personal commitments to a wide variety of justice and charitable causes. As a whole the church supports several as well.

Green Sanctuary Accreditation Process: Since 2008 a team has been involved in identifying ways to make our congregation greener. We are seeking accreditation with the UUA Ministry For the Earth program. By the start of 2010 an assessment had been completed and an Action Plan developed. Since the moment we started down this path, the members, friends and staff of the church have taken steps to green our community, but completing our action plan will earn us official recognition. Read the Assessment and Plan [here](#).

Sharing Our Abundance: Each Sunday we take an offering to support the work of the church, but we donate half of the loose cash in the plate to an outside charity. Typically this runs between \$400 and \$550 per month. In 2009-2010 these gifts have gone to Change for Children, USC Canada, Haitian Earthquake (Red Cross), iHuman Youth Society, Camp Firefly, Interfaith Centre for Education and Advocacy, Edmonton; ICUU, Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton (PAAF) among others.

Bissell Street: UCE maintains a donation box for clothing and household goods gifts for the Bissell Street shelter. As well, each Christmas we hold a Mitten Tree Service and collect an enormous amount of hats, scarves, gloves and socks which also to the shelter for distribution.

Edmonton Food Banks: In 2010 UCE became a neighbourhood distribution point for the Edmonton Food Bank. Each Wednesday our volunteers unload about 650 kilos of food from the truck and distribute the pre-packaged hampers to about 20 families assigned to us each week. Most of these families live within a kilometre or two of the church.

Recycling: UCE is also a drop off point for many recyclable items including dead batteries, computer ink cartridges, refundable bottles and cans... and Canadian Tire money!