

GROW TO GIVE GARDEN (G2GG) CHARTER

Date: June, 2025

Responsible to: Social Justice Committee/Minister

G2GG Chair: Valerie Scopaz

G2GG Section-chairs: Beth Feldman, Carol Holmes, Terry Donaldson, Lynda Morella

Committee Team Members: The actual number of volunteers fluctuates throughout the year and depending on the project. Currently more than 40 UUFH members are on the e-distribution list.

Goals of the G2GG Team:

1. To grow and donate fresh organic produce to local food pantries to alleviate food insecurities.
2. To educate members and their children in the arts of ecologically sustainable soil management and growing practices.
3. To nurture the ecology of the G2GG garden through sustainable practices, e.g. the 7th Principle.
4. To encourage those members with home gardens to contribute excess produce to food pantries.

Key Responsibilities of the Team:

1. Practice ecological land stewardship.
2. Educate volunteers about growing organic food.
3. Manage the G2GG Team's financial, human and material resources so as to maximize volunteer efforts.

Limitations on Authority/Approvals Required:

The Goals and Responsibilities of the G2GG Team does not require it to take actions or make policy. The G2GG supports various efforts (by outside agencies and groups) to educate about ecologically sustainable land stewardship practices such as composting, bee-keeping, and substituting native plants for non-native plants where feasible. The G2GG, in communication with the Social Justice Committee, is empowered to take action, sponsor activities, or co-host events with other organizations when the UUFH and/or the UUA has a specific written policy or position on the issue. When there is no UUA or UUFH policy or position, the team will first get the support of the Social Justice Committee and the Minister, and if obtained, then create a process for educating the congregation and obtaining congregational support before engaging this issue on behalf of UUFH. Only the Minister and the Board President may make public statements to the media on behalf of UUFH, unless they specifically approve a designee. All press releases must be approved by the Board and the Minister in advance.

Committees/Teams/People to Coordinate with:

The G2GG Team has and will continue to reach out to parents, youth, Religious Education staff, as well as the Congregation at large for support. The G2GG Team will continue to coordinate its efforts with the Memorial Garden and the Landscaping Subcommittees for the purpose of sharing tools, plants and expertise.

Board approval _____yes____, Date____8/19/2025_____