

## **Unitarian Church of Hinsdale Policy on Plant-Based Meal Options February, 2012**

This policy is in accordance with the UUA General Assembly's Statement of Conscience on Ethical Eating and 7th Unitarian Universalist principle:  
*Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*

UCH will use its best efforts to ensure that a plant-based meal option is provided at all church-sponsored events where food is served.

Plant-based meal options are defined as food free from dairy products, eggs, honey, meat, and fish.

Church-sponsored events include but are not limited to Holiday Harvest, church picnics, potlucks, Silver and Gold Dinners, and Neighborhood Nights.

The coordinator of specific events (e.g. Membership committee, Holiday Harvest committee) shall consult with the Animal Ministry in the event that a plant-based meal option requires clarification.

Hosts of particular events (Silver and Gold Dinners, Neighbor Nights) shall state whether they are willing to host guests who indicate a preference for a plant-based meal option.

The Animal Ministry may be called upon to provide or assist in preparing the plant-based meal option. The plant-based meal option will be clearly labeled as such or as "vegan" by the event coordinator, event host or the Animal Ministry.