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Clarification of Procedures for the UUNB Memory Garden

The Memory Garden is designed to be a peaceful place for honoring and remembering loved ones within the UUNB community, both those still living and those who have gone before.

The use and maintenance of the Memory Garden is under the exclusive control of the Board of Trustees and the Building and Grounds Committee. No individual shall acquire any right whatsoever with respect to the use or appearance of the Memory Garden, its plaques, markers or other appearance items. The Board of Trustees may remove, alter, modify or relocate the Memory Garden or any related memorial plaques, markers or other items connected therewith at its sole discretion.

The Building and Grounds Committee will coordinate with the Board of Trustees regarding the maintenance of the Memory Garden. The Building and Grounds Committee will accept applications for plaques and present these applications to the Board of Trustees for approval. The Committee will also maintain an official register of names, dates, fees, and historical information regarding those named on the plaques.

The following persons are eligible for commemorative plaques in the Memory Garden: (a) a member, past or present, of UUNB; (b) a spouse, partner, parent, child or other relative of a member of UUNB, (c) a friend, past or present, who has been active in the life of UUNB. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to refuse any application for a plaque which in the sole opinion of the Board would be harmful to the reputation, programs, religion or philosophy of UUNB.

The names on the commemorative plaques will be displayed in a dignified and egalitarian manner with all who wish to participate having the same recognition as all others.

The cost of the plaques, which may change with time and inflation, will be determined by the members of the Building and Grounds Committee in consultation with local monument businesses and will include an additional sum designated to help defray the costs of the maintenance and care of the Memory Garden. The final cost will be approved by the Board of Trustees. All monies collected beyond the actual cost of the plaques will be applied to the general maintenance of the grounds in the Building and Grounds Committee budget.

No memorial service to be held in the Memory Garden shall be conducted without the prior approval of the Board of Trustees. Neither memorial services nor the scattering of cremains within the Memory Garden are contingent upon the presence there of a plaque honoring the deceased. The Board of Trustees will authorize the discreet scattering of cremains in the Memory Garden, in such location as is designated by the Building and Grounds Committee, in its sole discretion. None of the cremains will be buried, recoverable or preserved intact. The actual physical location of the scattered cremains will not be marked, except in such generic manner as the Building and Grounds Committee shall decide, in its sole discretion.