

THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY (“UUCLV”)
MEMORIAL GARDEN POLICY



The UUCLV’s Memorial Garden is a consecrated area of the church grounds designated for reflection, meditation, remembrance of the deceased, celebration of life, and scattering of cremated human remains (“ashes” or “cremains”). The UUCLV Board of Trustees (“Board”) has adopted this policy to govern the use and maintenance of the Memorial Garden.

Use and maintenance of the Memorial Garden shall be subject to the exclusive direction and control of the Board or its designee. The UUCLV may alter, modify or relocate the Memorial Garden and any related memorial plaque. No individual shall have any right with respect to the use, maintenance or appearance of the Memorial Garden or of any related records, plaques or nameplates.

The Memorial Garden is intended to receive cremated human remains only. Cremains are to be scattered only within the designated area of the Memorial Garden and will not be recoverable or preserved intact. No interment or burial of ashes or containers will be permitted. Subject to the exclusive direction and control of the Board, appropriate church activities and ceremonies may occur within the area of the Memorial Garden.

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The cremains of the following are eligible to be scattered in the Memorial Garden:

- *A Member or Friend* of the UUCLV as those terms are defined in the UUCLV’s bylaws;
- The spouse, partner or child of any such *Member or Friend*; and
- Others as approved by the Minister or Board of Trustees.

Anyone desiring to scatter the cremains of an eligible deceased person (as outlined above) shall complete and submit to the Minister the application form attached to this policy. There shall be no fee for the application.

The names of any person whose ashes have been scattered within the Memorial Garden may be entered on a Memorial Garden Plaque, via a small nameplate to be provided by the UUCLV. The nameplate shall bear the full name of the deceased along with dates of birth and death if available. The style, design, engraving, location and maintenance of the plaques and the nameplates shall be subject to the exclusive direction and control of the Board or its designee. The Board may impose a fee for the nameplate.

The UUCLV shall keep the following records in a Memorial Garden Book in the church office:

- The name of each person whose ashes have been scattered in the Memorial Garden;
- The dates of birth and death of such person if available;
- The respective date of the scattering of ashes; and
- The respective certificate of cremation or equivalent (or copy thereof).

As directed by the Board, the Property Committee and the Sexton shall jointly assure that the Memorial Garden is maintained.

The Board may alter, modify or amend this Memorial Garden Policy.

Adopted by the UUCLV Board of Trustees:

December 5, 2013