



F I R S T UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SYRACUSE

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Policy #: 013

Policy Name: Publicity Policy

Purpose: To describe the guidelines for use and maintenance of First Unitarian Universalist Society of Syracuse (First UU) publications, bulletin boards and literature racks.

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A. General Policy Statement (2/79)

1. It is the wish of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Syracuse (First UU) to provide guidelines for the leadership of the Society in the use of Society publications, bulletin boards and literature racks. It is our wish that those attending this Society be informed not only on the religious activities of the Society, but also of the activities which might be of interest to other responsible organizations, groups and individuals.
2. It is not our intention that avenues of publicity be made available to political parties or other partisan political groups, not for purposes or organizations whose goals or purposes may be contrary to the general goals or views of this Society or a large majority of its members or friends, and not for purposes that would place its tax-exempt status in jeopardy.

B. Administration

1. The Minister and the First UU Board of Trustees (BOT) President shall be in general charge of administering this policy.
2. The Minister and/or the BOT President may remove material from the bulletin boards or literature racks that does not relate to the Society as indicated in the General Statement section of this policy.
3. The BOT may approve, disapprove, or modify any act or recommendation of the Minister and the BOT President or act on any specific item of publicity or literature considered under these guidelines. Specifically, recognizing a responsibility to see that the membership is informed about all sides of controversial questions, it may approve a request that does not meet the preceding guidelines.

C. Petitions by Non-Society Groups (11/79)

1. The BOT has agreed that decisions concerning the circulations and/or posting of petitions by non-Society groups shall be made by the Minister and/or the BOT President and will monitor, along with the First UU paid staff, the contents of items posted.