



Charlton City United Methodist Church

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THRIFT SHOP POLICY

It is important to us that we serve our church and our community well. This commitment is embodied in John Wesley's simple rules: do good, do no harm, and love God. This simple rule applies to our church family and we pray it will also apply to our community and our Thrift Shop customers.

MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing the love of Jesus Christ with our neighbors through community presence, responsible stewardship, and resource management.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” ~ Luke 12:34,

PURPOSE

- ✝ To make a difference for people in our congregation, our church, our community, and to glorify God by offering gently used household goods, clothes, and furniture at reasonable prices. Our store is staffed by a team of dedicated volunteers who love Jesus and love our community.

The goals we have set forth are:

Community Presence – To share love, friendship, and good deals with our neighbors.

Responsible Stewardship – To be socially and environmentally responsible by using available space resources and recycling materials.

Resource Management – To expand our mission-minded programs and activities by generating additional income.

- ✝ To ensure tenants located above the thrift shop and thrift shop visitors, receive accurate information about our local church and the structure of our denomination so as best to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.
- ✝ To protect additional income generated by the thrift shop.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all church members or individuals working and supporting the thrift store.

POLICY ELEMENTS

- ✝ **What thrift store volunteers should do:**
 - Direct questions in regards to the pastor's projected length of service at the church or the denomination's procedure on pastoral assignment to the pastor, lay leader, or SPRC Chair.
 - Direct questions in regards to the rental space or pastor's residence above the thrift shop to the trustee chair or pastor.
 - Respect the privacy of the tenants located over the thrift shop.
 - Share love, friendship, hospitality, and good deals with our neighbors.
 - Let the pastor, lay leader, or spiritual team leader know if you think someone is interested in our church if you do not feel equipped to answer questions about our church's ministries and doctrine. Provide literature, cards, church bulletins, or similar information when appropriate.

- Report any serious accidents involving a thrift store customer to the pastor, lay leader, SPRC, or trustee chair.
- Listen to our neighbors and discern if there are any unmet needs in our community.
- Be a holy presence.

‡ **What thrift store volunteers shouldn't do:**

- Speculate on the pastor's length of service at our church.
- Discuss the denomination's procedure on pastoral assignment with tenants, prospective tenants, or thrift store customers.
- Air grievances about the church or church family members with the tenants, prospective tenants, or thrift store customers.

In conclusion, this document is for financial protection of our church, stewardship, and being devoted to Christ.