Frequently Asked Questions

What Am I Signing Up For?

During the registration process, you are asked to register grocery cards and debit/credit cards that you commonly use for everyday purchases. Whenever you use any of these registered cards (with a participating "merchant partner"), that merchant makes a contribution to the UUCSR. Every time you use your registered card(s), you earn money for the congregation.

How Does the UUCSR Get Paid?

The congregation receives an electronic deposit directly to its bank account every month. This deposit includes contributions from all of UUCSR's participating supporters.

Is it Safe?

Yes! Many people are concerned about the safety and security of their personal data. For this reason, the eScrip service used by UUCSR has contracted with a national processor which provides state-of-the-art technology for security administration of the eScrip program. This process involves flagging these card numbers for program use. The participating retailers provide the processor with the purchase information so a donation amount can be applied. These systems have met the strict requirements of the participant merchants in the area of security, safety, and confidentiality. Additionally, eScrip will never license, sell, exchange or distribute any information about its eScrip participants to any third parties, so your privacy and personal information will remain private and secure.

Some Participating Merchants

GROCERY STORES

Fircrest Food 4 Less	up to 3% 3%
Key Market	up to 4%
Planet Organics	up to 4%
Molsberry Market	up to 5%
Olivers	up to 5%
Petaluma Market	up to 5%
Safeway	up to 4%
Sonoma Market	up to 5%

ON LINE MALL

Amazon	2.4%
Crate & Barrel	2.4%
1-800 Flowers	4.8%
Discount School Supply	3%
DSW	6.6%
Guitar Center	4.2%
Hotels.com	4.8%
JC Penney	4.8%
Macy's	3%
Nordstrom's	4.8%
Petco	3%
Starbucks	4.2%
Target	2.4%

AUTOMOTIVE

Big O Tires	2%
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TRAVEL

American Airlines	3%
Several Cruise Companies	2%-5%

UUCSR eScrip Program

Help our congregation earn money every time you shop



Use Your 'Purchasing Power" to Help Your Congregation Grow & Thrive

What is eScrip?

Inspired by traditional paper scrip fundraising programs, eScrip is a convenient, potentially rewarding service that turns your every day shopping and dining activities into additional support for local charities, including the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Santa Rosa



How Does it Work?

Once you've registered, every time you use your credit card, debit card or Rewards card at a participating store or restaurant, the UUCSR receives up to 5% of your purchase, at no cost to you beyond what you are already spending!

A few of the many participating merchants are listed in this brochure. Once you've signed up you can find a list of all the participating Merchants online at the eScrip website:

Which Merchants?





Why is eScrip a Good Thing?

The UUCSR already collects monthly earnings from eScrip—and only a very small fraction of our members are currently enrolled! If every member registered the cards they use daily in their regular shopping and dining activities, those few dollars and cents could add up to thousands of dollars. Plus you will have the satisfaction of knowing that with every purchase, you are helping UUCSR maintain its economic stability, and become better able to sustain our mission — in our local community and beyond. Please enroll today!

I Prefer to Shop Locally, and I Avoid Chain Stores

While there are many national businesses that are participants in eScrip, including market chains such as Safeway, airlines (American Airlines) and many cruise lines, there are many locally-based shops, services & restaurants that are already participating including merchants where you already shop and dine.

How Do I Sign Up?

There are three convenient ways for you to register your card(s) with eScrip.

- 1. Look for the eScrip volunteers in the Social Hall after Sunday services.
- 2. Call Janis, the Church Administrator, any weekday at 707/568-5381. She will be happy to take your information, and will sign you up right there on the phone.
- 3. Do it yourself. Go to <u>www.escrip.com</u> and follow the easy steps to register each of your cards.

