



Become a Chalice Lighter For the Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association

The Mission of Florida District Chalice Lighters

*To support and encourage the excellence and growth
of Unitarian Universalism in the Florida District
by providing resources to new and existing congregations
through the distribution of Chalice Lighter grant funds.*

What is a Chalice Lighter?

A Chalice Lighter is a growth-oriented Unitarian Universalist with vision, who strengthens the growth of Unitarian Universalism across the Florida District by periodically giving a small amount to help a nearby Unitarian Universalist congregation expand its ministries.

What does a Chalice Lighter do?

A Chalice Lighter responds with a limited financial gift when the District puts out a “call” for support. The “call” informs you of the purpose and where your gift will be put to use.

How often is there a Chalice Lighter “Call?”

“Calls” are limited to no more than three gifts in a program year [fall - summer].

What projects are supported by a Chalice Lighter grant?

Chalice Lighter grants are distributed to the requesting congregations for one of several possible purposes:

- ⊕ To obtain a new building, to furnish a newly obtained building, or to expand an existing structure;
- ⊕ To underwrite the hiring of a first-time religious professional ~ a minister, religious educator, youth director or music director.
- ⊕ To encourage the formation of a new Unitarian Universalist congregation.
- ⊕ To supplement creative growth projects.

What have Chalice Lighters done recently in the Florida District?

Recent “calls” have supported the expansion of Unitarian Universalism with grants to:

- ⊕ Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice, to hire a religious education professional.
- ⊕ Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists to assist with the completion of their new building furnishing.
- ⊕ 1st Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia (Deland) to assist with building expansion.

Who is eligible to receive a Chalice Lighter grant?

Florida District Congregations that meet these requirements:

- ⊕ It is a member congregation of the Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Association.
- ⊕ A congregation that has contributed its Fair Share to the Unitarian Universalist Association and its Honor Share to the Florida District for the previous two years.
- ⊕ A congregation in which 20% of its members are active subscribers to the Chalice Lighters Program (an active subscriber is one who has contributed to at least one call in the previous year).

How much is a "Call?"

Chalice Lighter requests are modest: \$25.00/call is the recommendation. However, as you will note on the reply form, we're glad for amounts beginning at \$10/call.

I make gifts to my congregation and we participate in the Florida District and the Unitarian Universalist Association annual gifts campaign. Don't those monies support these kinds of projects?

Chalice Lighter grants are over and above any additional loans or grants a congregation may obtain from other sources. None of the District's Honor Share Dues nor any funds from our Unitarian Universalist Association Annual Program Fund go to this program [those gifts sustain our core work]. Not all members of a congregation nor will all congregations participate in this effort. Chalice Lighters are special people, committed to an expanded vision of our mutual & interdependent ministries.

How do I become a Chalice Lighter? Is this a "for all time" commitment?

You become a Chalice Lighter by simply telling us you want to be one! To "Register," simply fill out the form below or on-line. If you register, we'll include you in our direct appeals hereafter. If you prefer a one-time gift or wish not to receive these calls, just say so on the reply.

How & when would our congregation apply and qualify for a Chalice Lighter grant?

Your congregation can apply for a Chalice Lighter grant by requesting an application from the District Administrator, Jessica Curren, at: FloridaDistrictUUA@cfl.rr.com. The District's Chalice Lighter Grants Panel will review and approve grant applications. Upon approval, the District will send out a call to the District congregations and their members. Applications must be received in the District Office by March 1 or August 1. Calls follow soon thereafter.

*You possess only a small light,
but uncover it, let it shine,
use it in order to bring more light and
understanding to the hearts and minds
of men and women.
Give them, not hell,
but hope and courage.*

— John Murray (Universalist Preacher, 1741–1815)

Please enroll me as a Florida District Chalice Lighter

I will respond to the District's request for a contribution to "light a chalice" not more than three times in a fiscal year (July 1 - June 30).

Name					
Street Address City, State, ZIP					
E-mail					
Your Congregation					
Pledged Amount per call	\$25 (recommended)	\$20	\$15	\$10	Other:

Thanks, but please remove me from future Chalice Lighter requests.

Please return this form to:
Florida District UUA
Attn: Chalice Lighters
1901 E. Robinson Street, Suite 18
Orlando, FL 32803

Questions?
FloridaDistrictUUA@cfl.rr.com or 407-894-2119