

Join the SWUUC Chalice Lighters

The district Chalice Lighters is a grant program that awards grants three times a year (in April, July and November) to district congregations for a multiplicity of needs. As part of being in covenant with other district churches and fellowships, members of our church should consider doing their part to help our sister congregations. This program enables congregations to do things that they would otherwise be unable to do on their own. Collections for a “Chalice Lighter Call” typically amount to \$8,000 to \$12,000, with the entirety going to the church selected for the grant. The current grant recipient is Horizon UU Church, seeking funds to finish up their recent building expansion.

Community UU Church has never requested a grant from this program, primarily because the level of participation by our church members in this program has never met the minimum threshold. 20% of a congregation must participate in the program, and right now only 15% of our members currently contribute.

Being a Chalice Lighter is a minimal financial commitment, having a minimum a \$10.00 contribution three times a year. You can easily contribute by visiting <http://swuuc.org/pages/stewardship/support.php> and donate via PayPal or you can pay by check, filling out the form in one of the Chalice Lighters brochures in Founders Hall and either mailing it or giving it to Dick Hildenbrand, our SWUUC Chalice Lighter Coordinator.

We hope to apply for a Chalice Lighter grant in the coming months if we can increase our level of participation. Our grant request would be for the “greening” of our church – some specific projects for improving the church’s energy efficiency. *Did you know that our electricity cost for the past fiscal year was \$16,500?*