

## What is Chalice Lighters?

**The Chalice Lighter Program** is a funding program of the Clara Barton District (CBD) that helps congregations to implement efforts for membership growth. It is a competitive grant program funded by "Chalice Lighter" donors. The Chalice Lighter Committee with Board approval sets criteria for grant applications, notifies congregations about the program, reviews applications and awards grants. After grantees are chosen, the committee calls for monetary support from Chalice Lighters, collects donations, and assesses evaluations of recipient programs. Two to three grants are made per year.

**The Benefits** to congregations are unlimited! Here are some:

- Assist a congregation to obtain its first professional staff: Minister, Director of Religious Education, Minister of Religious Education
- Increase hours of staff from part time to full time
- Assist a new congregation to lease or obtain space for worship
- Assist a congregation to become accessible for people with disabilities
- Remodel or expand existing space to accommodate increased membership
- Assist a congregation to obtain resources or to develop leadership capacity to welcome more members

## Become a Chalice Lighter!

**Chalice Lighters** are people like you who make contributions to help Unitarian Universalism grow throughout the Clara Barton District. Chalice Lighters respond to 2-3 "calls" (e-mail or mail, not telephone) for specific grants each year, donating \$20 or more each time. In 2007, there were fewer than 200 Chalice Lighters in the district. If just 10% of our district membership (700 members) became Chalice Lighters, at a minimum of \$20.00 per call, the collection would be \$14,000 for one grant and \$42,000 for three grants!

**To become a Chalice Lighter**, complete the pledge card to the right and mail it to :

Clara Barton District Office  
PO Box 368  
Westford, MA 01886

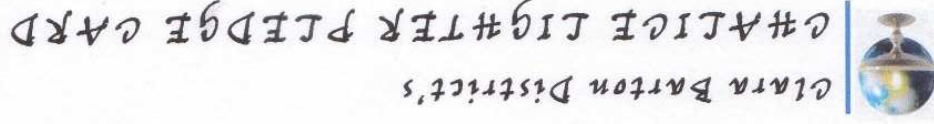
Or e-mail the information on the pledge form to the district office at:

[clarabartondist@verizon.net](mailto:clarabartondist@verizon.net)

**For more information**, visit the Clara Barton District website ([www.cbd.uua.org](http://www.cbd.uua.org)) and follow the link from "Programs and Services" to "Chalice Lighters Program."

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[www.cbd.uua.org](http://www.cbd.uua.org)

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Can Change  
Our World!



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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Testimonials from Recent Recipients

*“Receiving a Chalice Lighters Grant from our district is a wonderful reminder that we are all in this together, that we are working together to grow our congregations and our liberal faith tradition and not just our individual churches. The fact that this money comes to us from our neighbors, and not from some far off funding source, makes it all the more meaningful. .... We hope that this gift we receive will not only benefit our church but many others as well.”*

Rev. Tom Rosiello, First Parish Unitarian  
Universalist of Stow & Acton

*“Our congregation has been working hard in the last few years to reinvigorate all aspects of congregational life. This grant affirms that we are heading in the right direction and that our UU community is cheering us on. We are honored and delighted to be chosen to receive a Chalice Lighters Grant because it lets us do things we could not do on our own. .... The Chalice Lighter program of grants is a perfect example of putting our faith in action as we help enable one another to brighten the light of Unitarian Universalism in our wider communities.”*

Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn, The  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater  
Bridgeport (CT)

## Criteria for Chalice Lighter Proposals



- Preference will be given to congregations with Chalice Lighter members.
- Preference will be given to those congregations that are fair share within the UUA and District.
- Each proposal will be evaluated on how it is tied to goals that advance the growth of the congregation.
- Each proposal will be evaluated on the strength of the commitment of congregational members and resources to carrying out a successful project.
- Preference will be given to congregations where a team has taken or is registered to take Radical Hospitality training.
- Preference will be given to congregations with members who have attended other UU training opportunities and/or UUA and CBD events.
- Preference will be given to congregations where the leadership has viewed the *Ideas for Growth* DVD.
- The congregation receiving the grant will measure the success of its growth efforts and submit a final progress report within a year of being awarded the grant.

See the CBD webpage  
[www.cbd.uua.org/clapp.html](http://www.cbd.uua.org/clapp.html) for  
grant application information.

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