

\$ 1/2 million -- \$15 at a time

Chalice Lighter History

Chalice Lighters are a collection of members and friends of Unitarian Universalist congregations who pool their contributions into grants awarded to member congregations in the Thomas Jefferson District.

In 1987, the District initiated the program, which has grown to become one of the largest Chalice Lighter programs in the Unitarian Universalist Association. Participants have contributed more than \$1/2 million for more than 45 grants distributed to congregations in its District.

The pledge money is donated mostly in \$15 or \$25 checks. Those individual checks combine to give a significant boost to a member congregation for a growth project.

In 1988, our first grant was not quite \$3,000. Today, the typical grant exceeds \$20,000. That's many small checks pooled to make a huge impact.

Without realizing it, you're probably already a Chalice Lighter in spirit. Now learn how you can make it official.

Chalice Lighter Grants

To encourage growth, Chalice Lighter (CL) grant criteria are flexible. The CL Committee encourages congregations to be creative in their plans for growth. Congregations must, however, demonstrate how their proposed projects will grow and strengthen Unitarian Universalism.

Grants may be made for traditional projects such as: Calling a minister, hiring religious education professional, volunteer coordinator, music director, other staff; buying building or land; leasing building or land; constructing new building or renovating existing one; or establishing a campus ministry.

Innovative growth plan examples include: New signage or other ways to increase visibility; innovative adult or youth programming; video broadcasting of program(s); innovative advertising or community relations, including new web sites; satellite or branch church startup; outreach program to enhance diversity in congregation; two or more congregations working together.

Are You a Chalice Lighter?

Are you a Unitarian Universalist who believes in the good news of our faith? Do you believe that the more our congregations grow in depth and in numbers the more our good news will benefit our communities and the world?

Then you're a Chalice Lighter.

The easiest and most convenient way to make it official is to join online at www.tjd.uua.org/cl/tjd-chalice-lighter-pledge-form.htm. Or you can fill out the form on the back. Return it to your congregation's Chalice Lighter Coordinator or mail directly to the TJ District office.

Chalice Lighters commit to give a pledge of \$15 or more — up to three times a year. (You may pay your pledge on-line or by mail.) The "call" for your pledge fulfillment will come from the Chalice Lighters Committee of the Thomas Jefferson District Growth and Development Council. It has reviewed applications and has chosen the project for the call.

You will always know how your money is to be used.

Yes, I want to be a
Chalice Lighter



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You may also clip this form and return it to your congregation's coordinator or mail to the address on this brochure.

I/We pledge to contribute to help Light a Chalice three times a year.

I/We will participate until I/we elect to withdraw my/our membership.

*I / we pledge the following per call:
(Circle one)*

\$100 \$50 \$35 \$25 \$20 \$15

Other \$ _____

Please Print

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____

Your Congregation's name and

City/State _____

The Thomas Jefferson District is comprised of 63 affiliated and nine emerging congregations in northern Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, eastern Tennessee, and Virginia. It represents more than 10,000 adult members and 3,225 children and youth.

The District is part of the Unitarian Universalist Association that represents the interests of more than one thousand congregations, on a continental scale.

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