



# The Spark

The Newsletter of the  
Chalice Lighter  
Growth Committee  
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## Triple Play! Launching 2019 With 3 New Grants

The New Year is off to a strong start for Chalice Lighters Grants: to date, the Grant Committee has awarded funds to enable three churches in the Central East Region (CER) to grow and thrive. The three grants – totaling \$60,000 – will support major projects at these congregations:

- At **Unitarian Universalist Church at Washington Crossing, NJ**, grant funds will be used to assist in hiring a full-time Assistant Minister of Congregational Life, who will help to strengthen work around membership, pastoral care, leadership development and social justice.
- **First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, DE** will use its grant for a Capital Improvement Plan to make its facilities more accessible, flexible and attractive. Plans include easily accessed entry doors, an accessible restroom, and reduced barriers to movement, as well as enhanced audio/video and internet technology.
- For **Washington (DC) Ethical Society**, the grant will support a new part-time Membership Coordinator, who will help build relationships with new members and visitors, and connect existing members with meaningful service and leadership opportunities.



**UUs of Washington Crossing, NJ:**  
Hiring a new Assistant Minister.



**First Unitarian Church, DE:**  
Improving access and technology.



**Washington Ethical Society:**  
Hiring a Membership Coordinator.

## Could Chalice Lighters Help Your Congregation Grow?

The Chalice Lighters Grant Program works to encourage new and existing congregations to grow, both in numbers and their efforts to increase justice, compassion and spirituality.



Grants can support four types of projects: **Church staff** (e.g., hiring a first-time minister or other staff); **Building or land** (e.g., building or renovating a church, or acquiring land for facilities); **New congregation organizing** (starting a new fellowship or church); and **Innovative growth** (special projects to help attract or retain members, and promote justice, compassion and spirituality).



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