



The Spark

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The Central East Region Chalice Lighters Program works to encourage new congregations to form and existing congregations to grow in members and work to increase justice, compassion, and spirituality. Our grants support the expansion of UU congregations individually and in clusters. This edition of *The Spark* highlights two approaches to the mission of the Chalice Lighters Program.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County, Media, PA Strategic Funding to Support a Two-Story Addition to Expand Programs and Outreach



The Chalice Lighters Program Committee has awarded the **Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County** a \$40,000 grant to support the building of a 2,800 square foot addition for expanded programs and better services to the wider community. This grant will leverage funds raised during its Capital Campaign to improve its facilities at two critical points of the project: early-phase and at groundbreaking. UUCDC surveyed its congregation and staff to develop a facilities improvement plan which drove its Capital Campaign goal. Their Capital Campaign has had a promising launch and their Stewardship Campaign met its goals. This award will get the building project off to a smooth start.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Westchester, Mt. Kisco, NY Award to Support Membership Retention and Growth with Membership Coordinator



The Chalice Lighters Program Committee has awarded the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Westchester a \$20,000 grant to hire a part-time Membership Coordinator. The Coordinator's primary function will be to guide newcomers down the path to membership and to retain members by ensuring their integration into the congregation. The Coordinator will work with the Minister, Communications Ministry, and Membership Ministry to accomplish this work. Northern Westchester expects to retain this position after the grant is ended, through pledges from increases in new and retained membership. This award will allow the Fellowship to proceed with recruitment.