



CHALICE LIGHTERS

# The Spark

The Newsletter of the  
Chalice Lighter  
Growth Committee

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*Above, below:* Nurturing young children as they grow will be the focus of Accotink UU's expanded RE programming.



## Accotink UU Church is Growing... The Next Generation of UU Leaders

With its new Chalice Lighters grant, the Accotink UU Church of Burke, Virginia will increase hours for its Director of Spiritual Development. With greater staff capacity for the church's RE program, a major focus will be on continuing to nurture and support children as they reach middle school and beyond.

These plans include developing a high-quality Coming of Age Program, growing the high school Youth Group activities, and coordinating Our Whole Lives to hold sessions across all ages. Church leaders also will work to increase the number of multi-generational social justice projects and broaden the selection of adult RE classes and activities.

**“By strengthening our Spiritual Development program, we develop the leaders and thinkers who are essential to the future of our church, and Unitarian Universalism as a whole,”**

Accotink UU leaders noted in their grant. “A well-run, cohesive program will draw and help retain members into our congregation and provide a foundation of knowledge and spiritual exploration.”



**Will You Help to Light the Way?**



**Calling All Chalice Lighters Ambassadors!**

“Many hands make light work,” and the success of the Chalice Lighter Program truly reflects the efforts of many volunteers. If you would like to help “light the way” for the growth of UUism, consider being the Chalice Lighter Ambassador for your congregation.

**Our goal is to have a Chalice Lighter Ambassador in every UU congregation in the Central East Region.** As an ambassador, your role would be to help actively promote the program, with a goal of enrolling at least 20% of the congregation as Chalice Lighters. Ambassadors also keep the congregation's leaders aware of the potential of Chalice Lighter grants to assist with the church's growth.

What's required? Just an enthusiastic belief in the value of Chalice Lighters, a basic understanding of how the program works, and a sensitivity to the stewardship needs of your congregation. Resources to help you spread the word and help others become Chalice Lighters are available, and the time commitment is modest—and highly rewarding. **For more information, see our website at [www.uua.org/central-east/programs/chalicalighter](http://www.uua.org/central-east/programs/chalicalighter) or contact Andrea Lerner, Regional Chalice Lighter Liaison ([chalicalighters@cerguaa.org](mailto:chalicalighters@cerguaa.org)) or 302-778-4564.**