**Chalice Lighters Report to the Pacific Central District Board**

April 26, 2018

I assumed the position of Volunteer Chalice Lighter Coordinator just about one year ago. Since then I have reached out to ministers, congregational presidents and administrators with varying amounts of success.

The PCD Board revised the criteria of qualifications to apply for a Chalice Lighter grant. Congregations still need to be in Honor status with the UUA and the district, but there is no longer a percentage requirement to apply as there was in the past. Now, the application states “preference will go to those congregations with a higher percentage rate of active Chalice Lighters”.

In order to encourage more participation by PCD members, I have been trying to recruit an Ambassador from each congregation so there is someone on the ground. There are many opportunities for ambassadors.

With the transition to Regionalization, the prior PCD Growth Committee was dormant. Because of this, no congregations stepped up for either a Spring 2017 call or a Fall 2017 call. The Winter 2017 call had been previously been offered by the PCD board. Since no congregations applied for Chalice Lighter grants, the PCD board decided on recipients also for Spring 2017 and Fall 2017 cycles.

The most recent calls were as follows:

Winter 2017: To fund an internship position in a small congregation. Amount raised unknown.

Spring 2017: Leadership Development. This call raised $4,702.50.

Fall 2017: Scholarships to attend Regional Assembly. $3,447 was raised.

Winter 2017-2018: For the UU Fellowship of Northern Nevada to enhance their sound system. The results are being reconciled and a check will be issued on May 10.

The current call for Spring 2018 is for the UU Society of Sacramento for outside lighting to complement their recent building expansion. This call opened on April 16 and will remain open until June 4.

My goals are to increase the donor base to Chalice Lighters to at least the amounts that were received during the prior iteration of the PCD Growth Committee, from $7,000 to sometimes $10,000 per call. This will require doubling the current participation rate of $20 per call as well as getting Ambassadors in as many congregations as possible. They are the key to increasing participation to donate as well as coming up with innovative grant proposals that will invite more participation.

I have prepared a 3fold brochure for the use of Ambassadors at congregations. Brochures will be available at the Regional Assembly in Portland where the District Chalice Lighter Coordinators will be staffing a table to promote the program and sign up new donors. Current Chalice Lighters, as well as those who sign up at Regional assembly will receive a Chalice Lighter ribbon.

Materials to promote Chalice Lighters as well as the application to apply for a grant are on the PCD website <http://www.pcduua.org/programs/chalice-lighters/>

Respectfully submitted,

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