



# The Spark

The Newsletter of the  
Chalice Lighter  
Growth Committee

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## Renovated and Reinvigorated: Unitarian Church of West Chester, PA

A new Chalice Lighters grant to the UU Church of West Chester, PA, will help fund the most ambitious building project in its 63-year history. Extensive renovations are opening up the entire building to provide greater accessibility, comfort and safety, enabling the church to become an even brighter beacon for liberal religious values in the region.

*Right: With reconfigured meeting and office space, a new HVAC system, and better accessibility, the Unitarian Church of West Chester, PA is poised to welcome more visitors and expand its social justice work.*



## Unifying Chalice Lighters for Regional Growth!

**The Central East Region (CER) Chalice Lighter Grant Committee is pleased to announce a new unified Chalice Lighter Program.** The formerly independent Chalice Lighters programs of the Joseph Priestley, Ohio-Meadville, St. Lawrence, and Metro New York Districts have joined to form one Chalice Lighter program, just as these districts have joined to create CER.

Previously, each district managed its own Chalice Lighter program through separate committees, policies, and procedures, although they shared the same mission of growing Unitarian Universalism in healthy, sustainable congregations. **These district programs and their committees now have joined to create one CER Chalice Lighter Grant Committee to serve the entire region.** The new committee includes representatives from all four district committees, working together to phase in these unifying changes.

**By joining with our fellow Chalice Lighters regionally, the CER Chalice Lighter Program will be able to expand grant making to help more congregations grow and thrive.** This SPARK edition marks our first call letter to *all* Chalice Lighters in CER. During this transition, grants within the historic JPD will continue to be awarded, and, starting early next year, the CER Chalice Lighter Grant Committee will also consider full applications from congregations in the wider CER. Please note that contributions collected before this call letter for the Joseph Priestley District (JPD) will continue to fund grants only in the historic JPD.

**Thanks to Chalice Lighters like you, congregations throughout the region have received grants and support to fuel their growth, through funds for staff, capital improvements, and innovative projects.** We are excited to build on this tremendous tradition to grow our faith, and appreciate your continued generous support! We are stronger together! Please contact Andrea Lerner, Regional Chalice Lighter Liaison ([alerner@uua.org](mailto:alerner@uua.org)), should you have any questions.

