



CHALICE LIGHTERS

The Spark

The Newsletter of
the Chalice Lighter
Growth Committee

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Taking Root, Shooting High

UUs of Mill Creek in DE are Going Strong!

To support their growing membership, the **UU Society of Mill Creek** (photo, right) has a new Chalice Lighters grant to increase their Director of Religious Education's position to full-time.

The church, in Newark, DE, will strengthen its continuum of religious education from early childhood to senior adults, planting the seeds for ongoing growth. This congregational effort aligns with its mission and values—the opening words of which are: “**We believe that transformation is possible.**”



Chalice Lighters: Growing Our Faith Across the Central East Region



Above: UUs of West Chester, PA celebrate the grand reopening of their newly renovated church—supported by a Chalice Lighter grant—with a ribbon-cutting and homecoming service last November.

It's official! The recently unified Chalice Lighter Grant Program now serves the entire Central East Region (CER). 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.

Our first call letter last fall to all Chalice Lighters in CER has raised more than \$40,000 to help more congregations grow and thrive. The CER Chalice Lighter Grant Committee welcomes grant applications from congregations throughout the region. Grants can support church staff, building or land, new congregation organizing, and innovative growth projects.

To learn more, **check out our website at www.uua.org/centraleast/programs/chalichelighter** or contact Andrea Lerner, Regional Chalice Lighter Liaison (chalicelighters@cerguaa.org) or 302-778-4564.