The Chalice Lighters is a program within the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) to assist UUA congregations. The Chalice Lighters was founded in the 1980's to harness the energy and resources of UUs across the country to support our denomination's growth.

You should consider becoming a member of the Chalice Lighter if

- 1. you have found something special in your UUA faith that you want to share with others,
- 2. you choose to live your life as a participant rather than as a spectator,
- 3. you believe that increasing UU members means increasing UU visibility and helping to strengthen other UU congregations, and
- 4. you understand the benefit of joining with others to make giving a little matter a lot.

First Church Chalice Lighters commit to support quarterly projects ("calls") with individual contributions of \$20 or more. These projects are selected by a committee of UUA members and fund specific growth-oriented projects at UUA congregations in the MidAmerica Region of the UUA. Since inception, Chalice Lighters have supported over 30 congregations and issued grants totaling over \$200,000.

Example of these projects are

- 1. adding professional staff,
- 2. building new or enhanced space, and
- 3. initiating outreach or public relation programs.

Chalice Lighters Website

For more information about the program visit the Chalice Lighter section of the <u>MidAmerica</u> Website