

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Central Nassau Garden City, NY

Chalice Lighters Called Congregation for Spring 2006



The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Central Nassau (UUCCN) was established in 1961, with our roots dating back to 1931 as the Floral Park Universalist Church. We moved into our new “modern” building in 1965, and our congregation was very active in the both the civil rights and the anti-war movements. During the past 10 years, we have gone through a period of transition with a drop in membership, financial problems and a period without professional ministry. In 2003, the Rev. Hope Johnson came to us as a part-time consulting minister, and she has been our full-time Consulting Minister since 2004.

At UUCCN we pride ourselves on being welcoming to all. We have long been a beacon for inter-faith and non-traditional families on Long Island. In the past 2 years we have grown in membership and have expanded our programs. Among these are adult Religious Education, meditation, Tai Chi, a bereavement support group, and mid-week vesper services.

HOW WE PLAN TO USE CHALICE LIGHTER FUNDS

While our 40 year old building has served us well, like many other buildings of its time, it is not handicapped accessible. This has made it difficult for several of our members and friends to fully partake in our services and programs and is contrary to our desire to be welcoming to all.

With the funds to be raised through Chalice Lighters and also through our own fund raising, we plan to renovate at least one restroom to be wheelchair-accessible.

Our long-term goals include renovating both restrooms, replacing the entry doors with ones that open electrically, upgrading our sound system for hearing impaired listeners, and purchasing large-print hymnals.

Thank you for your support in helping us to make our building handicapped accessible.