

CHALICE LIGHTERS UPDATE – November 2006

"UUs helping other UUs"

Fall 2006 Chalice Lighter Call for the Gulf Coast UU Fellowship (Gulfport MS)

The Fall Chalice Lighter Call is underway that will help the Gulf Coast UU Fellowship to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and to grow. Specifically the funds will be used to hire a part-time Minister, which is critical component of their growth and recovery strategy. This Call differs from past Chalice Lighters calls in that the congregation identified for the Call will not be able to send Ambassadors to speak personally about their plans for the Chalice Lighters funds. So we are relying on the professional and lay leadership, along with the Chalice Lighters Coordinators, to publicize and promote this Call that will help grow Unitarian Universalism in the Gulf Coast region. Background about the Gulf Coast Call can be found on the District web site, uumetrony.org/services/chalicalighter. Please support this very important Chalice Lighters Call.

Construction underway at the UU Congregation of Central Nassau

Construction started on October 30 of the handicapped accessible restrooms at the Garden City Congregation, made possible by the generous support of Metro NY District congregations during the Spring 2006 Chalice Lighters Call. Over \$25,300 was collected from 43 of the 51 District congregations, including: Baptistown, Bayville, Beach Lake, Bellport, Bridgehampton, Brooklyn, Croton, Danbury, East Brunswick, Englewood, Flushing, Freeport, Garden City, Hastings, Huntington, Kingston, Lincroft, Manhasset, Manhattan - All Souls, Manhattan - Community, Manhattan - Fourth Universalist, Morristown, Mount Kisco, Newton, Orange, Paramus, Plainfield, Pomona, Poughkeepsie, Princeton, Ridgewood, Somerset Hills, Southold, Stamford, Stony Brook, Stroudsburg, Summit, Washington Crossing, Westport, and White Plains.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible and congratulations to the Garden City congregation for their dedication to this project that reflects their strong commitment to be truly welcoming to all.

Spring 2007 Chalice Lighter Call for the First UU Society of Plainfield (NJ)

We have started working with the Plainfield congregation for the Spring 2007 Call, which will help fund a planned marketing campaign. This is very exciting and innovative approach to membership development, which we may all benefit from. More details upcoming.

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