

**CHALICE LIGHTER CALL for the  
First UU Society of Albany and May Memorial UU Society**  
(Second call for fiscal year 2006/07 – May 2007 – CL Call #38)

Dear Chalice Lighter,

The SLD Growth Committee is very excited to announce to you the congregations to receive the Chalice Lighter Grant Awards for Spring 2007.

The Committee had two applications to consider. Both were for interesting ideas that we have never considered before, and both were from churches who are making great strides at helping themselves in the many different aspects of congregational growth.

One was from First UU Society of Albany to help fund a Membership Coordinator and one from May Memorial UU Society in Syracuse for funding a TV camera and viewing equipment for outfitting their parlor to be a more welcoming place for parents of restless children to watch the Sunday services. Both projects were deemed worthy of support.

The Growth Committee wants to encourage the use of paid Membership Coordinators in our churches to enhance the outreach, as well as the welcoming and integration of newcomers. Many of our UU congregations have such paid staff positions. Currently Rochester Unitarian is the first congregation with such a paid position in SLD. The committee recently met with Mary Jones who does that job and learned more about her role there.

We also recognize the value of the May Memorial's space for parents and restless children who may not yet be ready to be left in our RE programs. We acknowledge the fact that, due to its central location in the district, May Memorial is now a very generous host for district events and we want to support that role by helping them to provide this technology, which can be used to enhance district programming.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Chalice Lighter Program in SLD. Your prompt response will help the two congregations with their planning for implementing these very worthwhile projects.

Respectfully submitted by  
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