

## **CUUC Choir Honored in Virtual Choir Festival**

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The AUUMM (Association for Unitarian Universalist Music Ministries) offered a Virtual Choir Festival at the end of May and invited UU congregations from all over the United States and parts of Canada to participate by submitting two performance videos that they had created during the past year.

As you know, our Choir has been very active this past year and I eagerly submitted two of our videos, "You Will Be Found" and "You've Got A Friend In Me." The video submissions were grouped by region, seven submissions from each region to be shown on different days. Many thanks to Kim Force for adding the text to each video as requested by the AUUMM.

### **T H E F E S T I V A L :**

DAY 1 | Friday, May 14, 8pm EDT: Southern Region

DAY 2 | Saturday, May 15, 8pm EDT: MidAmerica Region

DAY 3 | Sunday, May 16, 4pm PDT: Pacific Western Region

DAY 4 | Friday, May 21, 8pm EDT: Central East Region

DAY 5 | Saturday, May 22, 8pm EDT: New England Region

Due to communication issues, I was not informed that our Choir had been chosen to participate until that Saturday night, about fifteen minutes before the event began. Mr. Joel Chapman, who headed and organized this Festival, had decided to show both the Central East and New England Regions on Sat., May 22. To my great delight, I saw that both of our performance videos were included in the 8pm program! It was very exciting, and I also enjoyed viewing what other congregations had accomplished. Our Choir's performances were outstanding.

I noticed that no other choir in the entire festival had two videos shown, and I am deeply honored and proud. Our Choir has worked very hard through challenging circumstances all year to create the videos that they have accomplished. I am thrilled that they have received such honorable recognition for all of their time and efforts.

The Virtual Choir Festival can be found on YouTube. Here is the link to the Central East program that includes our Choir, but feel free to view the other region's programs as well. Each program is about 40 minutes. LINK: CENTRAL EAST: <https://youtu.be/nBbXjK3oJpk>

While not all of the 95 UU congregations submitted videos, it is still a great accomplishment to have two of our videos shown, taking two of the seven slots in our region of the Festival. Please join me in congratulating the Choir members for this wonderful and exciting accomplishment!