2026 Fall Call

Dear Chalice Lighter,

Thank you for your generous donations to Chalice Lighters. Together, UUs are helping UUs sustain a thriving tradition in the Pacific Northwest — neighbors helping neighbors. Since the program began in 1997, Chalice Lighters have given more than one million dollars to help UU congregations across our region grow and thrive.

The proceeds of the Fall 2026 Cascadia Chalice Lighters Call will go to the **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon (UUFCO)** in Bend, Oregon to replace the aging 60" commercial gas stove in their fellowship kitchen with two 30" electric induction stoves, powered by the solar array UUFCO installed in 2022.
Why the kitchen matters to UUFCO and to Bend:
"Bend has seen both of our local prep kitchens close since the pandemic. Many of the cooks and chefs who use our space are preparing food to serve our unhoused or food- insecure neighbors; at least 95% of our event rentals are non-profits. A kitchen is at the heart of so many thriving homes, and we want our UU home to be no different — to gather around a crowded table, open our doors to new friends, and feed our neighbors."

Why the current stove has become a problem:

"Our refurbished gas stove is of unknown age. Its ten pilot lights frequently go out, wasting natural gas. Our Operations Director tells us, 'The first thing I do every morning is check the stove to see how many of the pilot lights have gone out.' We rent our religious-education spaces to a preschool five days a week, and we are concerned about long-term NO? exposure — along with the risk of fire."
Update from Fairbanks: The Spring 2026 call funded black-mold and water-intrusion remediation in the religious education classroom at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks. Cameron Leonard wrote in May to share photos of the finished space: *"It is now being used for our religious education activities again. Thank you to your many Chalice Lighters for their help!"*

Please support this worthy cause with your generosity HERE.
For more info on contributing, see below.

With gratitude,

Richard Powell
Chalice Lighter Team Leader
Cascadiauu.org

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More information about Chalice Lighters:

- Contribute online by clicking HERE. You may also set up monthly automatic contributions.

- If mailing a check, make it payable to "Cascadia Chalice Lighters," *note your congregation on your check and Fall Call in the memo line.*

- Chalice Lighters pledge to contribute at least $20 per person to three calls per year.

- Opting for emailed letters and making your contribution online means more money goes the congregation

- Direct costs to administer the call are reimbursed from the donations before the grant is issued.

- For more info, visit https://cascadiauu.org/chalice-lighters/what-is-a-chalice-lighter/

Questions? Contact *chalicelighters@cascadiauu.org*.

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This call is open for contributions through October 31, 2026. Contributions may also be made online at our website:

https://cascadiauu.org/chalice-lighters/current-cl-call-give-today/

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