



Mid-South District Chalice Lighter Program

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CALL for Georgia Mountains Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Dahlonega, Georgia!

Dear Mid-South Chalice Lighter,

This Chalice Lighter Call goes out to assist the Georgia Mountains Unitarian Universalist Church of Dahlonega, GA. The GA Mountains UU Church was founded in 1993 and in 1997 moved into its current building—corner of South Park Street and Morrison Moore Parkway. The building was originally a church and then a business before becoming their sanctuary. They are seeking a grant to help make their sanctuary safe and more energy efficient so their bills will be more affordable by replacing the broken single pane windows. This will also help them move forward in their Green Sanctuary application. The cost to replace all windows upstairs and down will be \$8,724.

The original church was built by an Assembly of God Congregation with the pastor's family living in the ground floor. Since purchasing the building GMUUC has redone the front of the building to shore up the foundation, add a welcoming front porch and replacing the two windows in that section. They are presently working on refurbishing the ground floor for Children's RE which will include window replacement at this level.

Your Chalice Lighter contribution of \$10 (or more!) will be a gift to support growth at Georgia Mountain UU Church as well as the overall growth of Unitarian Universalism in Mid-South District and across the country.

Please give generously!

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Members pointing to one of the many cracks in the windows.



Members enjoying the porch and the look of 1 of 2 new windows done several years ago.

First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta



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Dear Chalice Lighters,

On behalf of First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta, I would like to express our tremendous appreciation for the Chalice Lighters of the Mid-South District. We received a grant from the Mid-South Office for the replacement of our handicap-access ramp for our historic “Old Stone Church” building, and the generosity of the Chalice Lighters has been amazing! Our hearts were lifted when Eunice Benton, former District Executive, presented us with a check for \$7,000.

We were very concerned when preservationists reported to us that the present ramp is endangering the structural integrity of our historic building, which was built by hand by a black congregation—Antioch East Baptist Church – with which we have reconnected. The addition of a lift/elevator will greatly improve our ability to serve our congregants and the community. The ramp is used regularly by Sunday service visitors, neighborhood school children, Antioch East Elders, a regular flow of renters, Wednesday night supper participants, artists and art gallery visitors, and guests of the Old Stone Church/Candler Park Biracial History Project, which is housed in our building.

We are now almost half-way to our goal of funding the construction of a lift/elevator to make our sanctuary more accessible to the congregation and to the community we serve, and to make our building ADA compliant. We are seeking additional funding from the Candler Park Neighborhood Association, as well as holding many fundraisers in the congregation and greater community.

Thank you for all of your support of our congregation. We look forward to our continued partnership with you and the Mid-South District.

All the best,

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First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta



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