

How to apply for a Northern Lights Chalice Lighter Grant

Applicants are asked to submit an "Intent to Apply" form prior to the full application. The application will include details of the project, financial information, and reporting requirements.

The annual deadline is:
Intent to Apply: February 1
Full Application: March 31

Please Note: Any project submitted by any other group must detail both the group's and the project's relationship to Unitarian Universalism in Canada. If the applicants are not a registered charity, they must identify a registered charity that will serve as its fiscal agent. A copy of the minutes of the vote taken by the charity's governing body that assumes fiscal responsibility for the project is required.

The Northern Lights Award Selection Panel will consider all applications, and using a criterion that supports Unitarian Universalists religious principles, will choose the winning projects by consensus.

Chalice Lighters will then help fund these projects. The Northern Lights Chalice Lighter Program will respond to all proposals. Applicants not funded initially may re-submit their request. All the details regarding the application process, specific deadlines and the selection criteria is available at www.cuc.ca/northern-lights

Honoring Elinor Gill Ratcliffe and Rev. Dr. Phillip Hewett

The *Northern Lights Chalice Lighter Program* was created to recognize the generosity of two individuals: Elinor Gill Ratcliffe and Dr. Phillip Hewett. Each of them exemplifies selfless giving to our Canadian Unitarian Universalist movement.

The Unitarian Universalist Ministers of Canada (UUMOC) and the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) have created this program specifically to support grassroots, transformative initiatives. Northern Lights Chalice Lighter Program recruits and maintains an ongoing pool of individual donors who pledge to provide two annual donations toward selected projects.



"I am happy to report that the project has been an unqualified success...We are excited about the coming changes, and we are deeply grateful to the Chalice Lighters who have enabled us to take this important step in our congregational life."

~ Northern Lights grant recipient

Northern Lights Chalice Lighter Program for all Canadian Unitarian Universalists



image for Northern Lights Artwork by Roger Davies

"You possess only a small light, but uncover it... let it shine, use it to bring more light and understanding in the hearts and minds of men and women."

- John Murray

Canadian Unitarian Council
416-489-4121
northernlights@cuc.ca

What is the Northern Lights Program?

The *Northern Lights Chalice Lighter Program* supports Unitarian Universalists in building healthy and sustainable communities. The Program seeks to fund grassroots, transformative initiatives that nurture and promote Unitarian Universalism in Canada. Any project that meets this description will be considered. Some examples are:

- Establishing first-time positions of minister, religious educator, music director, administrator, membership coordinator - demonstrating a transformative initiative.
- Capital improvements in buildings, increasing music program - all in the interest of strengthening the health and vitality of an organization or congregation.
- An emerging congregation's application for an organizer or other organizing activities.
- Funding a creative project that does not fall into any of the categories listed above. The project must clearly show how it will result in the promotion of Unitarian Universalism.

Who can apply for a Northern Lights Chalice Lighter Program grant?

Unitarian Universalist communities of any description may apply for this grant. Applicants may include: individual congregations of any size, established or emerging, as well as other Unitarian Universalist communities.

How does the Northern Lights Chalice Lighter Program work?

This program was established to solicit and encourage individual Unitarian Universalists, and other interested individuals, to financially support up to two transformative projects per year. These individuals are Northern Lights Chalice Lighters.

- Projects come from Canadian Unitarian Universalist communities and congregations who submit applications. Applications are vetted and award recipients chosen by the Northern Lights Award Selection Panel.
- A maximum of two awards will be made each year (application deadline March 31)
- Award recipients will send out "call" letters to each Chalice Lighter describing their projects.
- Individual Chalice Lighters will respond to "call letters" by sending their pledged contribution directly to the award recipients.
- All monies collected for a particular initiative shall go toward the project. If the collection falls short of the identified goal as stated in the Northern Lights Chalice Lighter application, then the project receives only the amount collected.
- Award recipients (or their identified charitable agent) provide tax receipts directly to the individual Chalice Lighters.

*Honouring Elinor Gill Ratcliffe
and Rev. Dr. Phillip Hewett*

Northern Lights Chalice Lighter Program

I would like to be a Chalice Lighter, and will respond to "calls" from award recipients (2 max each year, with both calls expected in April/May.) I intend to donate the following amount for each project:
\$50___ \$75___ \$100___ other ___

Please print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Prov: _____ Postal: _____

Phone: _____

Email (essential): _____

Congregation: _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Do not send money now! You will be contacted by the grant recipients with details.

Please mail this form to:
Northern Lights Chalice Lighter Program
302-192 Spadina Ave
Toronto, ON M5T 2C2

Or use the on-line form at:

www.cuc.ca/northern-lights