

UUSC congregational awards

Through congregational awards, UUSC honors the congregations sustaining our work through exceptional levels of giving and membership.

We publicly thank and recognize these congregations for their generous support, diligence, and commitment, which help make our work possible. Congregations are honored in *UU World* magazine and UUSC's annual report, and online at www.uusc.org.

Include information about the congregational awards in your pitch to your church board for a budget line-item donation or to your ministry for Guest at Your Table and Justice Sunday involvement.

Congregational awards for membership (banner and chalice society awards) honor exceptional levels of individual UUSC memberships within a congregation. UUSC membership percentages are calculated based on membership numbers published by the UUA.*

Spirit of Justice Chalice Society honors those extraordinary congregations with 100 percent UUSC membership, with engraved pewter chalices for first honors, and certificates in subsequent years.

For the following banner societies, congregations receive banners for first recognition, and streamers to attach in subsequent years.

Beacon of Justice Banner Society honors congregations with 75 – 99 percent UUSC membership.

Vision of Justice Banner Society honors congregations with 50 – 74 percent UUSC membership.

Creating Justice Banner Society honors congregations with 25 – 49 percent UUSC membership.

* Calculation of congregational membership awards: The total number of UUSC memberships that begin and expire during UUSC's fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) is compared with the total number of congregation members published by the UUA.

Congregational corporate giving awards recognize congregations that formalize their commitment to justice and human rights through a gift to UUSC from their operating budget. Award recognitions are calculated using membership numbers published by the UUA.

Congregational corporate giving does not qualify the congregation or its members for UUSC membership. Only individuals, not congregations, can be UUSC members.

Helen Fogg Chalice Award celebrates those extraordinary congregations that contribute \$25 or more per member each year. Honorees receive an engraved pewter chalice for first honors, certificates in subsequent years.

James Luther Adams Award recognizes congregations that give \$1 or more per member. Honorees receive a certificate suitable for framing.