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Dear Faithful Partners in Growth,

Freely sharing music, stories, and words of wisdom in our worship services nurtures our souls, binds together our spiritual communities, and helps Unitarian Universalist congregations grow in the Pacific Central District. We invite you to join this Chalice Lighter Call and help Starr King Church of Hayward make its worship services, religious education and community events more accessible by supporting its purchase an improved audio-visual system with accessibility for the hearing impaired.

Starr King has committed itself to becoming a more welcoming and accessible spiritual community. To that end, the congregation added rooms to its 1950's building that provide needed office space, classrooms, an improved kitchen, additional accessible bathrooms, and more adaptable meeting rooms. Celebrations commemorating the building expansion and events held in the new space have brought new energy and new visitors to Starr King.

*Music cleanses the understanding;
inspires it, and lifts it
into a realm which it
would not reach if it
were left to itself.*
~Henry Ward Beecher

Unfortunately, Starr King's current sound system—purchased over 20 years ago—no longer meets the needs of the congregation. Church events are often interrupted by feedback from the sound system; the system is incompatible with modern personal audio-amplification devices; the choir and instruments lack adequate amplification and a lack of working speakers outside the sanctuary prevents parents from hearing the service when they must leave the sanctuary with their small children.

By answering this Chalice Lighter call with a generous donation you will support this vital East Bay church's transformation into a more inclusive, intergenerational congregation by making it possible for everyone to hear services in the Starr King sanctuary. Further, by supporting Starr King's expansion of its audio-visual capacity, you will enable this congregation to offer innovative, multi-media religious education and social justice programs in its new classrooms and meeting rooms.

Thank you very much for our on-going generosity and support for our community of faith. We are thrilled to announce that we can now make this support even easier, by allowing online payments using PayPal. You'll find the link right on the home page of the PCD website at www.pcd-uua.org. Please stretch to help us reach our \$14,500 goal for this Chalice Lighter call.

In Faith,
Victoria Ingram
Rev. Victoria Ingram
Chair, PCD Growth Committee

Checks may be made to the Pacific Central District, with "Chalice Lighters" on the memo line. If you would like to continue to mail your check, please note our new address: Pacific Central District, 4100 Redwood Road, #344, Oakland, CA 94619-2363