

Weekly Update copy

**Notes from the President:**

Thank you for a stimulating set of Table Talks last Sunday! You have given the Board a lot to think about. Here are a few high points:

- Social Justice is at the core of who we are, as is being part of a community which lives out the 7 Principles.
- We want to find ways to expand and diversify our community.
- To do this, we will need to up our game on how we communicate, both among ourselves and in the wider community.

In addition to these issues which were mentioned by almost all the tables, scattered throughout there is a growing focus on spiritual development and rethinking how we gather together.

There was much more, and the details are very interesting. The full summary is available at [here](#). Take a look. If you were not part of the conversation on Sunday, or if you have had further reflections since then, drop me a line— [tonyfil@hickorytech.net](mailto:tonyfil@hickorytech.net).

On another note, the MidAmerica Region has announced its first call for the Chalice Lighter Grant program for this year. These grants are funded by small donations from individuals like us— donations that are pooled together to help congregations from across our large MidAmerica Region of the UUA with specific growth projects. UUFM has received several Chalice Lighter grants in the past, and probably will apply again in the next few years. Take a look at the program (it's at <https://www.uua.org/midamerica/giving/chalice-lighters>), and if you are not already a Chalice Lighter consider joining with us.