



May 10, 2024

Dear Chalice Lighters and Friends,

The Spring 2024 [Southern Region Chalice Lighters](#) call has been awarded to [UU Fellowship of San Miguel de Allende](#) (UUFMSA), a Southern Region congregation located in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Chalice Lighter funding will assist the congregation in hiring a bilingual minister to help them deepen cross-cultural ties.

Founded in 1987, UUFMSA is the largest UU congregation in Mexico – over 200 members strong with an active ministry providing spiritual and social connection while addressing the social justice needs of their community. While many members are expatriate English speakers, increasing numbers of locals are joining the Fellowship, especially those disenfranchised from their church of origin (e.g. women, LGBTQ+ individuals, and religious liberals). Several have assumed leadership roles.

UUFMSA is uniquely positioned, right now, to deepen these cross-cultural ties. They already see stronger connections informing more effective responses to the social, economic, and environmental challenges that face their community of over 140,000 people. UUFMSA seeks your support for hiring a bilingual, bicultural contract Minister to help them cultivate and better serve their growing Mexican membership. UUFMSA already has in-kind accommodation and transportation support. You are now invited to help them meet their funding goal!

Individual and congregational contributions to this Chalice Lighter call will be a gift to support growth at UU Fellowship of San Miguel de Allende as well as the overall growth of Unitarian Universalism across the Southern Region. Chalice Lighters, please give generously! Congregations, please consider holding a special offering or share the plate collection to share gifts with UU Fellowship of San Miguel de Allende!

Giving is easy and your donation is tax-deductible. How to contribute:

- By PayPal: [uusanmiguel@gmail.com](mailto:uusanmiguel@gmail.com)
- By Bill Pay: Fayette Savings Bank, Bank Routing No. 313173792, Account No. 01-56125235-2, UUFMSA (Texas) EIN No. 85-1413347
- By Cheque: UUFMSA MIR Fund, Fayette Savings Bank, PO Box M, La Grange, TX 78945

NOTE: UUFMSA's bank does not accept Zelle.

This Chalice Lighter call will close on July 10, 2024.

Thank you for your generous support of this call!

In faith,

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and

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