

NYSCU GRANT PROGRESS REPORT

This report of a 2026 grant received from the New York State Convention of Universalists is due to Tom Hackett, Clerk, 70 Wall Street, Kingston, NY 12401, or electronically to NYSCUTom@gmail.com, ON OR BEFORE 30 SEPTEMBER 2026. Alternatively, you may complete the form online at <https://nyscu.org>. There is a link to the online form on the home page and on the Grants & Loans page.

If there is a visual component to the program, please send a photo or two (labeled, please) or other appropriate visual. If there is an audio or video component, please include as well.

Note: If your project is not yet underway or is just beginning, you may defer your report until 2027. Please inform the Clerk at the above address if this is the case.

ORGANIZATION: UUCGF

DATE OF REPORT: September 29, 2026

PURPOSE OF GRANT: Overhaul, redesign and update the audio-visual system in sanctuary

AMOUNT OF GRANT: \$5,000.00

1. How was the money actually spent? As described in the purpose of the grant, it was spent on the overhaul, redesign and update the audio-visual system in sanctuary
2. By your best estimate, how many people were/are being reached/served? Between 30 to 40 people for each Sunday Worship Service. Our attendance is increasing, in part due to the better sound and zoom systems. We are also adding more UUCGF-sponsored programs for the community. We expect that we will be doing more of these in the future. We also host funerals which usually attract a full house. The new system is an enormous improvement to the services we offer.
3. How well have the *goals* of the program/project been met, and how has this determination been made? By consensus of the Congregation, the new system is working perfectly and is greatly appreciated.
4. What *concerns* developed in the course of the program/project? Tweaking the system took months and was frustrating for all. But as the performance improved, the frustration lessened. I understand that this is a normal part of a new installation.
5. Is this program/project complete? Yes.
 - A. If no, when will it be completed and evaluated, and by whom? N/A
6. If yes, what are the implications for the future? We are excited to be able to offer our improved facility for more events which reach out to the community as well as attracting (and keeping) new members to our Congregation. We will be hosting several combined worship services with UUSSC this winter while they are between facilities. We are considering expanding the new system to include

our adjacent Fellowship Hall so that we can increase the number of people we are able to seat at a service.

7. Would you do the program/project again, or recommend it to others? Explain. We would definitely recommend the project and the vendor to others. First of all, it has made the services more accessible to those who are hard of hearing. A big improvement! The new system as also allowed our services o focus more on the spiritual rather than the technical mechanics. The operator of the new system is located on the side of the sanctuary and is relatively unnoticeable. The old system required the operator to be located in the center of the front row, blocking the view of many and distracting all. It has also increased our confidence in our ability to serve and to serve well.

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Thank you! **Thank you!**