Angel of the Lilies

Request for CPA funding:
Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst (UUSA)
Created in 1890, the window has been a part of downtown Amherst since 1925

- Due to its age and original materials used, the window is in dire need of restoration.
- New materials and methods should lead to a sound restoration lasting hundreds of years.
Why public funding?

- The UUSA has been trying to raise adequate funds since 2005 – both internally and through grants
- Our efforts have raised over $20,000, which we will expend on the project, but this is insufficient for full restoration
Why isn’t the window funded as part of the UUSA building project?

- The UUSA is about to start a renovation and expansion project on our building that has not been significantly updated since the 1920’s
- We have raised all we can within the congregation
The UUSA will:

- Provide restoration costs over and above the proposed grant (depleting our stained glass fund)
- Provide a new clear glass, double-glazed protective window
- Provide new frames for the restored window
- Improve night-time lighting
- Value: $26,000+
Why fund a project in our meetinghouse?

- The building is located in central Amherst on North pleasant Street
- The window is part of the day and night streetscape
- Considerable precedent for CPA funding of church projects, including here in Amherst
How will the public see the window?

- Agreement to allow regular public access inside building for 99 years
- Clear protective exterior window
- Better night-time lighting
- New, fully accessible facilities will mean increased use of the building for functions the public will attend
Your UUSA friends and neighbors thank you for your consideration.