

Resourcing the Local Church

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

~ Romans 15:13

Churches in Need

The Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ has an endowment fund that provides funding to be used exclusively for Maine UCC churches. This income is intended to be used for a variety of programs, needs, and services.

Below are some of the ways the endowment income may be used:

- * Expand existing services within the church
- * Aid in the development of new ministry programs
- * Provide emergency funds for churches
- * Provide services of a crisis counselor to assist in local church conflict resolution
- * Sponsor laity, clergy, and youth participation in the wider mission activities of the United Church of Christ
- * Assist lay leaders, youth, and clergy in attending developmental and leadership training workshops

Expectations

The Resourcing the Local Church Committee is made up of six people representing the different geographical areas of the state. Committee members are appointed by the Coordinating Council of the Maine Conference for three year appointments.

The funding for Resourcing the Local Church was established as part of the “To Gathering Into ONE” capital funds campaign. These funds have been set aside as an endowment to assist local churches of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Criteria for Evaluating Applications

- * Based on need
- * Creativity
- * Perceived results
- * Completeness of application
- * Availability of funds

Ways we have helped Churches...

- * Assisting with church repairs and handicapped accessibility
- * Sponsoring youth to national youth events
- * Assist with Interim Ministry Training
- * Enabling people to take part in the “Small Church Leadership Program” offered by Bangor Theological Seminary
- * Purchasing, upgrading, and replacing office equipment
- * Supporting participation in mission projects to other countries
- * Purchasing hand chimes for a handbell choir



How to Apply

The Committee will review each application that is submitted to us. We invite you to be creative in your requests. We expect the local church to share in the costs of projects undertaken. We will work with you to assure understanding of the project you are undertaking and what your needs are. Since our funding is limited and the needs for the money great, we may ask for more financial information from your church.

Send Applications to:

Resourcing the Local Church
Maine Conference UCC
P.O. Box 966
Yarmouth, Maine 04096

For more information please call 800-244-0937 or you may download the application: www.maineucc.org/howeare/rlcguidelines.org

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