

Resourcing the Local Church Application Form

(Church Grants)

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

_____ ZIP _____

Title/Position _____

Telephone: Home _____ e-mail _____

Name of Your Church _____

Church Address _____

Brief Summary of Request _____

Anticipated Date of Program/Project _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Your Church's Contribution \$ _____

Other Resources \$ _____

Amount Requested from Committee \$ _____

Additional information which must be included with your application and which assist the Resourcing the Local Church Committee in its evaluation includes:

1. A written description of your request consisting of not more than two pages. Include information on how the program will benefit your church and contribute to future ministries.
2. A copy of your church's current fiscal year budget, and a year-to-date statement of total income and expenses.
3. Church Membership _____ Average Sunday Worship Attendance _____
4. It is also helpful if you tell us the approximate percentage of children _____, youth _____ young adults _____ middle aged adults _____ and elderly adults _____ attending your church on an average Sunday.

5. Required Signatures:

Applicant _____

Lay Leader _____

Position/Title _____

Pastor _____

Please Note:

Deadline for applications are January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 each year.

Grants cannot exceed \$5000 per church per year (and are often less depending on the number of competing applications).

Grants are typically paid by the Conference Business Office upon receipt of either invoices or receipts. Payment cannot be made based on estimates. Grants must be disbursed within six-months of being awarded (grantee may request additional time, if needed).

The Resourcing the Local Church Committee usually meets three or four times per year, although additional meetings can be arranged for urgent applications.

For building renovation and repair, or for new construction, the RLC Committee looks for clear evidence of creative fund raising on the part of individuals and congregations to help meet project costs. Church buildings are often landmarks or historic places in Maine towns, and non-church community members and organizations (in addition to outside foundations) are often willing to share in the cost of their preservation. Also, church facilities are often used by non-church individuals and organizations who may be able to help with funding these projects.

In addition, the RLC Committee is often able to help with the cost of new programs or services – or with expansion of existing services – within a local church. It can assist individual churches with programs or events that also benefit other local churches. The Committee can aid in the development of new congregations, provide emergency funds to local churches, and help pay for a crisis counselor to assist a local church with conflict resolution.

Further, the Committee can grant funds to assist lay leaders and clergy in attending developmental workshops, and help laity, clergy, and youth with the costs of wider mission activities. Finally, the Committee can supply financial support to Conference programs, which directly benefit local churches, and can help pay for Interim Ministry training. In all these situations, the RLC Committee anticipates that the applicant will also have pursued and documented other avenues of potential funding.

Return your completed application to:

Resourcing the Local Church Committee
Maine Conference UCC
337 State Street, Suite 3
Augusta, ME 04330-6122

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