

Annual Report
Resourcing the Local Church
Committee
Maine Conference UCC
September 2025

The Resourcing the Local Church (RLC) Committee has had a year of change. Meetings since our last report were held on ZOOM in meeting August, and October of 2024. In 2025 we met on Zoom in March, April, May, June, August, and will meet in October and December. RLC resources are available on the Conference Website.

We said farewell to long time Committee members Jan Barton (Katahdin Association) and Rev. Brad Hirst (York Association). These people have given time and their talents to benefit the churches and members of our conference. They have both served the maximum allowed time of 6 years. They have faithfully attended meetings, informed their association of our work, and contacted churches and members about grants. Thank you, you will all be missed.

Grants Awarded For Members In Discernment Scholarships were:

Rose Stansfield	\$2,000
Sarah Whitfield	\$2,000

We continue to work with Maine School of Ministry (MESOM) and Associations to have these funds best meet the needs of the Members In Discernment and the Maine Conference.

Resourcing The Local Church Grants Awarded were:

First Church in Belfast	\$1,500	
Youth & community ministry		
Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine	\$2,450	Technology
Mexico Congregational Church,	\$2,500	Flood damage repairs
Rumford Point Congregational Church	\$5,000	Church Repairs
Monroe Community Church	\$ 700	Technology
The Neighborhood in Bath		\$5,000
Church Repairs & improvements		

Individual grants were awarded to support Members In Discernment assisting and learning at Westbrook Warren Congregational Church and Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor. An individual grant was also give to Patricia Boyle Wight for \$325 to attend the ONA Gathering in Kansas City prior to National Synod.

Last year we were pleased to have a display and present a workshop at the Annual Meeting. This year we focused on meeting every other month to better meet the needs of churches and individuals needing grants. We also held special meetings to revise the handbook to reflect there and other changes. We tried to give more examples of things covered by grants. We revised the applications and tried to make the rules and information required easy to locate and use. We know many churches need very large grants, but our limited funds require us to set limits on the amount we can We are hoping our new Handbook will be available in time for the Annual Meeting. .These changes were made after much research and discussion/

Each meeting begins with a centering activity led by a committee member. Members volunteer to record the Minutes each meeting. All of the members contact churches about grant requests and follow up on the progress of each grant that has been awarded. A huge thank you to the committee members. They have all been actively involved in working on various projects, attending additional meetings, and advancing the work of this committee. Members are Jan Barton who will be replaced at the next meeting (Katahdin Association), Shirley Beccue (Sunrise Association), Cindy Clement (Mid Coast Association), Judene Dyer (Cumberland

Association), Dave Stansfield (York Association), Ted Ruark (Living Water Association), and Pam Williams (Oxford Union Association). The members all work tirelessly to help the churches and members of the Maine Conference, UCC. Special thanks to Rev. John Fiscus for his positive energy, information,, and guidance.. The RLC is grateful for the support of Nancy Bartlett and Kimberly Donovan from the Conference Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judene B. Dyer, Chair