

Annual Report
Resourcing the Local Church
Maine Conference UCC
Oct. 1, 2017

Since the last Conference Annual Meeting in 2016, the Resourcing the Local Church (RLC) Committee approved 11 requests for funding for a total of \$17,516 out of an available \$19,569. The grants are detailed below. These amounts reflect only three quarters of applications and funds for the year 2016-2017 as our September 2017 meeting needed to be rescheduled until late October after this year's Annual Meeting. As in past years the committee wrestled thoughtfully and prayerfully with their decisions; we had 13 total applications requesting \$43,314 in funds.

RLC Grants 2016-17

Midcoast Association	\$354	for Nickerson workshop follow-up
Old South, Hallowell	\$1157	for mold abatement
Winthrop	\$1157	for bell tower and sanctuary capital improvements/repairs
Winslow	\$1157	for mold abatement
Mexico	\$1157	for entrance remodel
Patricia Boyle-Wright	\$500	for a seminary student trip to Myanmar sponsored by Andover Newton
Paul Stickney	\$584	for two musicians from Prides Corner Church to attend UCCMA (UCC Musician Association)
Belfast	\$2500	for a consultant to help with church restructuring
Alcyon Center	\$3950	for production of a youth appropriate video for outreach
Sanford, North Parish	\$5000	for leadership expenses as part of Maine hosting Celebration X Women's Conference in Portland, April 2018

In addition to these grants, RLC, at the request of the Mission Council to review Member in Discernment (MID) scholarships and make awards, awarded \$2,000 each to David Farrington, Forest Guenther and Danielle Keller from the available \$6000 in MID scholarship funds. The grants were paid to each MID's seminary. Under the previous Conference structure these grants were disbursed through the Witness Life Commission.

Other work of the committee has been to review and update our Rules of Procedure reflecting both the committee membership changes due to the new structure and our new tasks. We hope to have these rules of Procedure finalized by early 2018.

I have inherited the chair temporarily with Cynthia Frye-Macomber's move out of state, and the committee is very grateful for her leadership this past year. I want to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work and diligence along with the compassion they bring to deliberations and the humor to the sometime 'joys and trials' of meeting electronically for most of our meetings. Gratitude is also due to Renita Dehais, Treasury Associate of the Maine Conference for getting us financial information in a timely fashion, and to the Rev. Darren Morgan, our ex-officio Conference representative for his wisdom, guidance and insight.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Diane L. Harvey, chair pro-tem
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