



GUIDE
to
FINANCIAL RESOURCES

For Local Church Mission and Ministry



Vision Statement

Transformed by the Holy Spirit, we will become united in trust as we boldly proclaim Christ to the world.

Mission Statement

Our Mission as the New England Conference is to equip, connect, and support local, regional and global ministries to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to serve all in his name.

Our Five Critical Issues

SPIRITUAL LIFE: *We are a people who yearn for God, and seek healing and spiritual life through Jesus Christ in order to be united in trust and mission.*

EVANGELISM and CHURCH GROWTH: *As people who yearn for God, we recognize that others yearn with us, and we will reach new people with the Gospel of Christ.*

AREA DIVERSITY: *As a people who yearn for God, we recognize that racism and all forms of discrimination undermine the ability to further the ministry of Jesus.*

EQUIPPING LEADERSHIP: *As a people who yearn for God, we will equip churches, clergy and laity for unabashed pursuit of effective ministry.*

STEWARDSHIP: *As a people who yearn for God, we will be connected and accountable in the way our financial systems resource our congregations, and support our shared ministries in New England and throughout the world.*

HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

Grants, awards, loans and scholarships are listed with basic details and contact information. Please use the contact information or call the United Methodist Center, Lawrence, MA (978-682-8055) for further assistance. Updates will be posted at <http://www.neumc.org/pages/detail/1>.



Provided by The United Methodist Foundation of New England's "Faith & Money" ministry and the New England Conference.

GRANTS

This list identifies Conference groups and denominational agencies offering grants. Many other community groups and foundations also offer grants; see your Library and Town Offices.

Cokesbury

New Users Curriculum Grant: Churches that have never used Cokesbury materials can receive three months free curriculum for certain educational materials. Contact: **1 800-251-8591** Curric-U-Phone

Also, new church plants or churches impacted by disasters should inquire about "Cokesbury Cares".

NEAC Christian Education

Matching Grants for Christian Education initiatives in local churches or clusters (up to \$300)

Contact: Wanda Stahl **978-682-7676 x221** stahl@neumc.org

NEAC Church and Society Committee

Grants for individuals and organizations for social justice projects, including travel scholarships

Preference given collaborative project by local United Methodist churches or ministries.

Contact: Church and Society Committee, Mike Clark, Peace with Justice Coordinator **617-926-2931**

NEAC Congregational Development

<http://www.neumc.org/pages/detail/259>

Together for Tomorrow Grants: Proposals accepted from local churches, clusters, districts, regional ministries and other agencies or organizations related to the New England Annual Conference. 2010 grants: One-time grants ranging from \$3,000 - \$10,000. **Deadline 9/1**

Urban Grants: Proposals accepted from urban/inner-city areas of the New England Conference. 2010 grants will be one-time grants ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000. **Deadline 9/1**

TFT and Urban Grants: contact Rosemary McNulty rmcnulty@neumc.org or **978-682-7676 x201**

NEAC Equitable Compensation Committee

<http://www.neumc.org/forms/detail/909>

Minimum Salary and Strategic Salary Grants: Clergy Salary support in local church appointments. Options include a Three Year Minimum Salary Grant and a Four Year Strategic Salary Grant, both managed by Equitable Comp Committee. **Deadline 11/1** For further information, contact your District Superintendent

NEAC Mission Share Relief Fund

<http://www.neumc.org/forms/detail/939>

Grants to assist churches in temporary financial difficulties with counsel and financial help for a period of 3-5 years. Churches should be in a position of returning to full mission share payments within the assigned period of time. Distribution managed by District Committees.

NEAC Trustees

<http://www.neumc.org/forms/detail/981>

New England Conference Mission Grants (funded by the Anthony Gardner Fund)

Emergency repair, Handicapped accessibility (church), Code Compliance; excludes boilers, electrical systems, bell towers, stained glass, plumbing and sewage. Inquire with your District Superintendent or see application online.

Contact: Debbie Humm, 19 Paquin Road, Barrington, RI 02806 dhumm@apslaw.com **401-247-2392**

Preachers' Aid Society of New England

- ❖ Annual Conference Registration Grants: toward retiree's Annual Conference registrations
- ❖ Limited Emergency Grants: emergency situations with unanticipated health and other family emergencies (excluding debt, taxes and education)
- ❖ Fuel Grants: (not available for active clergy), emergency heating subsidies
- ❖ Retirement Grants: one time \$800 retirement transition grant and appreciation for service, upon application
- ❖ Pastor's Assembly Attendance: Grants to retirees and new ordinands to help cover the costs of attendance.
- ❖ Education Grants: one time grants to families with new children (babies or newly adopted) to establish an IRS approved college education savings plan - upon application.
- ❖ Fralin Fund: assist surviving spouses of active pastors to obtain housing upon death of the clergy spouse

Eligible persons: All retirees, surviving spouses or persons on incapacity leave, active clergy in particular situations. Contact: Preachers' Aid Society, **508-830-9500** pas18@preachersaid.org

United Methodist Foundation of New England

Grants and Financial Assistance Ministry for strategic stewardship initiatives in congregations and agencies in New England. Annual Awards: Deadline **6/15** (\$1,000-5,000), Rapid Response: **Year Round** (\$500-\$1,000) Inquire: www.umfne.org Bonnie Marden bonnie@umfne.org **800-595-4347 x106**

DENOMINATIONAL RESOURCES

General Church Resources

Various opportunities for grants are available through General Agencies.
Inquire: Secretary of Global Ministries, Fay Flanary ms.fay@juno.com

General Board of Church and Society www.umc-gbcs.org

General Board of Discipleship www.gbod.org

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry www.gbhem.org

General Board of Global Ministries www.gb-gm-umc.org

Women's Division www.gb-gm-umc.org/Womens-Division/

General Commission on Religion and Race www.gcr.org

General Board of Church and Society

Ethnic Local Church Grants: to strengthen ethnic local churches through education, advocacy or leadership training and development as they engage in social justice. Deadline: early August

- <http://www.umd->

[gbcs.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=frLJK2PKLqF&b=4342801&ct=5429669&tr=y&aid=3816890](http://www.umd-gbcs.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=frLJK2PKLqF&b=4342801&ct=5429669&tr=y&aid=3816890)

Media Grants/Igniting Ministry No local funds at this time.

Denominational grants to customize TV commercials for local church use and matching grant to buy cable TV time Inquire: Director of Communication, Alexx Wood communicate@neumc.org

LOANS

This list identifies Conference groups,
Denominational and Related Agencies offering loans.

NEAC Trustees

<http://www.neumc.org/forms/detail/981>

See loan application located on the website. Loan resources include the Whitteberry Revolving Fund, New England Conference Missional Loans, and the Strait Revolving Loan Fund (capital development) a three year deferred loan program

Contact: "Bill" Kim, 123 Raffaele Dr., Waltham, MA 02452 BKIMUMC@comcast.net 781-983-6913

UMC – United Methodist Development Fund

<http://new.gbgn-umc.org/about/us/ecg/umdf/>

Loans for qualified local churches for the purchase, construction and/or renovation of local properties.

Inquire: General Board of Global Ministries 212-870-3865

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

www.gbhem.org/gbhem/loans2.html

A church-wide educational service providing scholarships and loans to help supplement the financial needs of today's students. Funding for these scholarships and loans are provided through offerings, wills, annuities, and other designated gifts. **Contact: 615-340-7346**

Also see NEAC Resource Library for resources summarizing loans and scholarships.

Preachers' Aid Society of New England

For Active Clergy

Higher Education Loan Program(HELP): for refinancing education debt 3 years after graduation and after 3 years in appointment

Contact: Cathy MacGovern, 13 Bentley St. Springfield MA 01108, 413-736-5840, pascm@comcast.net

For Retired Clergy, surviving spouses, and those on incapacity leave:

- ❖ Emergency Loan Program (in conjunction with the NEF Credit Union), extension of the emergency grant program for specific situations.
- ❖ Green Loan Program: Loans given to assist retirees with larger projects to save energy in the home.
- ❖ Methodent Loans: To assist retirees with dental costs.
- ❖ Fuel Loans: To assist retirees to purchase heating fuel at bulk rates or through pre-payment plans.

Contact: Preachers' Aid Society, Box 3386, Plymouth, MA 02361 508-830-9500 pas18@preachersaid.org

United Methodist Federal Credit Union

www.umfcu.org

Full service Credit Union for United Methodists and their families.

Visit the website for information on loans and other services.

United Methodist Foundation of New England

Loan Program: The UMFNE's Loan Program offers two types of loans –"residential" and "commercial". Residential loans are for parsonages and commercial loans are for churches and other church or Methodist related agencies. Loans are provided for purchase, construction and/or repair of New England properties. The UMFNE provides loans collateralized by real estate and or unrestricted investments.

Inquire: www.umfne.org, Dan Hussey, Loan Officer: dan@umfne.org, 800-595-4347 x100

SCHOLARSHIPS and CONTINUING EDUCATION

This list identifies groups offering scholarships.

Camping/Outdoor Ministries Sites & Conference and Retreat Center

Scholarships for participation in programs and activities at New England Conference Outdoor Ministry sites and Rolling Ridge Conference Center are available at all sites. Contact the Sites directly for information.

Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center (MA) **978-682-8815** www.rollingridge.org

Camps Aldersgate (RI) **401-568-4350** www.campaldersgate.com

Covenant Hills (VT) **802-426-3340** www.covenanthillsvt.com

Mechuwana (ME) **207-377-2924** www.mechuwana.org

Wanakee (NH) **603-279-7950** www.wanakee.org

Christian Education Scholarships

Scholarships (up to \$300) for individual training. Contact: Wanda Stahl **978-682-8055 x221**

Ministerial Education Funds (MEF) Board of Ordained Ministry

Guidelines for these resources are available on the Conference website in the Form Finder section.

- ❖ Short term Spiritual Formation or Educational Programs
http://www.neumc.org/console/files/oForms_YJ7JB6/MEF_Grants_-_Short_Term_NRAUWNQA.pdf
- ❖ Masters or Equivalent Programs -
[http://www.neumc.org/console/files/oForms_YJ7JB6/MEF_Grants_Graduate_Degree_\(MDIV_or_Equivalent\)_7EYBALDP.pdf](http://www.neumc.org/console/files/oForms_YJ7JB6/MEF_Grants_Graduate_Degree_(MDIV_or_Equivalent)_7EYBALDP.pdf)
- ❖ Beyond MDIV - Doctorate or Equivalent Programs
[http://www.neumc.org/console/files/oForms_YJ7JB6/MEF_Grants_Beyond_MDIV_\(DMin_or_equivalent\)_ZIDXCZAS.pdf](http://www.neumc.org/console/files/oForms_YJ7JB6/MEF_Grants_Beyond_MDIV_(DMin_or_equivalent)_ZIDXCZAS.pdf)

NEAC Scholarship Committee

<http://www.neumc.org/forms/detail/846>

- ❖ Educational Scholarships: Modest scholarships ranging from \$200-\$350 for NEC members for undergraduate educational opportunities. Deadline: May 1st
- ❖ Conference Merit Award: For UM students attending UM colleges or universities, nominated by a local church. Funding source is UM Student Sunday offering. From \$300-\$600. Deadline: May 1st
- ❖ UM Foundation for Christian Higher Ed Annual Conference Scholarship: One time award (\$1,000) for a UM student to foster value-centered education in UM related institutions.

Contact: Paul Carlotto **978-372-4374** p.carlotto@verizon.net

Town and Country

Scholarships for Congregational Development events, Local Pastor training and Northeast Jurisdiction Town and Country Consultation. Contact: Kay Webb, Chair kayw@fairpoint.net or Norm Boulay, Comptroller

Trustees NEAC

Stowell Palestine Fellowship: supporting clergy travel to Palestine

Contact: Debbie Humm, 19 Paquin Road, Barrington, RI 02806 dhumm@apslaw.com **401-247-2392**

Other Resources

Perry F. Rich Fund

Private trust fund generating income to be distributed to a Maine church for three years. Funds rotate by district and recipient is identified by the Resident Bishop. See information binder in Bishop's Office for additional documentation. (Note: Moves to MME in 2010. *Second trust pending.*)