



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 New England Conference Office, Lawrence, MA (978-682-8055) for further assistance. Updates will be posted on the Conference Website

**Provided by The United Methodist Foundation of New England 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: Three months free curriculum for certain educational materials for churches that have never used Cokesbury materials. Contact: **1 800-251-8591** Curric-U-Phone  
New church plants or churches impacted by disasters, inquire about “Cokesbury Cares”.

## NEAC Christian Education

Matching Grants for Christian Education initiatives in local churches or clusters (up to \$300)  
Contact: Rosemary McNulty **978-682-7676 x201** [rmcnulty@neumc.org](mailto:rmcnulty@neumc.org)

## NEAC Church and Society Committee

Grants for individuals and organizations for social justice projects, including travel scholarships  
Collaborative projects by local United Methodist churches or ministries preferred.  
Contact: Church and Society Committee, Peace with Justice Coordinator

## 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. One-time grants ranging from \$3,000 - \$10,000. **Deadline 5/15**
- ~ Urban Grants: Proposals accepted from urban/inner-city areas of the New England Conference. Grants will be one-time grants ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000. **Deadline 5/15**
- ~ Hebrews 11 Grants: Support new congregations and revitalization projects. Apply Anytime  
Contact Rosemary McNulty [rmcnulty@neumc.org](mailto: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 Ms. Marti Bower, 7 Coyle Lane, Hope, RI 02831, [mabower@cox.net](mailto:mabower@cox.net)

### **Preachers' Aid Society of New England**

1. Limited Emergency Grants: emergency situations with unanticipated health and other family emergencies (excluding debt, taxes and education).
2. Transition Grants: In appreciation for their years of ministry, a one time \$800 transition grant is given to each new retiree upon their retirement.
3. Winter Assembly: Grants to retirees and new ordinands to help cover the costs of attendance.
4. 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.
5. Fralin Fund: assist surviving spouses of active pastors to obtain housing upon death of the clergy spouse
6. Program for loans with Credit Union: Limited amount of funds are available for loan for particular situations or for debt and taxes that are ineligible for our grant program. Available to all eligible persons if funds are available.

Eligible persons: Retirees, surviving spouses or persons on incapacity leave, active clergy of the New England Conference in particular situations. Contact: **508-830-9500** [pas18@preachersaid.org](mailto: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 **5/15** (\$1,000-5,000), Rapid Response: **Year Round** (\$500-\$1,000) Funded by G Neil Harper Endowment and Marsha Bryan Endowment for Stewardship  
Inquire: [www.umfne.org](http://www.umfne.org) Bonnie Marden [bonnie@umfne.org](mailto:bonnie@umfne.org) **800-595-4347 x106**

## **DENOMINATIONAL RESOURCES**

### **General Church Resources**

Various opportunities for grants are available through denominational offices  
Inquire: Secretary of Global Ministries, Fay Flanary [ms.fay@juno.com](mailto:ms.fay@juno.com)

General Board of Church and Society [www.umc-gbcs.org](http://www.umc-gbcs.org)

General Board of Discipleship [www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org)

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry [www.gbhem.org](http://www.gbhem.org)

General Board of Global Ministries [www.umcmission.org](http://www.umcmission.org)

Women's Division [www.gb-gm-umc.org/Womens-Division/](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/Womens-Division/)

General Commission on Religion and Race [www.gcr.org](http://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&auid=3816890](http://www.umd-gbcs.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=frLJK2PKLqF&b=4342801&ct=5429669&tr=y&auid=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](mailto:communicate@neumc.org)

## **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: *Second trust pending.*)

# LOANS

## NEAC Trustees

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

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

Contact Ms. Marti Bower, 7 Coyle Lane, Hope, RI 02831, [mabower@cox.net](mailto:mabower@cox.net)

## UMC – United Methodist Development Fund

<http://new.gbqm-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**

## Preachers' Aid Society of New England

[pas18@preachersaid.org](mailto:pas18@preachersaid.org)

*For Active Clergy:* Higher Education Loan Program(HELP): for refinancing education debt 3 years after graduation and after 3 years in appointment. Two deadlines for applications annually: April 1, October 15.

Contact: Cathy MacGovern, 13 Bentley St. Springfield MA 01108, 413-523-2276, [cmacgovern@preachersaid.org](mailto:cmacgovern@preachersaid.org)

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

1. Emergency Loan Program (in conjunction with the NEF Credit Union), extension of the emergency grant program for specific situations.
2. Green Loan Program: Loans given to assist retirees with larger projects to save energy in the home.
3. 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

## United Methodist Federal Credit Union

[www.umfcu.org](http://www.umfcu.org)

Proudly serving United Methodists for 65 years, assisting United Methodist churches, church organizations, clergy, and congregation members in the New England Conference with their financial needs. UMFCU is a non-profit institution with a policy-making Board of Directors. As a non-profit, UMFCU exists solely to serve members. Accounts are insured by the U.S. government (NCUA) up to \$250,000 per member for deposit accounts.

Services include

- Savings, Certificates, Money Market, and IRA Savings, Free checking with online Bill Pay
- Nationwide shared branching through the CU Service Center network [www.cuswirl.com](http://www.cuswirl.com)
- Nationwide surcharge-free ATM access via the Co-Op Network, 24/7 internet eBranch banking access
- VISA credit cards for individuals as well as churches & UM organizations (no annual fee)
  - No cash advance or balance transfer fees
- Individual Lending – automobile, personal, debt consolidation, overdraft line of credit, home equity line of credit, mortgages and VISA credit card
- Church Lending – automobile, parsonage, renovations
  - Church VISA can be used for lending needs up to \$50,000
    - Set individual card limits, Eliminate staff reimbursement process
- California headquarters open until 8pm Eastern Standard Time 800-245-0433

New England Branch located in Westbrook, Maine 207-591-6449 or toll-free 866-303-6386

New England Region Staff: Sandra Moore, Member Services, Donna Lee Fowlie, Member Development

## 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](http://www.umfne.org), Dan Hussey, Loan Officer: [dan@umfne.org](mailto:dan@umfne.org), 800-595-4347 x100

# SCHOLARSHIPS and CONTINUING EDUCATION

## 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](http://www.rollingridge.org)  
Camp Aldersgate (RI) **401-568-4350** [www.campaldersgate.com](http://www.campaldersgate.com)  
Covenant Hills (VT) **802-426-3340** [www.covenanthillsvt.com](http://www.covenanthillsvt.com)  
Mechuwana (ME) **207-377-2924** [www.mechuwana.org](http://www.mechuwana.org)  
Wanakee (NH) **603-279-7950** [www.wanakee.org](http://www.wanakee.org)

## Christian Education Scholarships

Scholarships (up to \$300) for individual training. Contact: Rosemary McNulty **978-682-8055 x201**

## Marriage & Family Ministries Scholarships

Scholarships available for event participation. Contact: Jane Ives at [JaneIves@aol.com](mailto:JaneIves@aol.com)

## 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
- ✦ Masters or Equivalent Programs
- ✦ Beyond MDIV - Doctorate or Equivalent Programs

## Mission Scholarships

Peter Weaver Mission Scholarships for up to 50% of mission trip travel expenses  
Contact: Erica Robinson-Johnson, **978-682-7555x251**, [Erica@neumc.org](mailto:Erica@neumc.org)

## 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](mailto:p.carlotto@verizon.net)

## NEAC Town and Country

Scholarships for Congregational Development events, Local Pastor training and Northeast Jurisdiction Town and Country Consultation. Contact: **Pat Williams** [pastorpat@lakesunapeumc.org](mailto:pastorpat@lakesunapeumc.org) or **Norm Boulay**, Comptroller

## NEAC Trustees

Stowell Palestine Fellowship: supporting clergy travel to Palestine  
Contact Ms. Marti Bower, 7 Coyle Lane, Hope, RI 02831, [mabower@cox.net](mailto:mabower@cox.net)

## UMC - General Board of Higher Education and Ministry [www.gbhem.org/gbhem/loans2.html](http://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.