North Country Sacred Space Maintenance

The North Country Sacred Space Maintenance Fund (NCSS) was established in June 2020 with the proceeds of the now-defunct Berlin Church Endowment. This endowment was established in June 1883 by the Murray and Erikson families to promote religious services in the Berlin church building.

When the Berlin church building was sold for non-religious purposes, a clause in the trust led the courts to dissolve the original fund and disburse the proceeds to the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ. Now named “North Country Sacred Space Maintenance Fund” the invested funds will follow the disbursement allowances set by the Investment Mission Group and will serve as a grant fund to assist North Country Association UCC churches in maintaining their properties. The fund will provide approximately $2,500 each year for grant awards.

North Country Association churches are encouraged to apply for this grant to enable them to continue spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. If a grant is awarded, the congregation will agree to the following covenant:

- The membership of the church will participate actively in the life of the Association and the Conference.
- The members of the congregation will include a commitment to Our Church’s Wider Mission within its annual budget.
- The members will call a minister and/or interim minister in consultation with the NH Conference UCC should a vacancy occur during the year in which the grant is awarded.
- The church is encouraged to participate in a NH Conference UCC sponsored stewardship education event, such as Prepared to Serve, and use such training to conduct a carefully designed stewardship program.

**TO APPLY FOR A GRANT:**
- Fill out the application (below)
- Include a copy of your church’s annual budget.
- Include a letter explaining the mission of the church and what makes your church important to the community.
- Include a brief description of the way your church participates in the Association and the Conference.
- Send these items to:
  LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORT MINISTRY
  NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE UCC
  140 SHEEP DAVIS RD
  PEMBROKE NH 03275-3711
Application for North Country Sacred Space Grant

The _________________________________________________________________
name of church
in ________________________________, New Hampshire requests a grant from the
North Country Sacred Space Fund of the NHCUCC in the amount of $_____________
for the following maintenance needs:

This application is approved by the church governing body on ______________, 20__.

Signature of Moderator or Treasurer                          Print Name of Moderator or Treasurer

Email address                                         Phone number

Other Contact Name(s)         Position             Email                         Phone
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