The Ministerial Relief Fund which provides the income with which the Prudential Committee does its’ work was originally created by the New Hampshire Legislature in 1815 as the Ministers’ and Widows’ Fund. It was specified to be for the relief of the widows and children of deceased ministers of the Gospel. It was also “for the support of aged or necessitous clergymen, and the necessitous widows of clergymen.”

The members of the Prudential Committee, which dispenses the fund, are selected annually. The committee follows policy guidelines approved by the NHCUCC Board of Directors.

The Prudential Committee meets quarterly at the Conference Office at:

140 Sheep Davis Road
Pembroke, NH 03275-3711
How The Prudential Committee May Support You:

1. Medicare Supplemental Insurance

The Prudential Committee assists with premiums for Medicare Supplemental Insurance.

Criteria for Medicare Supplemental Insurance assistance are as follows:

- The Minister has reached the age of Medicare eligibility.
- The Minister has accumulated ten or more years of service in a ministry setting of New Hampshire Conference Ministries.
- The Minister is serving in such a position at the time of retiring. Early retirement at age 62 or older, with qualifying service at time of retirement, will be eligible for supplemental insurance contribution upon reaching the qualifying age for Medicare.
- The Minister must continue to maintain her/his ministerial standing and be fit for ministry in and on behalf of the United Church of Christ.

A confidential enrollment form is required for participation in the program. Assistance amounts are based on annual total household income.

2. Monetary Grants

The Prudential Committee awards monetary grants from the Ministerial Relief Fund to ministers and their eligible family members with a demonstrated need in emergency situations.

Grant requests may also be shared with the Director of Ministerial Assistance at the Pension Boards of The United Church of Christ. Emergency grants from the Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross) are frequently available to those with need. Requests should be submitted by your Conference Minister.

Do I qualify?

A Minister with full standing in an Association of the New Hampshire Conference as an Ordained Minister, Ordained Ministerial Partner, Commissioned Minister, or Licensed Minister is eligible to apply for a monetary grant from the Ministerial Relief Fund.

How do I apply?

You may contact the Conference offices at 603-225-6647. The Conference Minister or the Associate Conference Minister will consult with you to determine the area of need and then refer your request to the Prudential Committee Chairperson.

What if the need is not my own?

Requests for assistance can be made by any person who has knowledge of need by a qualifying Minister. Simply call the NH Conference Office at 603-225-6647 and speak with the Conference Minister.