

WINDHAM ASSOCIATION
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Timothy Grant

The Windham Association has a long history of providing financial support to students who have entered a Covenant for Discernment and Formation (formerly known as “In Care.”) But just as important as supporting these members who are on a track toward authorized ministry is the need to support the lay leaders of our congregations when advancing their knowledge and skills. To that end, the Windham Association has created an ongoing program that provides financial assistance primarily to the lay members of its local congregations so they may attend wider church educational programs and events that will nurture their talents as well as strengthen their discipleship.

Jesus had a lot to say about discipleship. In Ancient Greek the word for disciple or apprentice, *mathetes*, came from the verb *manthano* which denoted the continuing process by which one acquired knowledge. The disciple Timothy, who accompanied Paul for many years on his journeys to bring the Good News to all people, is a perfect example of this ongoing education or apprenticeship. With that in mind, the Windham Association Council adopted the name “Timothy Grant” for the funding that will assist members in their call to Christian faith and service, that they may be taught and then become the teachers (2 Timothy 2:2.)

Grant requests must be submitted to the Windham Association Council and will be awarded when, in the judgment of the Board, there are sufficient funds available. These guidelines will be used:

1. Funds will be used to promote spiritual growth, enrichment and renewal of individuals and congregations of the Windham Association. The event for which assistance is requested should be of short duration and include experiences that provide tools, materials and information that broadens perspectives and encourages Christian service.
2. The recipient, or at least one parent of a recipient, must be a member of a Windham Association church. (If the recipient is a youth and actively involved in the youth group of a Windham church and a parent is not a member of the church, a recommendation from the Youth Group advisor regarding this youth's involvement in church activities is requested.)
3. It is expected that the person receiving assistance will continue to be active in their church and in other aspects of the United Church of Christ ministry in its varied settings.
4. The amount of assistance per event is limited to up to 50% of cost per person for up to 5 people per church. Individuals may receive two grants per year.
5. Local churches are encouraged to match the assistance given by the Association.

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Application for a Timothy Grant

Return completed form to: *Windham Association, SNEUCC*
c/o Deborah Hubbell, Registrar
34 Parsonage Rd
Hampton, CT 06247

Applicant Name _____ **Date** _____

Mailing address _____

Telephone _____ **E-mail address** _____

Church Affiliation _____

Description of Event/Program

Title of Event/Program _____

Date(s) of Event/Program _____

Location of Event/Program _____

Event/Program Sponsor/Organizer _____

Describe how you and your church will benefit from participation in the event:

Describe how you might share your anticipated learning with other congregations of the Association:

ANTICIPATED COSTS:

Registration fee \$ _____

Meals \$ _____

Lodging \$ _____

Travel \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

FUNDING SOURCES:

Personal \$ _____

Local Church \$ _____

Other \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THE WINDHAM ASSOCIATION: \$ _____

For Windham Association Council Use

Date of action:

Approved for the amount of \$ _____

Declined