

Lydia Maria Child Fund Request Form

Thank you for your interest in the Lydia Maria Fund (LMFC) and, more importantly, in helping to make a better world. Please feel free to bring your questions or initial thoughts to a LMCF committee member. Please review the LMCF Funding Criteria before completing the form.

Funding Criteria

REQUEST PROCESS

Any Member or Friend of First Parish, including youth, may submit a request. Please use the LMCF form on the website or from the First Parish office. Interested persons are encouraged to direct initial questions to a member of the LMCF committee.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES/RESTRICTIONS

- Guided by the First Parish mission and Unitarian Universalist principles, funds will be used to support social action that involves First Parish Members and Friends.
- LMCF will NOT be used for "checkbook activism" (i.e. donations will not be redistributed to other organizations), NOR for partisan activities (i.e. support for a political candidate or party).
- Funds are for new activities not currently funded by the church (although funds could be used to expand an existing program).
- Funds may be used to cover additional staff hours to manage and promote social action.

FUNDING PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO ACTIVITIES THAT:

- Provide impact in support of the Unitarian Universalist principles
- Are open to the entire First Parish congregation
- Are open to members of the greater Wayland community
- Are open to other area UU congregations and/or neighboring religious groups
- Are locally based (within driving range)
- Would lead to continued action over time (not a "one off" project)

FIRST PARISH MISSION:

To Build Community by forging caring connections and supporting one another through the joys, sorrows and mysteries of life.

To Search for Meaning by creating opportunities for all ages to explore values and principles that orient and guide us through life.

To Deepen Our Spirituality by gathering to share words and music, by nurturing private moments of reflection, and by cultivating reverence.

To Make a Better World by engaging in compassionate service and promoting social justice.

THE SEVEN UU PRINCIPLES:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

The use of additional pages to answer the below questions is fine.

- 1. Name(s) and Email(s) of all people associated with the proposal.**

- 2. Describe the project/activity you would like to fund, including a proposed timeline:**

- 3. Why are you passionate about this issue?**

- 4. How do you see this issue/activity connecting with Unitarian Universalist Principles and/or the First Parish in Wayland mission?**

- 5. How will this project/activity generate collaboration with First Parish Members and Friends?**

- 6. Who, if any, will be your outside partners?**

- 7. What do you anticipate accomplishing? What do you see as the result?**

- 8. What resources are needed beyond your own time to make your project happen?**

Please submit your completed form to LMCF@UUWAYLAND.ORG

Typically, requests are received at the next regular meeting . Please indicate in your request if the project is time sensitive and we will respond more quickly.

If you are given funds, we ask that you share with us about your experience and anything that you have learned. Sharing photos and/or videos of the project/activity is encouraged.

Thank you!

Please email LMCF@uuwayland.org to ask questions, float possibilities, and to connect with the LMCF Committee.