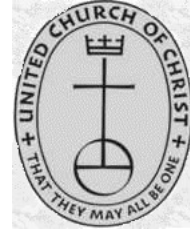




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UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AWARDED \$3,000 GRANT
by Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., Trustee of the Ella F. Anderson Trust

PETERBOROUGH, NH – A \$3,000 grant has been awarded to Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, by Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., Trustee of the Ella F. Anderson Trust, in support of the church's improvement projects. Ella F. Anderson, late of Nashua, established the trust for the benefit of various protestant churches and non-sectarian organizations within the state of New Hampshire.

“We're delighted to receive this grant and appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in submitting our proposal,” remarked church moderator, Philip Grisafi. “The funds will be applied to our capital campaign, *Opening Doors to the Future*, to help cover the costs of engaging a structural engineer to evaluate the church building and prepare a report of observations and recommendations. As a result, the church will be able to make well-informed decisions regarding further improvements such as: optimizing use of available space; installing windows in classrooms; enhancing acoustics; and increasing energy efficiency.” In accordance with the terms of the grant, the church will submit a final report detailing the use of the awarded funds by June 2008.

Union Congregational Church was built in 1839. In addition to being a historical landmark and a place of worship, the building is regularly used by a number of community organizations including: *Alcoholics Anonymous* for weekly meetings;

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American Red Cross for blood drives; *Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS)* for blood pressure clinics; *Monadnock Chorus* for rehearsals; *Peterborough Chamber Choir* for concerts; *Life Sharing Communities* for plays; and *Peterborough Jazzercise* for fitness classes. The church also hosts several ongoing activities in Fellowship Hall such as free community suppers and senior luncheons, adult education programs, and a children's summer theatre camp that benefit members and non-members alike.

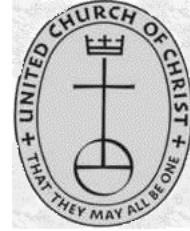
Union Congregational Church is a member of the United Church of Christ (UCC). Worship services are held Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM during the school year and at 9:30 AM during the summer. For further information, please visit the church's website, www.uccpboro.com, or call 603-924-3272.

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January 17, 2008

Sandra Brown-McMullen
Vice President
Mellon Trust of New England
Mellon Financial Center
201 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108-4408

Dear Sandra Brown-McMullen:

Your letter dated December 31st was received with joy and gratitude. Thank you very much for your favorable reply to our grant application. We look forward to sending you a final report by June 2008 that will detail the use of your \$3,000 award in support of our renovation projects through our current capital campaign, *Opening Doors to the Future*.

As requested, we are enclosing a signed copy of your Special Information Form to indicate our acceptance of this grant. Additionally, we are sending you a copy of our press release announcing the grant award which acknowledges the source as "Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., Trustee of the Ella F. Anderson Trust." In addition to our local newspapers, we are sending it to the New Hampshire Conference, UCC, for publication in their bi-monthly newsletter, *The Quarry*. Copies of any published articles will be included with the final report.

In light of our grant award, members of our church would be interested to learn more about Ella F. Anderson, late of Nashua. Could you please send us further information, such as a copy of her obituary or a photograph, for our files?

Sincerely,

Cynthia Woods, Ph.D.
Moderator

Rev. Polly H. Shamy
Pastor