

## **2007 Woburn Grants Made**

Woburn Grants Panel members serve up to two three year terms. 2007 members are Robert Luck of the U.U. Church of Greater Lynn, The Rev. Edmund Robinson, First Parish Belmont; Will Boynton, U.U. Church of Greater Lynn; Sue Adams, First Parish Waltham; Ann Fisher, U.U. Church of Reading; and the Rev. Ralph Galen, U.U. Congregation of Andover. The MBD Executive Team, the Rev. Liz Strong and the Rev. Terasa Cooley served in an advisory capacity.

In March 2007, the Woburn Funds Grants Panel reviewed 13 proposals requesting a total of \$107, 232. The Panel awarded 9 grants, listed below, totaling \$52,197:

**U.U. Congregation of Andover                      \$6,000**

“Growth and Outreach through Information Dissemination”

Develop the right message, partner with local media, expand web service, and integrate programming with outreach efforts.

**First Parish, Belmont                                      \$5,050**

Membership Coordinator, part time

For a grant to partly support a person to maintain a membership database, track visitors, and match volunteer vacancies with talents and interests, and provide coordination.

**First Parish, Dorchester                                      \$10,000**

Director of Religious Education, part time

Attendance in RE program has nearly doubled in a year, and this rapid growth will be served and further fostered by providing a dedicated professional.

**First Universalist Church of Essex (2) \$5,000**

\$2,500 for a second year to augment salary for an R.E. Director and a staff person,

\$2500 for a folding partition to divide the fellowship hall to accommodate groups.

The number of kids in R.E. continues to grow, and the congregation sees a continued influx of new families.

**First Church, Jamaica Plain                                      \$6,500**

Space Improvements in RE Area, second year grant

This grant will provide some assistance to repair an important stained glass window and to repair wood trim.

The work is viewed as key to continuing success in attracting families with children.

**First Parish in Milton                                      \$4,500**

Membership Integration and Growth Project

To support a part-time staff person who will build community connections, integrate newcomers and develop the shared ministry of the congregation.

**U.U. Church of Reading                                      \$9,700**

“Roots and Wings”

For a second grant to support the church’s growth plan in part with funding for a membership coordinator, and for design services for the marketing and public relations efforts.

**U.U. Area Church, Sherborn                                      \$5,447**

Communications Director

For a second grant to support this position, which is responsible for internal and external communications.

**Total Grants Made                                      \$52,197**