

Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, the funding for our Conference Media Resource Center was not included in the 2022 Conference Shared Ministries Budget. After annual conference this year, we reached out to Bill Gottschalk-Fielding, our director of connectional ministries, to discuss how we could work together to ensure the continuation of this vital ministry resource.

Bill offered to designate two days a week of existing support staff time to care for mailing and restocking of ordered items. We believe this will allow the Media Resource Center to function at a basic level next year.

But staffing is only part of the picture. Since we do not have a budget to purchase new resources next year, **we are asking churches who have benefited from this ministry to support it with a financial contribution.** We know that you and your church have enjoyed this resource in the past and we are praying you found this to be vital to your ministry and thus willing to help others in maintaining these resources.

The committee for the Media Resource Center is asking if you could donate **at least \$100** toward purchasing new resources next year. If your church is able to contribute more than this, we would be grateful for your additional generosity. Your help is vital to keep this mission active and current.

You can make your check payable to the "Upper New York Conference," and note it is for the "Media Resource Center" on the memo line. A gift by the end of the year would help us purchase Lenten resources for next year.

Thank you for your generosity and please direct any questions to our committee members as listed below c/o resourcecenter@unyumc.org.

+Grace and Peace,

Rev. Linda Haight

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