

**Northeast Iowa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Member Emergency Fund Policy**

The NEIUUF Member Emergency Fund (hereinafter referred to as “the MEF”) is money held by NEIUUF for the purpose of distribution to NEIUUF members in need of temporary or emergency financial assistance.

Money from the MEF shall be disbursed as gifts, not loans. Recipients of such gifts will not be asked to repay them. Should recipients wish to repay gifts, they may do so in the form of a donation to the MEF.

Decisions to disburse gifts will be made by the MEF Committee consisting of the Board Chair, the Treasurer, and the Fellowship Coordinator. Personal information about recipients will be kept confidential within the Committee.

The MEF Committee may disburse gifts of up to \$250 to one family each fiscal year. Larger gifts are allowed but must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Members shall be made aware of the MEF via email the bulletin, and encouraged to ask for help when needed by contacting a member of the MEF Committee.

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