

In response to the Lilly Foundation’s feedback that setting aside funds to actually build a labyrinth is considered a “capital expense” which Lilly does not support, the Committee met and decided to amend our proposal as follows:

We would like to amend our proposal to remove the request for funds to build a labyrinth. We think it would be very beneficial for our congregational members to be able to experience a labyrinth, so we propose visiting locations nearby to see the various kinds and to walk the labyrinths as a spiritual exercise. There are three locations within a two-hour drive that we could visit, one of them being another UCC Church:

- Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT (outdoor labyrinth)
- Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford, CT (labyrinth painted on the floor of one of their rooms)
- Mercy by the Sea Retreat and Conference Center, Madison, CT (outdoor labyrinth)

We would like to make a \$75 honorarium contribution for these visits. We also would like to rent a bus to visit these places as we have many elderly parishioners that do not drive, and we would request funds for lunch at one of the retreat centers as it will be a long day. This experience will not only be spiritual, but it also will allow us to evaluate whether a labyrinth is something we want to add to our facility permanently, and if we determine it is, we will ask our members to financially support the building of a labyrinth on our property.

Additionally, we would also like to ask for funds to have the congregation work with the same facilitator that Martha will be working with post-sabbatical to help guide us on our faith journey while Martha is gone. The facilitator could assist the congregation in articulating their faith journeys and how those journeys have impacted our congregation, and how we can learn from our journeys to reach the broader community. This will provide connection and continuity between the congregation and Martha as we work to discern the direction that God is moving FCC in our Renewal. We would designate \$3,000 for this. (\$750 for each 4 hour session, 4 sessions in total)

The Narrative Budget would be changed as follows:

Instead of the line with \$7,650 for building a labyrinth, we would like to replace it with the following:

Exploratory trip to visit labyrinths:

US Coachways Passenger Van Rental (28 people - day trip)	\$ 976
Honorarium for visits (3 x \$75)	225
Lunch: Retreat Center (\$15 per person)	375
Facilitator to work with congregation (4 sessions/4 hours each \$750)	3,000
Total expense	\$4,576