**Vine Congregational UCC Foundation**

**2017 Report**

Serving on the Board of Directors for the Vine Congregational UCC Foundation during 2017 were President Pat Criger, Vice President Joan Humphrey, Treasurer Jeff Brown, Secretary Bruce Baker, Wendy Fast, Bill Huenemann, and Dan Wright.

During the year 2017, the Vine Foundation awarded the following grants:

**$1,000.00 to “Embrace the Earth, Change the World.”** This event was part of the Earth Day 2017 Celebration, April 21 and 22 at Northeast UCC. Kaleo on the River (Kamp Kaleo in Burwell, Nebraska) made the grant request. The Foundation’s grant was used to help cover expenses for featured speakers David and Amy Freeman, 2014 National Geographic Adventurers of the Year. Money for the grant came from the Rasche Myers Outreach Fund.

**$310.00 to the Church Council of Vine Congregational UCC.** This was the annual distribution of available money from the Margaret Myers Fund.

**$5,000.00 to the Church Council of Vine Congregational UCC, Building and Grounds Committee.** The purpose of this grant was to finish funding for the replacement of the west church entryway porch surface, the north end support wall, the steps, sidewalk, and new railing around the entire porch and down the steps. Money for the grant came from the General Endowment Fund.

**$5,000.00 to the Church Council of Vine Congregational UCC, Building and Grounds Committee.** The purpose of this grant was to repair the north roof, guttering, and soffit, which were collapsing due to age and accumulated decay from moisture and rains. $500.00 came from the Capital Improvement/Needs Fund, and $4,500.00 came from the General Endowment Fund.

**$5,000.00 pledged to Church Council of Vine Congregational UCC, Building and Grounds Committee.** This decision on the part of the Board was to provide assurance to the Church Council that the Foundation would pay varying amounts, up to $5,000.00, to help cover any Cornerstone loan payments for the replacement of the church’s main air conditioning units.

**$1,000.00 to Lincoln Firefighters IAFF Local 644 support of “Operation Warm.”** This effort raises money to provide new, American-made coats for Lincoln children in need. Money for the grant came from the Rasche Myers Outreach Fund.