Four Directions Fund COVID-19 Response Expansion

The Four Directions fund was founded to inspire care for Creation through our Sacred Activism Program – an interactive workshop that addresses the environmental and cultural problems we are currently facing by collectively exploring the depths of our gratitude, anger, grief, and hope.

After participating in Sacred Activism, individuals and congregations have traditionally been eligible for up to $300 in funding from the Four Directions Fund to implement environmental projects. However, in an effort to acknowledge the intersectionality of the current climate crisis and the environmental problems of our time, we must address the environmental, public health, and other complications posed by the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19.

In order to provide additional support to congregations in light of the COVID-19 crisis, GIPL is expanding the types of projects eligible to apply to the Four Directions Fund to include congregational and community based projects that are in direct response to the complications and injustices perpetuated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some examples of these projects could include (but are not limited to):

- The installation of remote/temporary hand washing stations
- Equipment, medical supplies, and other resources to maintain operations for transitional housing units, shelters, food pantries, and other community services
- Serving as a COVID-19 testing site
- To support programs alleviating food insecurity, energy burden, and additional community needs