

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, to be used for programs that address “housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate.” A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: First Baptist Church Trenton

Mailing Address: 128- 140 Centre St. Trenton, NJ 08611

Phone: 609-393-8810

Federal Tax ID#: 21-0644459

Name of Region: ABCNJ Capital Association

Contact person (person completing this form): Rev Calvin Nadir Powell- Senior Pastor

Email of contact person: nadirsstop@gmail.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒Yes ☐No

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☒Yes ☐No

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☒Yes ☐No

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

ESL, tutoring program for our Burmese refugees, youth entrepreneurship program

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

It will help us acquire educational material that's needed to help increase their literacy. Furthermore, they will learn how to speak English more fluently. This alone is the beginning of them rising above poverty because it gives them the tools that will help them participate in mainstream life as they seek to become whole and healthy citizens. As they learn, this in itself raises their self esteem where they'll be able to see themselves going to higher heights and a higher life. We've already witnessed this through our youth who has gone on to schools of higher learning. In addition, the funding will also help us bring aboard qualified instructors to help teach. We will also be able to bring in motivational speakers who will speak power into their lives. Funding will also be used to transport youth our site. The funding will also help us provide food for them.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

The funds will help us with our program that teaches them about entrepreneurship. The entrepreneurship program seeks to teach them how to generate income and invest it. We will seek to empower them both financially and spiritually.

5. Total cost of the project: \$5,500
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$4000
7. List other funding source(s): FBC Trenton donations, youth doing fund raising projects, Capital Association and personal donors
8. Please submit along with your application a copy of:
  - Your mission statement.
  - A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable.

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) First Baptist Church Trenton, I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by (name of person): Reverend Calvin Nadir Powell (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: July 3, 2017

**Please note:**

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org).
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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## **Instructions and information for completing the 2017 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application**

### **1. General information**

Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

### **3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?**

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs, or to maintain a "Rainy Day fund" or church benevolent fund.

**4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?**

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

**5. Total cost of the project**

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

**6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.**

One application per church will be considered per 24 month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 grant cycle, applicants who received funding in Spring 2016 are eligible to apply for the Fall 2017 grant cycle. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

**7. Your other funding source(s).**

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

**8. Please submit with your application a copy of:**

**- Your mission statement**

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

**- A financial statement for this ministry**

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

**Other information and requirements**

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) CNP

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application  
First Baptist Church of Trenton, NJ

**Mission Statement**

The First Baptist Church of Trenton is a diverse community representing 15 different language groups seeking to be and make disciples of Christ, in an authentic community for the good of the world. We are a small congregation serving the poor, the hungry, and welcoming refugees in South Trenton.

**Financial Statement**

**2017 Proposed and Request**

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Travel expenses               | \$500   |
| ESL curricula (student books) | \$500   |
| Tutors/ Karen speakers        | \$3500  |
| Lunch after am ESL tutoring   | \$1,000 |
| Totals                        | \$5,500 |

## ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application

### From the First Baptist Church of Trenton, NJ

The following will describes how the funds will assist our individuals who are battling poverty.

The First Baptist Church of Trenton continues to provide needed services for poor, inner-city refugees from Burma. We are also concerned with literacy. This funding will support our part time volunteer lay leaders in Trenton as they help our needy by translating language when needed. They help our refugees when they need translation for employment, health facilities or health issues, school, filling out applications of any sort such as job applications, food stamp applications, medical, dental, police and legal services, housing opportunities, parent teacher conferences, driver license tests, income tax preparation, and other social services. They help families learn where free resources are available for food, clothing, furniture, etc. And, they help transport people to work and, most importantly, to church. This funding will also support ESL curricula and stipends for tutors. Other (unpaid) volunteers provide the ESL instruction for youth which have been sustained for four years.

They also provide transportation for our refugees from Burma to these different sites. In addition the funding will help as we continue to teach (ESL) English as a Second Language to help empower our refugees as they seek to one day become whole and healthy citizens of the United States. We also provide tutoring for youth. Furthermore, the funding will help with our youth entrepreneurship as we teach them how to start their own business and how to invest their money.

It was an exciting year for FBC Trenton! Two of our youth graduated from high school. Tutoring was a great part of their success. This is a major accomplishment in Trenton where the high school graduation rate is low. Furthermore, this is a great accomplishment because more of our refugees are seeking to go to college. This being the case, the funding will help us to continue bring in tutors who are qualified to prepare them for their SAT testing. Presently, through tutoring, three of our Burmese youth are attending college. The funding has been an integral part of them fulfilling their dream. Truly, it's a blessing.

We continue to provide ESL, tutoring, Bible study and choir practice for our youth each Saturday during the school year. Volunteers serve each Saturday. The paid tutors meet with the students at other times during the week. Other funds supported retreats and ice skating and visits to the park for our youth. During spring break 20 plus youth attended a retreat held at the church. Last August we provided a one-day bible study soccer camp where youth learned about soccer, but they also learned about the word of God. We also had a group called Beyond Expectations come in to teach film and media recording. Three of our children received monies so they could spend a week at the Baptist Camp in Lebanon.

We serve dinner three nights a week at our soup kitchen. The food pantry is available. The Praise Dance continues to minister. Free tax preparation is available for those earning less than \$60,000.

We appreciate your continuing support as we welcome the stranger and minister in Christ's name.