

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



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.

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 or repairs 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: Cornerstone Community Church

Mailing Address: 911 East Main Street Endicott, New York 13760

Phone: 607-239-4127

Federal Tax ID#: 38- 3807904

Name of Region: ABC Broome- Tioga Association

Contact person (person completing this form): Stephanie Eatton-Johnson

Email of contact person: Gncontrol@hotmail.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?

Mission Ministry

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.

The funds will be used to purchase food (meat, starch, vegetables, snacks, fruits), drinks and supplies (bags, tape) to provide at least 80+ healthy lunches per month for people in our community.

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 enable the ministry to provide healthy meals to individuals/families in our local community who often go hungry due to poverty. Our ministry hopes to bridge the gap in hunger for the targetted group of individuals/families.

5. Total cost of the project: \$3000 per year

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$3000

7. List other funding source(s): 1-Cornerstone Community Church and 2- donations such as food and supplies from the members of Cornerstone
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) Cornerstone Community Church, 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): Stephanie Eatton-Johnson (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 31, 2018

**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 2018 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. 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) SEJ

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

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Rev. Dr. Greg Johnson, Pastor



**Serving Christ and the Community**

**Matthew 25: 34- 36**

*Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.*

**Matthew 28: 19-20**

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

**Mission Ministry's Mission Statement:**

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with the love, guidance and teachings of Jesus Christ,  
reach out to those in need and  
to those who spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ at home and abroad.

*Agnesella Young*  
Signature/title *Director of Mission Finance*

*August 28, 2018*  
Date



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**Mission Ministry's Hotel Lunch Program**  
**2017-2018 Annual Financial Report**

July 2017- \$25 check given May 31<sup>st</sup>

August 2017- \$25 check given July 1<sup>st</sup>

September 2017- \$25 check given July 1<sup>st</sup>

October 2017- \$25 check given July 1<sup>st</sup>

November 2017- \$25 check given October 21<sup>st</sup>

December 2017- \$25 check given October 21<sup>st</sup>

January 2018- \$30 check given January 17<sup>th</sup>

February 2018- \$30 check given February 21<sup>st</sup>

March – June 2018- no funds provided by Cornerstone Community Church due to limited finances; lunches were supported by donations from the members of the church.

July 2018- \$210 check given to cover March through September of 2018; funds were used to restock paper goods, snacks and other lunch needs.

  
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**Mission Ministry's Hotel Lunch Program**

Thank you very much for considering the Mission Ministry of Cornerstone Community Church's application for much needed funds to support our lunch program. Currently, the Mission Ministry serves 80 lunches per month – 40 hot meals and 40 bagged lunches- to individuals and families housed at the Knights Inn, a hotel in Endwell, New York. The individuals and families reside at the hotel because they do not have homes. The Manager of the Knights Inn tells us that the people receiving the meals are starving and look forward to the meals that the Mission Ministry provides twice a month. The Manager would like for the ministry to provide meals weekly. Unfortunately, the ministry does not have the funds to meet this request.

The meals for the lunch program are prepared at Cornerstone Community Church. After preparing and packaging the meals, they are transported to the hotel. Hot meals consist of a meat, starch and a vegetable. The bagged lunches include a sandwich, 2 snacks, a drink and 2 small treats (e. g. a peppermint). When possible, we add a piece of fruit.

The Mission Ministry will use the Matthew 25 Grant funds to: restock supplies, purchase fruit, buy more vegetables and invest in more nutritious foods. All of these items would be added to the individuals' lunches. Ultimately, the grant would enable the Mission Ministry to continue and expand the lunch program.

At present, we, the Mission Ministry, are trying our best to maintain this vital program in our community. Regrettably, our funding is very limited.

Thank you in advance for this opportunity. We look forward to your response. Blessings!

Agnesette D. Jones  
Signature/Title Director of Mission Finance

August 28, 2018  
Date

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