

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: New Creation Church

Mailing Address: 11005 Dayton Street, 11005 Dayton Street, Wheaton, Maryland 20902

Phone: 301-649-6000

Federal Tax ID#:

Name of Region: District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Contact person (person completing this form): Ella V. Redfield

Email of contact person: Ella V. Redfield, Pastor

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?

Food Distribution Program, Summer Enrichment and Empowerment Program, Senior Adult 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 funding will be used to help feed the homeless, without shelter, in the winter months, feeding the impoverished twice monthly in the Wheaton/Silver Spring Community; supplement food and purchase supplies for our Summer Program for children, and to assist with lunch for our Senior Adult Program that meets monthly.

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?

By providing free food for those who are in poverty and have limited funds and resources. Feeding the impoverished provides a sense of "food security", and not having to worry about the basic need to live.

5. Total cost of the project: \$5000.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$3000.00
7. List other funding source(s): Capital Area Food Bank, Manna Foods, and Montgomery County Public Schools
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) New Creation 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): Rev. Dr. Ella V. Redfield, Pastor (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: July 28, 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.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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) EVR

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

NEW CREATION CHURCH
MATTHEW 25 GRANT PROPOSAL

2017 BUDGET

Food Products (Supplements the fresh produce with perishable foods)	\$2000.00
Packaging materials (some foods are separated to serve more individuals)	500.00
Soup Saturday – Feeding the Homeless in winter months And provide hats, socks, gloves, blankets	1000.00
Summer Empowerment for Children Supplement food provided by the County Arts and Crafts and other Activities	500.00
Three Educational Activities 1. children 2. adults	400.00
Christmas for Community children with educational activities with fun	500.00
Administrative	200.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
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Total	\$5200.00

MATTHEW 25 GRANT PROPOSAL
NEW CREATION CHURCH
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

OUR VISION

Our Vision is to Embrace, Enrich, and Empower lives for God.

OUR MISSION

"Our Mission is to create a Spiritual Community to worship, learn and have fun experiencing the power and presence of God. We explore spiritual truths to enrich our lives and the lives of others."

New Creation Church is located in one of the most impoverished communities in Montgomery County, Maryland. In an effort to address the challenges of poverty, the church has established ministries, such as the Food Distribution Program that provides free produce, meat, dairy, and non-perishable food twice a month. Each month, regardless of weather, hundreds of people in the community form lines around the church to receive free food, feeding over 1000 family members.

We also distribute other non-perishable food to the Mid County United Ministries for distribution to County residents seeking help. In addition to our Food Distribution Program, our Summer Enrichment and Empowerment and Senior Adult Programs also provide free food to those who attend. The Capital Area Food Bank and Manna Foods provide a variety of food for the twice monthly Food Distribution. Also, the Montgomery County Public Schools provides food for the Summer Enrichment Program for Children. The Montgomery County Food Recovery Group provided resources to help with food storage, and the Church has received two six feet commercial freezers in order to increase the food distribution.

In January 2016, the New Creation Church added another component to our Food Distribution Program with "Soup Saturday", which is feeding the homeless during the winter months, from January to March. In 2016, we went out on the streets of Silver Spring, Maryland and served over 100 homeless individuals.

This Matthew 25 Grant Proposal will allow the church to elevate its Food Distribution Program in these ministries to reach more people, ameliorate poverty and create a sense of food security in the impoverished among us, particularly in the Wheaton/Silver Spring community.

Moreover, we continue to seek ways to expand by offering a wider range of food products and increasing educational opportunities. The expansion also includes reaching out to the community with ongoing and consistent activities for support and assistance. With this grant the community is witnessing the "Hands and Feet of God", as written in Matthew 25, by the people of God at New Creation Church and American Baptist Churches, USA.