

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA 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 largely based on the degree to which the funds will be used to directly assist persons in poverty. Ministries must be in relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions.

1. General Information:

Organization Name _____ *First Baptist Church - Corning* _____
Affiliation with ABCUSA _____ *ABC/NYS* _____
Address _____ *110 East First Street* _____
_____ *Corning, NY 14830* _____
Phone _____ *607-936-9514* _____ Federal Tax ID# _____ *16-1036139* _____
Contact person _____ *Kimberly McGrady* _____ email _____ *cfbc@stny.rr.com* _____

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement (**don't currently have a 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. (**see attachment**)

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.) (**see attachment**)

4. Total cost of the project _____ *\$1800* _____

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant _____ *\$1200* _____

6. Your other funding source(s) _____ *congregant donations* _____

I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) _____ *Kimberly T. McGrady* _____ Date _____ *August 12, 2015* _____

Printed Name/Title _____ *Kimberly T. McGrady, Office Manager* _____

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline is March 1 for grants distributed on April 15; Sept. 1 for grants distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



How do you plan to use the requested funds?

The funds received from the Matthew 25 Grant will be used to underwrite the cost of the free monthly (all-you-can-eat) lunch that we offer. These funds will be used to purchase the food – main course, side dishes, dessert(s) and drink – for each month's lunch. A small portion may be used to purchase any paper products (small Styrofoam bowls/plates/cups, etc.). The free lunch is an opportunity for our ministry to outreach to the community and has the potential to feed people naturally and spiritually.

How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

The free lunch occurs on the last Saturday of every month (with the exception of holiday weekends – then it is moved back a week). We scheduled it at the end of the month because that is the time when people are in need but lack the resources to meet the need. By the end of the month, most people's food stamp allotment is depleted and pension/social security checks have not yet been issued. Our desire is to "stand in the gap" during this time for those in need.

The free lunch is also a means through which we can convey (in actions not in words) that we care about the people of our community. And while the free lunch may not eradicate poverty, our prayer is that it will fill a need at a critical time of the month.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MONTHLY FREE LUNCH
PROJECTED MONTHLY BUDGET¹**

INCOME: **\$150**

EXPENSE:

Meat/main course	\$80
Side dishes	\$40
Desserts	\$25
Drinks	<u>\$ 5</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$150**

¹ The projection is based upon receiving the requested funds from the Matthew 25 Grants. The projected budget amount is based on feeding 30 people (every month) at a cost of \$5/person.