

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: Lake Street Church of Evanston

Mailing Address: 607 Lake Street Evanston, IL 60201

Phone: 847-864-2181

Federal Tax ID#: 36-2179159

Name of Region: Chicago Metro

Contact person (person completing this form): Jacqueline McKay

Email of contact person: jackiemckay3@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?

Peace and Justice Committee

Hunger and Homelessness

Immigration

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.

To relieve Hunger: We are requesting that Matthew 25 funds support

*Homecooked suppers by and with our members, twice monthly, for residents of Hilda's Place, the shelter in our church-house basement.

*100 bagged suppers monthly to be distributed in Chicago's under-served neighborhoods with the Night Ministry.

To relieve the Homeless immigrants: Matthew funds would provide

*Matching funds for extra curricular activities that help integrate the young son of our guest asylum family into his school and neighborhood communities.

*Grant funds would help make the "waiting" life of our asylum family's adult daughter in detention in Houston, as bearable as allowed, helping her maintain phone contact with her family in Chicago and obtaining occasional personal care goods, books, music, etc. from the prison commissary.

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?

Matthew 25 funding will enable us to feed the growing number of people in our communities of service:

*In Evanston, those striving to regain a foothold in life at the shelter in our church experience encouragement and camaraderie at 24 Sustenance Connections dinners by sharing the essence of hospitality--homecooked meals and neighborly companionship over meals.

*We also supply the Night Ministry with member-bagged meals that are handed out on the streets of under-served neighborhoods in Chicago. These meals draw hungry recipients to learn of and tap and use many other resources to fill income gaps and get their lives on track.

*In both groups, the events break up isolation and makes those who receive them feel part of a community.

To soften the burden of Homelessness among the immigrants we serve:

*The funding can help us create a more integrated and fuller life for our asylum family's young son by providing the required matching funds for the extracurricular activities that provide healing and integration in his new life here and fosters important adult and child relationships outside his family.

*We are also proposing using funding to allow us to soften the blow of the loneliness and homelessness of detention and the deportation threat that constantly hangs over the young adult daughter of our asylum family by supporting phone contact and some comforts of normal life not provided in the detention center's prison atmosphere.

5. Total cost of the project: \$5450
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$3500
7. List other funding source(s): church member donations, Franciscan Sisters of Clinton Iowa, The Ted Fund
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) Lake Street 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): Jacqueline McKay (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 9-1-2018

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.
 - 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) JM

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

2018 Matthew 25 Financial Statement
Budget Narrative

Most of the Hunger and Homelessness work of Lake Street Church that falls under the description of the intended recipients of the Matthew 25 Fund is done under the auspices of Lake Street Church's Peace and Justice Committee.

Peace and Justice Committee 2018 Budget

<i>Project</i>	<i>Annual Cost</i>	<i>M 25 Request</i>
Sustenance Connections	\$1800	\$1200
Sandwich-Making	\$1200	\$ 800

Matching funds for extra curricular activities for Dani (soccer, summer camp, swimming classes, for example)	\$ 600	\$ 300
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Funds for Yesica Phone Account	\$ 960	\$ 700
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Commissary Account	\$ 890	\$ 500
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TOTAL	\$5450	\$3500
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MATTHEW 25 FUND TOTAL REQUEST		\$3500
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*The immigration work of Lake Street Church was partially funded previously by a \$1500 grant from the Franciscan Sisters of Clinton, Iowa. At this point, they have directed most of their funding to Yessica's legal defense.

*Yesica's Legal Defense Funds are held in a separate account. The current Lawyer is not taking fees at this time. Some are used for court expenses. Pending whether there will be a bond required if Yesica is transferred or released from detention, the fees will be paid to the lawyer. Bonds can run from \$1000 to \$15,000. There is approximately \$8000 currently in the account. Most of the funds have been contributed by LSC members and community members as well as The Franciscan Sisters of Clinton, Iowa and the Christian Religious Leadership Network of Chicago

Lake Street Church Covenant

***We stand together in celebration of the divine
that moves within, among and around us.***

***As a spiritual community, we affirm our kinship with
the earth and all of its people.***

***Our covenant with one another is ROOTED in the
Christian tradition and the living practice of Jesus to
welcome the excluded and care for the vulnerable.***

***We are CONNECTED by our respect for soul liberty,
which challenges us to embody God in the world
each in our own way.***

***We seek to be transformed as we wake to the
hidden wholeness of life.***

***We promise to be mutually helpful one to the other,
Bearing one another's burdens, participating in
one another's joys and supporting
the church community that nurtures us all.***

***We promise to make this church a womb
of contemplation and action, so as to clarify
our vision and strengthen our resolve
to act against injustice and for peace.***

***We promise to be stewards of the earth,
sustaining it for future generations by cultivating
self-discipline and gratitude.***

***We pray together to love justice , act kindly,
and walk humbly with God.***



To: Tina Turner
Matthew 25 Grant Coordinator
American Baptist Churches USA

From: Jackie McKay
Peace and Justice Committee
Lake Street Church of Evanston

Re: **2018 Matthew 25 Grant Application**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal. Its award would further the potential of our Congregation's social justice work and help us sustain and grow our Ministries.

Notes on Our Ministry Program Needs

Our **Hunger Ministry** is more than feeding people. It is understanding that the way people get their needed food could be gentler and more inclusive. By positioning it as a family meal we all contribute to and partake of together, we are erasing the lines between givers and receivers that make us all realize that sharing is the ultimate goal. All of our Sustenance Connection volunteers say that the part they love most about the program is getting to know the neighbors who live at Hilda's place and getting unanticipated insights into each others' worlds. It creates laughter, tears and humility which form bonds. It sharpens our ability to work for change because we have partaken of more than the bread...thus our family style suppers and sandwich-making sessions bring real life motivation to take fresh viewpoints to legislative and local planning leaders, hopefully alongside the folks from whom we learned. But it is commonly held that food is the undeniable center of get-togethers of all sizes. (See: the Last Supper) And that is the gift of the Matthew funding. While our members bring great recipes and home-cooked specialties to share, the larger costs are not as readily available, especially of the protein entrees and drinks that are in the grant along with other un-donated necessary "ingredients".

Likewise, welcoming a family at the center of our **Immigration Ministry** had unanticipated costs. At Lake Street Church, the past few years have brought us much closer to the world of our immigrant brothers and sisters as their lives collide with new American policy. Finding a place to feel "at home" is the basis of immigration. In its most serious form it is fleeing for safety. As the challenge to immigrants heightened, our members went through a discernment process that resulted in us becoming a sanctuary church. The opportunity to give a desperate asylum-seeking family the roots their process required occurred first, so we invited them to move into the vacant apartment in our church-house. We have learned so much, principally by having ugly headlines about the causes and perils of immigrants' lives turn into true understanding of life challenges that few of our members will ever face. As we grow to know and love our new neighbors, what they need becomes more apparent than our imagined goals.

The youngest son Dani, 7 when he came, had experienced the murder of his father, uprooting from his home because of continuing death threats, a frightening journey North, uncertainty in navigating a new culture and incomprehensible loss of a beloved sister's presence. He needed the chance for genuine integration opportunities, beyond school, into his new environment. We have tried to offer that by involving him in activities that his peers are having but it is often at costs that the family can't meet. We hope that Matthew 25 can help provide some of the required scholarship matches to to continue his informal healing,

The disappeared sister, Yesica, was separated from the family at the border and deported--sent back to a country where she immediately faced again, the sexual demands and assault that her father died defending her from. She fled allowed to enter the United State and begin asylum process. Instead of reunification, she was detained in Houston where we have been fighting for her release for two years, during which time she has not seen her family. Termed a felon, she has remained in detention that is basically a prison experience. Our Lake Street community and now, many others that we have engaged, have done a wonderful job prioritizing fundraising for her legal fund. But there are less crucial expenses that can help her bear the fear, loneliness and depression of imminent deportation. The Matthew grant could be a source of contact with her family by phone and the real world (commissary items like books and music) as she waits for liberation without even seeing her family for the two years she has been back in the country.

It may be that help we seek for our family through this request --for Dani and Yesica's healing and welfare-- are not crucial in everyone's view, but they are the kinds of lifegiving help that we have learned are important and can be overlooked and "cut" from a budget that maxes out from food, clothing and shelter especially now when we have to prioritize Yesica's legal fees.

Peace and Justice Committee Mission Statement

The mission of the Peace and Justice Committee is to find ways for our Lake Street Committee to move from contemplation to action. Committee Members strive to raise Congregational awareness of local, national and global issues that provide opportunities for members to act individually and together to promote peace, further economic and social justice, practice earth stewardship, and alleviate poverty, hunger and homelessness. They encourage us to make an impact on these issues by practicing sacred citizenship through service, direct political action, and responsible participation in public policymaking and the electoral and legislative processes.