

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

First Baptist Church of North Kingstown, 1135 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown R.I. 02852

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Community Meal Program

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The mission statement of the community meal program is as follows – “We seek to nourish our neighbors in body and spirit by providing a hospitable and safe place to gather to eat and be in community.” First Baptist, North Kingstown is one of four churches in our town who participate in providing a meal once a week in an ecumenical effort to battle nutritional poverty.

Our church’s projected budget for the coming year is approximately \$900. \$750 will be used to purchase food items and \$150 will be used to purchase plates, cups, napkins and take-out containers.

The food budget will be for the purchase of the following – ground turkey, stuffing mix, chicken bouillon cubes for broth, cranberry sauce, potatoes, carrots and green beans. Other items to be purchased include gravy mix, milk, butter, cream, sugar and coffee. The paper goods budget will be for items for the meal and containers for our guests to take home leftovers. All individuals involved in the management of this program are volunteers and there are no funded positions.

The funds we are asking for will provide a hearty, nutritious meal for those who attend. Currently the majority of our guests are senior citizens living on fixed incomes. This meal, and the leftovers they may take home, will help stretch their grocery budget. We also have several family groups of younger folks who attend. While we do not seek income verification, we are familiar with the areas of town that they reside in as being lower income. We hope to show those who attend that we, as God’s children, can show His care and love with no strings attached. There are no efforts made to force folks to attend any of the participating churches but many of our meal guests have attended special events at our church including an ice cream social hymn sing and Memorial Day hot dog roast. An added benefit of this program has been to see the community of care that has grown between groups who may not ordinarily interact.

In order to continue this program we are seeking a grant of \$900 to fund FBCNK’s participation for the coming year. We have no other funding sources except for the donation of bread and desserts from a local grocery chain.

I certify that all the information submitted in this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will submit 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: Donna Maynert Date February 23, 2016