

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: West Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 39 W Mohawk St.; Oswego, NY 13126

Phone: (315) 343-9188

Federal Tax ID#:

Name of Region: ABC of New York State

Contact person (person completing this form): Stephanie Wyatt (Interim Pastor)

Email of contact person: stephanie@stephaniewyatt.net

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?

Daily Threads Clothing Closet

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.

Daily Threads is a children and youth clothing closet ministry of West Baptist Chrch in Oswego, NY. Daily Threads will celebrate its grand opening on Sept. 23rd, 2018 with a shoe and sock giveaway for elementary school children (made possible through member contributions of 75 pairs of shoes and socks). The Matthew 25 funds will enable us to replenish and add to our current inventory. While Daily Threads offers pre-owned clothing, the store supplies new shoes, socks and underwear for hygenic reasons.

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?

A church member proposed the idea of a children and youth clothing closet last winter. While serving as a substitute teacher at the local high school, she noticed that many students wore the same clothes to school each day for a week and that they had no socks to warm their feet during the very cold Central NY winter months. The church member consulted the high school principal, school nurse, and other teachers to confirm the need within the community. These staff members agreed to offer referrals of students in need of this type of assistance.

5. Total cost of the project: Start Up Costs: \$1050.00; Replenishment \$1500.00
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1250.00
7. List other funding source(s): Monetary and clothing donations from church and community
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) West Baptist Church, Oswego, NY, 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 Wyatt (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 9/1/18

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 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) SMW

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

MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION
West Baptist Church in Oswego, NY
Daily Threads Clothing Closet

Mission Statement:

Daily Threads offers free clothing, shoes, socks, underwear and other basic needs to children and youth in Oswego County. It is lovingly housed within the West Baptist Church in Oswego, NY. The mission of Daily Threads is to fulfill, in small part, Jesus' commission to the faithful in Matthew 25:35–36: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me" (vs. 35–36). Through loving our neighbors, we come to know God more fully, to follow Jesus more closely, and to embrace the Holy Spirit more intentionally.

The Birth of Daily Threads

The name "Daily Threads" is a word-play on the necessity of "Daily Bread" as stated in the Lord's Prayer.

Following the initial suggestion that the church begin a clothing closet ministry (see grant application for more details) and church council approval, the small, but dedicated congregation of West Baptist Church has made contributions of new socks, underwear, and diapers, in addition to gently used clothing to prepare for the opening of Daily Threads. Church members (including the youth group) have contributed numerous volunteer hours clearing and cleaning the designated space, as well as arranging, sorting, and laundering to bring this vision to fruition.

We will celebrate the opening of daily Threads with a back-to-school new shoe giveaway on Sunday, September 23rd, when we will be giving away over 75 pairs of children's shoes (made possible through a generous individual donation of \$750). Church members will wash the children's feet (according to the model of Jesus in John 13:1–20) and give them new socks and shoes for the school year. Copies of the Gospel of John will be offered to those who wish to take them along with the schedule for Daily Threads.

Daily Threads will be open one day per week and one Saturday a month. The church will also open the closet on request from the school personnel as needs are identified. Each family will receive a loaf of bread (daily bread from their trip to Daily Threads).

The Matthew 25 grant will be very useful in meeting the cost of new underwear, socks, and other clothing needs, allowing the church members to expand the ministry as the needs of the community are identified. While West Baptist has not recently made a contribution to the United Mission fund, we do make contributions each year to America For Christ, World Mission Offering, Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, and the Regional Offering.

Budget

Purchase of new socks and underwear	\$750.00
New Shoe Purchase:	\$750.00
Total Cost:	\$1500.00

We request a Matthew 25 Grant of \$1250.00 of the \$1500.00 required with church member donations supplying the remaining funds. We will continue to rely on clothing donations from local churches, agencies, and individuals for the rest of the closet's needs.