

## 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 NEXTGEN CHURCH  
Affiliation with ABCUSA \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 1300 WINDSOR EDINGBURG ROAD, WEST WINDSOR, NJ 08550  
Phone (609) 558-4708 Federal Tax ID# 263472651000  
Contact person REV. DR. MIA CHANG email MIA@NEXTGENMINISTRY.NET

2. Please submit 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.

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.)

4. Total cost of the project \$7,650

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) NEXTGEN CONGREGATION

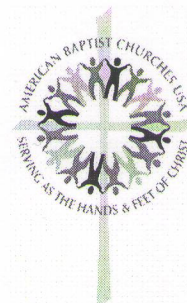
I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) Lola Akiwowo Date 8/28/14

Printed Name/Title REV. DR. LOLA AKIWOWO/ ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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](mailto:beth.fogg@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**"A mosaic community together in the journey of faith."**

**NextGen Church is a multi-ethnic community of families and young adults whose mission is to love, serve and impact our world by reaching out to our neighbors and building up the next generation. We embrace the diversity and differences in our heritage and culture, and celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ. At NextGen, we celebrate through worship, connect with one another, care for the community and cultivate our calling.**

## **MATTHEW25 GRANT STATEMENT OF NEED**

NextGen Church is very pleased to submit a grant application request of our Saturday Tutoring program at Grant Elementary school in Trenton, New Jersey. “NextGen-at-Grant” tutoring program helps students with Math, Reading, Writing, and enrichment activities. Majority of these students are from low income households and are performing well below grade levels and needed one-on-one or small group attention. Through our interactions with the students, we continue to discover that majority of the students are two or three grades behind in their academic levels. Working closely with the teachers, administrators and parents, our Saturday program is designed to provide a safe and positive learning environment for students.

We have an average of 22 students attending the program every Saturday morning last year. This year, we anticipate this number to grow to 35 students, due to the influx of new students to the school. The program is run on voluntary basis, as our church members serve the children with love and dedication.

As our involvement with the Grant Elementary school continues to grow, we recognize other needs that continue to affect their educational aspiration. These include: health care for children, school staff morale, and parent involvement. This past year, we were able to meet these needs through a Health Fair workshop, distribution of classroom resources to teachers, staff breakfasts, and PTA support.

In the upcoming year, “NextGen at Grant” hopes to reach more students, families, and teachers. Plans for expansion includes: parenting workshops, career fair, and outdoor excursions. With great anticipation and hope, NextGen Church is excited to love our Trenton neighbors for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to this academic year with opportunities to serve more students.