

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



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. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

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 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: Westview Baptist Church  
Mailing Address: 2031 Westview Drive, Indianapolis, IN  
Phone: 317-637-4771 Federal Tax ID#: 35-1617932  
Name of Region: ABCUSA  
Contact person (person completing this form): Janet Taylor  
Email of contact person: janettaylor1302@comcast.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?

Wednesday Night Outreach Meal Program

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 purchase food and needed supplies to prepare meals each week for approx 100 to 140 underprivileged people.

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?

The people which we serve, some are homeless, some very low income and single parents. For many it is the only good meal they will have for that week. We not only wish to feed their bodies we want to plant seeds that shows them how Christ loves them and how knowing him can change their lives in ways they can not imagine.

5. Total cost of the project: \$23,100

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

7. List other funding source(s): Small donations from our congregation and four members of our Church that supply the meals each week
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) Westview Baptist, 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): Janet Taylor (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8-30-2017

**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](mailto: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 2017 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.



# Westview Baptist Church

2031 Westview Drive  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46221

Office (317) 637-4771

Rev. George Schoonmaker, Pastor

*Westview Baptist Church was established in 1915 at the corner of Belmont St. and Morris St. in the south central downtown of Indianapolis. The Church has proclaimed Jesus Christ and has helped the needy and impoverished people in our area for over 100 years. We denominationally belong to the American Baptist Churches of Greater Indianapolis and the American Baptist Churches USA.*

*Over the last several years we have developed new ministries in our neighborhood in spite of a meager budget of about 60K and an average attendance of about 55 people presently. Many of our involved families are on disability, Medicaid, or retirement incomes and cannot help with the financial part of our Ministries. Most of our Ministries have to be funded by private donations.*

*We have a Bread Ministry in which we give away each Wednesday night approximately 500 or more loaves of bread and several hundred pastries. We collect these items from local grocery warehouses each week making several trips during the week to collect enough to supply for the needs.*

*We have a Food Pantry Ministry where we supply bags of food on Sunday mornings to persons in need. This ministry is supported by the members of our Church.*

*On Wednesday nights we have a free community dinner. It is prepared and paid for by approximately four family members of our Church. Our attendance averages approximately 95 people a week with approximately 65% of those eating coming from the community with no Church ties.*

*We also have a Clothing Ministry where people can receive needed clothing items for free. Again, these items are all donated by our Church members and other friends and people in the community.*

*The largest Ministry is providing a place to worship on Wednesday evening, Sunday morning and occasionally on Sunday nights. Over the last twenty years I have pastored here the continuance of the Church has changed greatly. In the 50's and 60's many of our members moved to the suburbs and now deceased. Over the last few years the majority of our new people have neighborhood ties. It has become a missional Church in the inner city. We can use effectively any help we can receive for the sake of our community.*

*God bless and thank you for letting us share with you about our Church, its ministries and the people we serve in the name of Jesus Christ.*

George Schoonmaker, Pastor

## Westview Baptist Church Wednesday Night Outreach Dinner Budget 2018

### **Perisable food approx 275 weekly**

includes food for meal preparation, drinks (coffee, koolaid etc.) \$ 14,300.00

### **Paper supplies**

paper plates, cups, napkins, storage containers etc. table cloths \$ 3,000.00

### **Cleaning supplies**

dish soap, mopping and cleaning chemicals and supplies \$ 1,300.00

### **Utilities**

added expense for Wednesday dinners \$ 4,500.00

Total budget \$ 23,100.00



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## Mission statement:

"We exist to welcome people to faith; equip people with a faith that works in real life; and send us in service into the world in Jesus' name."

## Value statement:

"Our values are:

1. Faith in Jesus Christ;
2. Passion for the Gospel;
3. Respect for all people;
4. Kindness;
5. Honesty;
6. Spiritual Growth;
7. Worship as a privilege and power of meeting God with other believers.
8. Community

## Vision statement:

"We are a 100+ year old humble Church which exists to give glory to God. We see ourselves as a center for Christian renewal in the lives of individuals, families and congregations as well as a pillar of support to a community in need through our outreach ministries.