

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: Trumansburg First Baptist Church
Mailing Address: 4443 East Seneca Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886
Phone: (607) 387-7705 Federal Tax ID#: 164110
Name of Region: New York State
Contact person (person completing this form): Judith Christiansen
Email of contact person: jchristi60@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?

Homeworker Helper After School 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 feed dinner to the children and their families who participate in the Homeworker Helper After School Program
(for longer description, please see attached)

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?

Homeworker Helper is an afterschool program targeted specifically at children (grades K-4) living in a local mobile home park. In addition to help with homework, we offer enrichment learning experiences, structured, safe play time and crafts. We will also provide snacks and dinner for the children.

The large mobile home park in our town is significantly under-served. There are no outdoor facilities at the park (such as a playground or other safe place for children to congregate or

play). Some children face issues at school (ostracized, excluded) because they live in the park. The park has not seen significant capital improvements over the years.

The Homeworker Helper After School Program, has specifically targeted the families in this Mobile Home Park located about one-half mile from our church. We believe that the tutoring, homework assistance and the meals will help the children be more successful in school and will assist families in stretching their food budgets, thus alleviating some economic stress from the families.

5. Total cost of the project: \$1618.00
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$600.00
7. List other funding source(s): MCLE Grant awarded July, 2017 for \$1000.00
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) Trumansburg First Baptist 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): Judith E. Christiansen (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 9/1/17

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 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.

TRUMANSBURG FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HOMEWORKER HELPER AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Beginning in May 2017, the Trumansburg First Baptist Church engaged in the Missional Church Learning Experience along with other churches in the Living Waters Association. As part of that process, we reached out to our neighbors, our community leaders, our community groups, trying to discern the needs of Trumansburg and how First Baptist might assist with those needs.

As we worked through the process, our first 'big picture' thought was that we wanted to work with underserved children. That idea focused us on a spot less than a mile from our church – a large (100 home) mobile home park that is significantly underserved and is home to many low-income families.

As we walked through the park and spoke with residents, it was clear that there were no play facilities for the children and many of the residents spent much time inside because of safety concerns.

From there, the idea of an after-school tutoring program came to fruition. Homeworker Helper was launched in July 2017. In mid-August, we went door to door through the park, speaking with residents about the program and inviting them to enroll. On August 30, the church hosted an outdoor back to school movie night and provided free backpacks filled with back to school supplies for our guests.

While enrollment for the program has been slow, we believe that as the word gets out about the program, it will grow. We have space to serve up to 20 children in the program.

Homeworker Helper runs weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is staffed by church members, including a retired school administrator and retired teachers.

In addition to the tutoring, enrichment and homework help, the program will also feed children and their families at the end of each session. Families will be invited to come to the church and eat with their children. If that does not fit into their family schedule, we will provide take-home meals for the families.

TRUMANSBURG FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
HOMEWORKER HELPER
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

BUDGET

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| Educational Supplies (books, math manipulatives, educational games, etc.) | \$250.00 |
| Back to School Backpacks | \$ 57.65 |
| Craft Supplies | \$200.00 |
| Printing Costs | \$200.00 |
| Snacks | \$110.00 |
| Dinners | \$800.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1617.65 |

Trumansburg First Baptist Church
Mission Statement

Our Mission is to witness to the fact that Jesus alone is Savior and Lord.

Our Mission...

To LIVE the Gospel...

To BE the Gospel...

To PROCLAIM the Gospel...

All for the Glory of God!