

## 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: ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF LYNN, MA

Mailing Address: 4 Adams St. Extension, Lynn, MA 01902

Phone: 781-595-0840

Federal Tax ID#: 043-009-050

Name of Region: TABCOM

Contact person (person completing this form): L. Cheryl Moore

Email of contact person: RRM.Zion@gmail.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No Does not give to UM

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?

"I WANNA TESTIFY" RECOVERY/RE-ENTRY OUTREACH MINISTRY

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.

The money will be used to award 12 families (one per month) of drug addicted parents with a \$250 gift card that can be used to help their children with school supplies, clothing and anything else that can allow them to have a sense of normalcy. Many of these children are living with grandparents who are on fixed incomes themselves and do not have the means to provide all that the children need.

"I Wanna Testify" Recovery/Re-Entry Ministry (RRM) is a faith-based ministry, working with the communities of Lynn to address the problems of drug addiction and re-entry with men and women, and to strengthen and vitalize the life of our congregation. Our belief stems from Zion Baptist Church's motto: 'The church where love is put into action!'

Through advocacy RRM of Zion acts to speak on behalf of those who are suffering from drug and other addictions, injustice and social ills.

The "I Wanna Testify" Recovery/Re-Entry Ministry is an outreach program established in September 2016. In the short time since we began, we have not only established group meeting participation, but held an announcement ceremonial event that included a testimonial to an honoree who first envisioned our program. We have also marketed ourselves within the church and the community of Lynn. We have partnered with the Behavioral Health Unit, located inside the Lynn Police Station, for additional substance abuse and mental health support.

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?  
Many of these children are living with grandparents who are on fixed incomes themselves and do not have the means to provide all that the children need. Many parents not only struggle from addiction but suffer mental illness as well. The children are caught in the crossfire. While our main focus is on the person with the addiction, these children are believing that the lives they have are exempt from hope and we need to help keep these children from choosing the same path of hopelessness.
5. Total cost of the project: \$3000.00
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$3000.00
7. List other funding source(s): Judson Association supported us with \$1500 start-up in September 2016
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) Zion Baptist Church of Lynn, MA, 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): L. Cheryl Moore (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 08/29/17

**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](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

2017 Budget for "I Wanna Testify"  
Recovery/Re-Entry Outreach Ministry

<b>Laptop.....</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>Events for fundraising.....</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>Men's Recovery Training/Certification....</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>
<b>Children's Outreach.....</b>	<b>\$ 3000.00</b>
<b>(12) donations of \$250</b>	
<b>Misc. office supplies/Marketing.....</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>

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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,900.00</b>
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## Zion Baptist Church Outreach Ministries

### *About Zion*

Founded in 1902, Zion Baptist Church seeks to advance the kingdom of God by reaching all people with the loving gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our Vision is to be a church where people of all cultures and ages are welcome to worship, supported in being transformed by God's Word, and encouraged to become followers of Christ; and where we embrace those within our own walls, and reach out to the global community; and where love is put into action!



### *About Our Pastor*

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, **Kirk Byron Jones** is a graduate of Loyola University and Andover Newton Theological School, and holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Emory University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Drew University. He is married to Mary Brown-Jones. They have 4 adult children and 2 grandchildren.

A pastor for over thirty years, and an adjunct professor of ethics, preaching, and pastoral ministry at Andover Newton Theological School, Dr. Jones serves as guest preacher and teacher at churches, schools and conferences throughout the United States. His writings have been published in various journals, and he is the author of several best-selling books.

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**  
New King James Version (NKJV)

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ,  
*he is* a new creation;  
old things have passed away;  
behold, all things have become new.



*Recovery will never open the gates of heaven to let you in, but it does open the gates of hell to let you out!*  
*Anonymous*

### **"I WANNA TESTIFY"**

Recovery/Re-Entry Ministry  
Wednesdays 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
Zion Baptist Church  
4 Adams Street Extension  
Lynn, MA 01902

Reverend Annie L. Belmer, AP  
RRM Director  
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## *Zion Baptist Church of Lynn*

### **"I WANNA TESTIFY"**

### **Recovery/Re-Entry Ministry (RRM)**

*Rev. Annie L. Belmer, Assoc. Pastor  
RRM Director*

*Rev. Dr. Kirk Byron Jones, Pastor*

*This ministry is for anyone who  
is addicted, afflicted or affected  
and is willing to recover, repair,  
recoup and renew!*



*For additional information contact:*  
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## What can we do for you?

This is faith-based ministry, working with the communities of Lynn to address the problems of drug addiction and re-entry to strengthen and vitalize the life of our congregation.

Under the umbrella of The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM); Recovery and Re-Entry of Zion Baptist Church seeks to answer the question being asked for many years, "What can we do?"

**"I Wanna Testify" Recovery/Re-Entry Ministry** beliefs stems from Zion Baptist Church's motto: 'The church where love is put into action!

Through advocacy RRM of Zion acts to speak on behalf of those who are suffering from drug and other addictions, injustice and social ills.

We want to end all involvement with addictive behavior or substances. We want to help others grow spiritually and to reduce the rates of involvement and recidivism of those in the justice system and to support those who have family members in Massachusetts correctional facilities.

We do not wish to engage in any controversy; we neither endorse nor oppose any causes. We are a faith-based support group of Zion Baptist Church and welcome all members and non-members alike.

The group members can expect the opportunity to meet others who share similar experiences, to share their testimonies, build connections and develop networks, experience individual spiritual growth, intergenerational contact, and participation in community service projects.

## About the Director

Rev. Annie L. Belmer is an Ordained Evangelistic Minister from Virginia Beach, Virginia. Rev. Belmer received her Certificate in Pastoral Studies from Andover Newton Theology School in 2015. She's also a Certified Recovery Coach (AdCare), a Certified Health Educator (BPHC), Spiritual Life Coach, Motivational Speaker, Mentor to young adults, women and youth, Facilitator, Presenter, and an Urban Outreach Activist for youth, peace and social justice.



Reverend Annie L. Belmer

She is also the Founder/Executive Director of Tree House Music Education Program (a faith-based ministry) established in 2012 for the youth of Boston/Lynn MA and surrounding communities.

She started the **"I Wanna Testify" Recovery/Re-Entry Ministry** at Zion as an extension of Zion Baptist Church community engagement outreach.

The program is a faith-based ministry directed to help those with addictions, those trying to re-enter society from incarceration, and for anyone with an affliction they have been unable to overcome.

A newly published novelist, her book of short stories and poetry **"You So Grown..."** is the first in a series about her life, her trials and tribulations.

She is currently the Associate Pastor at Zion Baptist Church of Lynn, MA.

## What we are about....

**Our Mission** is to recover, repair, recoup and renew ourselves back from what has been lost, and to hold ourselves accountable through prayer, patience, practice, and persistence.

**Our Vision** is to strive to address to the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of others, to enlighten others through various methods of impartation, scripture, prayer, networking and endowment, as life transformation occurs and that the words and testimony of others may strengthen and edify us.



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