

## 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** Zion Baptist Church  
**Affiliation with ABCUSA** YES through our regional Philadelphia Baptist Association (PBA) Office.  
**Address** 219 West Spring Ave. Ardmore, PA 19003  
**Phone** (610) 649-1216 **Federal Tax ID#** 23-2011442  
**Contact person** Minister Sonya L. Hill **email** [sonyalchrisp@yahoo.com](mailto:sonyalchrisp@yahoo.com)

### 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. .)

**\*\*\* Please SEE attached Grant-request.\*\*\***

### 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.)

Please SEE attached Grant-request.

4. Total cost of the project \$58,000

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant MAXIMUM AMOUNT ALLOWED

6. Your other funding source(s) Offerings and other benevolent Contributions, specified for kitchen-repairs.

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) Minister Sonya L. Hill Date 8/28/2014

Printed Name/Title Minister Sonya L. Hill, Associate Minister

### 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.





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**(610) 649-1216**  
**Rev, Dr. James A. Pollard, Sr. Ph.D, Pastor**

**TO:** beth.fogg@abc-usa.org  
**FROM:** Minister Sonya L. Hill, Associate Minister  
**SUBJECT:** Request for ABCUSA “Matthew 25 Grant”  
**DATE:** August 28, 2014

### **1. PURPOSE**

**Greetings, in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.** My name is Minister Sonya L. Hill, writing first, to extend our sincere and most heartfelt thanks to ABCNJ for your ongoing commitment and service to the church both locally and nationally. As my church’s ABC liaison, I am writing to request your most **generous “Matthew 25 Grant,”** to be used toward a much-needed sector of my church that of, repairs to our church-kitchen. Unfortunately, my church’s kitchen is not up to par or perhaps, inadequate as a result of my church simply being unable to afford much-needed repairs to our church’s kitchen while maintaining our church’s regular operating expenses and up-keep.

### **2. DESCRIPTION OF CHURCH’S MINISTRY TO PEOPLE IN POVERTY**

In particular, please NOTE: my church’s kitchen has been quite the focal-point of not only my church’s fellowships, but even more so, for my church’s outreach to our community and ministry/assistance to people in poverty. Such programs in our church include, but is certainly not limited to the following: my church’s Chosen 300 Homeless/Feeding of the Hungry program (led by Trustee Kelvin Hawkins & Mrs. Robin Hawkins ), funerals and weddings held at my church (led by Deacon Ralph Major – Chairman and Deaconess Stephanie Jones - Chairlady ), Boy Scott/Girl Scott troop programs (led by Mr. Blair Ryan and Minister Virginia Pollard), and my church’s Ujimah health/nutrition program (led by Ms. Diana Roberson.)

### **3. BUDGET**

<b>Estimated Total Cost of Repairs by Contractor (our goal)</b>	<b>Our Current Balance, designated for this Project</b>	<b>Our Monthly Kitchen Maintenance and Operating Expenses</b>	<b>Amount Still Needed</b>
<b>\$58,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>

### **4. AIM & CHURCH HISTORY IN DEALING WITH MINISTERING TO PEOPLE IN POVERTY**

Throughout the 117 yrs. Zion Baptist Church has been in existed and during the last 43 yrs. my current pastor, Rev. James Pollard Sr. has served as pastor, Zion Baptist Church has been a mission-church both, with the Philadelphia Baptist Association (PBA) regionally, and with the American Baptist Churches USA, nationally. Thus, Zion Baptist Church continues to seize any and every opportunity God allows them to minister to those in need as well as any and every opportunity God allows them to spread the gospel of salvation through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thereby, I am requesting that you please grant us your “**Matthew 25 Grant,**” which will greatly help us to further advance toward this end. Your consideration, prompt and favorable response would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (484) 466 -3139.

Thank you in advance. And may God bless you.

Sincerely,

Minister Sonya L. Hill