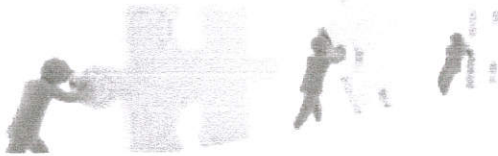


Handwritten: Nancy

Matthew 25 Grant Information



American Baptist Churches USA is excited to announce the **ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant**. Created through the monetary gifts of a generous donor, this fund is designed to channel gifts to help meet the needs of "housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate." The donor's primary wish is to help ameliorate poverty. The **ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant** fund has been established to respond to this donor's generosity. ([View Application](#))

In order to be eligible for funds, ministries must have a relationship with American Baptist Churches USA. Awards from the fund will be disbursed twice a year, in April and in October, and the maximum amount given to any ministry or church will be \$5,000 per year. Due to the limited funds available, the application process will be competitive, with grants being awarded to ministries that best exemplify the goal of helping end poverty. A committee has been formed to review the applications and make the awards. The committee will consider only one application per ministry/church in any calendar year.

The application process is structured to help small ministries with limited staff time. Each applicant will need to complete a one-page form, submit a budget for the ministry, and add a one-page explanation about the need for and uses of the funds. Ministries of any size that relate to ABC are welcome to apply, including local churches. The application deadline is March 1 for grants distributed on April 15, and September 1 for grants distributed on October 15.

All applications must be submitted electronically to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Since the donor has asked that the funds be used to directly assist impoverished persons, staff positions will not be funded through this grant. Grant funds may not be used to supplement the church budget, although direct ministries that receive funds from the church budget will be eligible to apply.

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 Pastoral Care
 Affiliation with ABCUSA Hamilton Square Baptist Church
 Address 3752 Nottingham Way
Hamilton Square NJ 08691
 Phone 587-8585 Federal Tax ID# 226084504
 Contact person Rev. McMillan email Hamilton SQ BAPT Optonline.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 \$ 5,000

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$ 5,000

6. Your other funding source(s) ~~\$5,000~~ Fellowship Fund \$1600.00 300.00 months?

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) Emma Steyer Date 2/27/15

Printed Name/Title Pastoral CHAIR person

Please note:



Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.

CONSTITUTION
of the
HAMILTON SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH
Revised January 2011

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this church will be Hamilton Square Baptist Church.

ARTICLE II. MISSION

The mission of this church is:

- a. to continually search for and proclaim the meaning of God's love expressed through Jesus as the Christ for the experiences of contemporary life;
- b. to develop a fellowship of concern for all people as the children of God;
- c. to provide ministries through which persons may be joined together in worship of God, in service to humanity, and in continuing reformation of society.

ARTICLE III - CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We agree, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the growth of this church in knowledge and mutual support, to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, and beliefs, to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry and the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spreading of the gospel throughout the world.

We promise to maintain as far as possible family and personal devotion, to explore the Scriptures with our children, to seek the salvation of our family and acquaintances, to be careful in our conduct, to be just in our dealings, to be faithful in our commitment to set a positive example, and enthusiastic in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We pledge to watch over one another in Christian love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy and sensitivity, to be slow to take offense but always seeking reconciliation, as taught by our Savior.

If we move from this church, we will unite with another congregation where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS

Section 1 - This church will be affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, USA, the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey and the American Baptist Churches of the Capital Association.

Section 2 - This church will maintain relationships and cooperate with the larger Christian fellowship through the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches of Christ and other religious or civic organizations which seek to advance God's purpose of harmony and unity among all people.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this church will consist of those persons who have declared their desire to search for and to proclaim the meaning of God's love expressed in Jesus as the Christ, have committed themselves to a ministry of concern through, the fellowship of the church, and have been accepted into membership according to the By-Laws of this church.

ARTICLE VI - POLITY

The government of this church will be vested in the body which composes its active membership. It will carry out its mission in accordance with the purpose as stated in the Constitution, the By-Laws, and the Standing Resolutions.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any congregational meeting of the church by two-thirds vote of those active members present and voting. A quorum of 15 percent of the active members will be required to amend the Constitution. Written notice of such amendment stating the proposed change(s) will be posted and mailed to the entire active membership at least four weeks prior to such meeting.

Service Areas	Food Assistance	Emergency Assistance
	\$3,100.00	\$4,750.00
Budgeted From Church		
1st Sunday Donations	\$1395 Average	\$900
Private Donations (Anticipate	\$500	\$750
Advertising our services on Internet, Printed Materials, Community Meetings	\$200	
Mileage Reimbursement for Volunteers	\$200.00	
Supplies for Program Support		
Paper	\$300	
Envelopes	\$100	
Postage	\$150	
Bags	\$150	
Phone/Internet/Website	\$200	
Printing Costs	\$250	

Hello

My Name is Emma Stype and I am the chair of our Pastoral Care team here at Hamilton Square Baptist Church.

There are eight committee members including our Pastor.

Our Committee was created to assist the pastor in providing pastoral care ministry to the sick and the needy. In addition our committee supervises the fellowship fund, which is collected and gifted to pastoral Care; our committee will meet and prayerfully disperse the fund as requested and needed.

The Matthew 25 Grant would be a great opportunity to continue to help those in our community that are the; "Least of These" that come to us for food, and financial emergency assistance which is inclusive of, but not limited to: Housing, Heating, Electric & Gas assistance and transportation assistance to work to name a few. Our intentions this year are to expand our community supportive service by offering a monthly support group gathering to offer a linkages to community services so as not to overlap services while connecting it to biblical group counseling, which our Pastor would lead, train and guide us to assist him best.

We would reach out to a few local schools with the assistance of our own teachers connected here at HSBC to advertise further the help we will additionally provide along with the social workers at the schools.

Last year we helped a family with a new baby who was born with his tiny intestines outside his little body. In addition the family was evicted and had no place to live, the father loss his job because he was at the hospital so much and the expenses kept growing, pastoral care got our church involved and we raised over \$4,000.00 both within and outside our church (The Baby Parker Fund) was born.

Last year the Pastoral Care Committee provided reading glasses to a member of our church that lives on a fixed income and could not afford glasses and we also helped her with a refurbished hearing aide, so she can now drive more safely. Our committee most recently helped a young single mother with three children with her rent money and her diabetic medication as well as a few Christmas presents. As you have read, we help with job loss, assist with rent payment, pass due electric bill, food, temporary shelter, baby supply's to name just a few things. We provide rides to doctor appointments and to the market when needed, phone calls with prayers are made, cards are sent out to our shut-ins, foods cards are given when needed. With Pastoral Cares assistance our community ministry committee is also to setting up services to provide meals to our local Veterans once or twice a month, we have seen a need for this type of program in our community.

We have also partnered with Ginny's Food Pantry, and we ask our congregation each Sunday to donate requested items, like fruit, peanut butter, and all non-perishable food items. In addition our P.C. committee donates 10% of our monthly collected fellowship fund, which is collected the first Sunday of the month and gifted to Pastoral Care to use as needed for supportive services.

P.C. would also like to organize hygiene kits that are not normally received through community support groups. Pastoral Care does not receive a budget only a gifted collection on the first Sunday of the month and that collection varies a great deal. It could be as little as \$160.00 per month or as high as \$350.00 a month. We also receive an occasional anonymous gift that could be in the form of food cards or cash. And I have even had someone step up and adopt a family in need for Christmas and go out with them shopping for their gifts.

This grant would help us to reach out a little further and help meet the tremendous needs of many people. As a result of the need and service we provide, we are seeking the full allowable grant amount of \$5000.00

I am so proud of this dedicated group of people who enjoys helping others do better in life.

In love, hope, and faith

Emma Stype

Attachment: Budget