

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



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.

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 or repairs 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: Christ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5181, 333 Dodd St., E. Orange, NJ 07017

Phone: 973-454-8129

Federal Tax ID#: 75-3054664

Name of Region: ABCNJ

Contact person (person completing this form): Minister Sandra Pendleton-Rock, Harvest of Blessings Community, "Seeds of Hope" Scholars Project - Fresh Expressions, ABCNJ

Email of contact person: slrock25@msn.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☐ Yes ☒ No *would like to contribute to United Mission.*

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?

Harvest of Blessings Community Outreach, Fresh Expressions, ABCNJ

"Seeds of Hope" Scholars Project, primarily children of incarcerated Parents

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 funds for the ministry-project will be allocated for continued monthly holistic cultural/spiritual/educational Saturday classes, 11:30a to 3:30p. We provide unique advocacy learning experience to help our children, ages 6-15, up to 24 children, to discover their capacity and potential as future scholars for the good of humanity as ambassadors of Christ. We have an eight-month-curriculum in place to engage our children with games, songs, innovative African-centered culture, drumming, arts and crafts, nutrition/food preparation, gardening, field trips, tutoring, critical thinking skills and caregiver support. August we purchase school supplies and backpacks for back-to-school. We have a Christmas party with a partnering Church. The children are also selected to attend receive scholarships from AB Camp Lebanon, the Newark School of the Arts and St. Vincent's Academy, Newark. Our services include mentoring for children whose parents are currently incarcerated and fathers in the county jail reentry program upon release to the community. Our hope is to provide a "Station

of Hope" advocacy resource outreach educational community center. We consistently serve up to 24 children who enjoy and participate in our monthly Saturday activities. Door-to-door transportation service is an integral part provided to maintain consistent attendance and participation. Volunteers are welcomed to share their time, talents and love in support of this missional community service.

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?
Mission: Our hope is to serve and creatively share the message of Jesus Christ where God has assigned and appointed us to provide advocacy resource outreach and aftercare educational community services, build and re-establish family relationships for the homeless and those who are in need, "incarcerated of the mind", experienced medical crises, job losses, and other economic catastrophic disadvantages including underemployment. Continue to decrease intergenerational jailing and lessen the pain and separation between parent and child. The population is challenged by the desperate levels of poverty and other degradations in everyday life (Matthew 25:36).
5. Total cost of the project: \$4810
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$4810
7. List other funding source(s): 0
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) Christ Resurrection Missionary 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): Minister Sandra Pendleton-Rock (your name typed here is your electronic signature)
Date: August 30, 2018

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 2018 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.

**ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT
BUDGET PROJECTION 2018**

*Project: "Seeds of Hope Scholars", Primary Children of Incarcerated Prisoners
Restoring Families and Communities*

Christ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church, P. O. Box 5181 333 Dodd St. E Orange, NJ 07017
Mission Statement: **To: Spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere we go. To: Equip the saints of God for the work of the ministry. To: Stretch out our hands to the community. To: Be a church for "whosoever will".**

Effective Date: October 2018 – April 2019

Fund Source: ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 Amount of Grant Fund: \$4810.00

Circle one: (Initial Projection)

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Prepared by: Min. Sandra Pendleton-Rock

Signature: Sandra Pendleton-Rock

"Seeds of Hope" Scholars Project, Harvest of Blessings Community Outreach Cumulative Amount Requested (if any)		\$ 4810.00
YEAR 2018-2019	Budget Narrative for Anticipated Date	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
A.	Hands-on Educational and creative supplies (donated) culinary arts, videos, Computer Tablets (10 x \$60.00) for in-class projects	\$ 600.00
B.	Therapeutic African Drums (10 x \$60.00)	\$ 600.00
C.	Van transportation for trips, pickup/dropoff children at individual homes (Newark, Irvington, E Orange, Orange, Montclair, Bloomfield) \$400.00 per trip two (2) vans average 24 children + supervising adult volunteer to ride the van (s) x 8 trips (monthly Field trips) – Safety regulations per children	\$2000.00
D.	Refreshments for 6 monthly sessions, 30 youth (\$2.00 per youth)	\$ \$360.00
E.	Materials for food donations: Family Reunification (10 families – gift cards @ \$25.00 each)	\$ \$250.00
F.	Insurance (8 month period) Estimate cost	\$1000.00
	TOTAL REQUEST	\$ 4810.00

"Restoring families and communities"

**SEEDS
OF HOPE
Scholars
Project**



Cultural, Spiritual, Educational Hands-on Learning Enrichment Project

HARVEST OF BLESSINGS COMMUNITY OUTREACH, LLC

Minister Sandra Pendleton Rock, Pastor and Founder, Fresh Expressions, ABCNJ

Let us not forget to welcome strangers into your home, our community, where you worship and fellowship, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it. Remember, when you welcome strangers into your home and by doing this, you may have welcomed angels as guests without even knowing it. Remember the Lord's people who are in jail and be concerned for them and their families, especially the children. Don't forget those who are suffering, but imagine that you are there with them. ~ Heb. 13:1-3

Caring for one another is the key to open the hearts and minds who are the least of us.



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Serving as the hands and feet of Christ

In The Spotlight

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Transformation Story: “SEEDS OF HOPE” Scholars Project – Fresh Expressions, ABCNJ

*In Spring 2017, we invited American Baptists from across the country to share their Transformation Stories – this is a part of the **Transformed by the Spirit** initiative.*

“SEEDS OF HOPE” Scholars Project – Fresh Expressions, American Baptist Churches NJ

“Restoring families and communities”

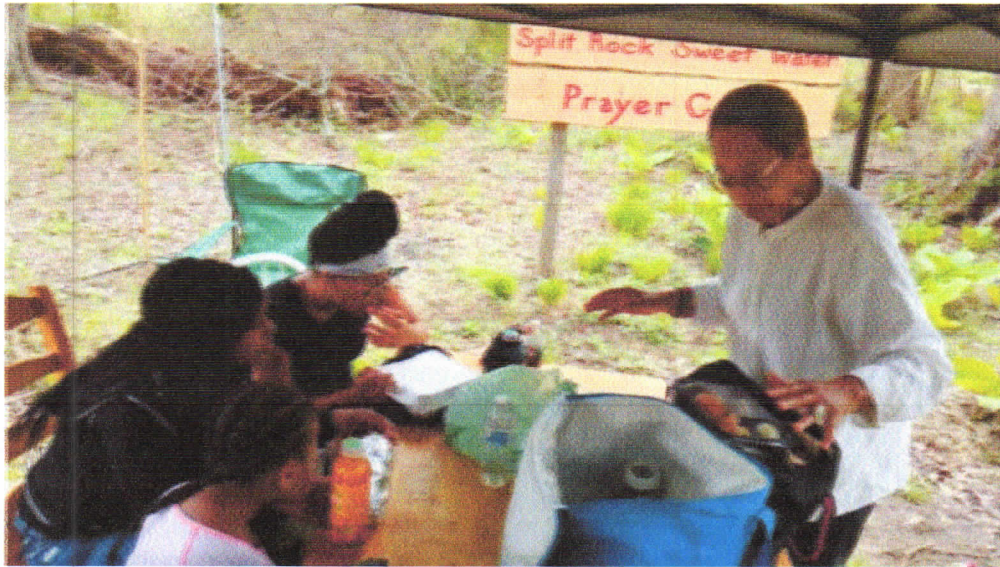
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Harvest of Blessings Community Outreach LLC ministry serves and provides advocacy services for those who have experienced medical crises, job losses, and other catastrophic challenges leading to homelessness, economic disadvantages including underemployment and children and families of incarcerated prisoners.



Mission: Our hope is to serve and creatively share the message of Jesus Christ where God has assigned and appointed us to provide advocacy resource outreach and aftercare community services, build and re-establish family relationships for the homeless and those who are in need, "incarcerated of the mind". Continue to decrease intergenerational jailing and to lessen the pain and separation between parent and child. This population is challenged by the desperate levels of poverty and other degradations in everyday life (Matthew 25:36).

We aim to build meaningful relationships and continued partnerships with Christ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church (E Orange), Dominion Ministries (Newark NJ) , Humanity Baptist Church (Newark NJ), The Newark School of The Arts, The Church of the Hills, Bedminster, NJ, *interfaith, Civic and Cooperative Communities.*

Harvest of Blessings continues to provide services, primarily, for our children of incarcerated parents since 2013. We are grateful for the generous donors of ABCUSA Matthew 25 and the Children in Poverty Grants to "sow a seed" by awarding Harvest of Blessings Community Outreach funds for our "future generation" and "kingdom building" to keep "Hope Alive".

FACT: Caregivers of children with parents in prison/jail bear numerous burdens, including stigma and shame associated with having a family member incarcerated. Increased financial strain, physical and emotional stress, and lack of external resources are the norm. Most prisons are not accessible by any form of public transportation, restricting child-parent visits. In some cases, this means children will never visit their parents. Let's make a difference.

Restoring Families and Communities. The Essex County Correctional Facility Liaison Social Services Director for Re-entry/Family Reunification, selects the caregivers and children to participate in Harvest of Blessings Community Outreach for our monthly program. Re-entry Life Skills and Parenting Classes were instructed/facilitated by me for the inmate fathers to build positive value systems and obtain tools for positive living. On December 28, 2015, the families

and children visited with their fathers. The families celebrated the First Annual Family Reunification Holiday Season Christmas Party at Essex County Correctional Facility.

Seeds of Hope Scholars Project, children of incarcerated parents, continues host site monthly cultural/spiritual /educational Saturday classes, 11:30a to 3:30p. We provide unique advocacy learning experience to help our children, ages 5-15, discover their capacity and potential as future scholars for the good of humanity. We engage our children with games, songs, innovative African-centered culture, drumming, arts and crafts, nutrition/food preparation, gardening, field trips, tutoring, critical thinking, life skills and caregiver support. Our services include mentoring for the children whose parents are currently incarcerated in the county jail or upon released and returned to the community.

Our hope is to provide a “Station of Hope” advocacy resource outreach educational community center.

We consistently serve a maximum of 22 children who enjoy and participate in our monthly Saturday activities, including two field trips. Transportation service is provided. Volunteers are welcomed to share their time, talents and love in support for this missional community service.

Class gatherings commence with handheld-circle-prayer, “What are we thankful for” and rap session, consistent with the lesson plan/theme. During the rap session, the children are encouraged to seize upon the opportunity to express themselves in a nonthreatening, confidential atmosphere. We continue with African drumming and welcome song, “Funga Alafia” West African Twi language traditional call and response with movement, clapping, dance, AM lesson hands-on activities, Snack/Lunch, PM hands-on activities followed by one hour Drumming Clinic class. We end our activities with handheld-circle-prayer, “What did we learn.” “What are we thankful for” prayer. The children are given home study material to share with family.

January-August 16, 2016 class lessons, historical-current event topics and activities involved spirituality, philosophy, self-esteem, physical education, language arts, social justice, history, culture science, math and archeology:

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, Civil Rights & Black Lives Matter Movements
- Black History Month: Carter G. Woodson; African-American Inventors
- Harlem Renaissance Movement: Augusta Savage – African-American Sculptor
- Newark 350th Year Celebration Field Trip ~ Branch Brook Park Roller Skating Center
- Peace Day ~ Honoring Native Americans by making prayer ties.
- Honoring fathers and all those in similar roles; Gardening, Planting “Seeds of Hope”
- Medieval Art History Project, Coat of Arms...Peace, Law & Order, Unity
- Hiking Field Trip ~ Watchung Mountains Reservation, New Jersey.

Door-to-door Transportation Service: Good participation rates are consistent with an average of 12-15 children. Two trained adult volunteers supervise the children during door-to-door transportation, pickup/drop-off from their homes to the host site. Prior arrangements are approved by the Harvest of Blessings Community Coordinator and Director of Social Services, Essex County Correctional Facility. Caregiver-student registration-permission slips for the children are mandated including permission for photographs for publicity events.

Pastoral Aftercare/Social Services: We have met with family caregivers and are mentoring three students who will be attending Camp Lebanon in July. We have engaged five fathers who have reentered into the community as volunteers for Harvest of Blessings. We now provide ~~aftercare counselling referral resource services for our families.~~

Make a difference in their significance.

Story submitted by Minister Sandra Pendleton Rock, Pastor and Founder, Fresh Expressions, ABCNJ

**Fulfilling the Capacity of Hope. . .Reflections and New Beginning
The Gift of Love...Restoring Families and Community**

"Seeds of Hope Scholars" Project

Let us not forget our "future generation", especially our children and families of incarcerated parents.



Caring for one another is the key to open up the hearts and minds who are the least of us.

The book of Hebrews 13:1-3 . . . talks about pleasing God through service to each other. "Let us not forget to welcome strangers into your home, your community, where you worship and fellowship. Remember, when you welcome strangers into your home and by doing this, you may have welcomed angels. Remember the Lord's concerned for them and Don't forget those who are there with them".



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We cannot heal if we don't forgive and reconcile (2 Corinthians 5:18-20) our differences as a community. Our assignment is to restore family unity in our communities by building meaningful relationships and partnerships. All people are part of "God's family".

My hope, as American Baptist Minister, is to continue to serve and creatively share the message of Jesus Christ where God has assigned and appointed us to provide advocacy resource outreach community services. . . continue to build and re-establish family relationships for the homeless and those who are in need.

We thank Rev. Robert De Veaux, Pastor of Humanity Baptist Church, for hosting and extending hospitality to Harvest of Blessings Community Outreach Ministries, "Seeds of Hope" Harvest Kids Christmas~Hannukkah~Kwanzaa~Holiday Celebration, December 17, 2016.

Many thanks to Mrs. V. Dudley, LSW, Advocate & Director, Staying Connected Reentry Family Reunification and Social Services Programs, Essex County Correctional Facility, Newark for her dedication and passion to serve, who sees the "Face of God" each day and partner with the faith-based communities, who believes in the fulfillment of the "dream", and for each year the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday gifts donated to our children and caregivers.