

## 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: **Harvest of Blessings Ministerial Community Outreach Services**

Affiliation with ABCUSA: **First Baptist Peddie Memorial/Rev Felix Tingson**

Address: **572 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102**

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Contact person: **Minister Sandra Pendleton-Rock** email: **SLRock25@msn.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.**

## 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: **\$5000.00**5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: **\$5000.00**

## 6. Your other funding source(s): (0)

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) *Sandra Pendleton-Rock*

Date: **February 26, 2014**

Printed Name/Title: Sandra Pendleton-Rock, Minister, Harvest of Blessings Community Outreach

## 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.



**Harvest of Blessings Ministerial Community Outreach Ministry** an extension of **First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church** outreach 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, incarceration. First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church is an international church consisting of 21 nations, located in the heart of downtown Newark, New Jersey, where there exists a high rate of poverty, unemployment, homelessness, single-parent families, and crime and gang violence. The population we serve is primarily African-American and Latino.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** (1) Through building meaningful relationships, to nurture the emotional, mental, physical and spiritual needs by experiencing the joy of praying and worshipping together, be nourished by the Word of God, and encourage one another to be faithful to serve and witness to our residents and neighboring communities. (2) The desire is to be a spiritual home for the ethnically and culturally diverse communities. (3) To provide programs and activities that develop self-esteem individuals, strengthen family relationships, and nurture a sense of community.

**Statistics:** An annual 2012 survey by the Legal Services of New Jersey, 24.7 percent of the state's population – 2.1 million residents – was considered poor in 2011, an increase of 80,000 people. These statistics affect children (630,000), ages 18-24 years, families headed by single mothers, African-Americans and Hispanics, elderly, the persistence of high unemployment (8.6) and ex-offenders seeking aid and restoration in Essex County.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Matthew 25 Grant would assist the Harvest of Blessings Community Outreach/First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church ministries in a community service. If funded, we would partner with Offender Aid & Restoration of Essex County, Inc. (OAR) a non-profit organization that has served families of incarcerated offenders for nearly 30 years. OAR was one of only a half-dozen organizations founded by Jay Worrel, a pioneer in reentry in the state of Virginia. The goal was to give support to formerly incarcerated adults needing basic human needs. The grant funds would enhance an children's service called PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN (PATCH) to be offered in the building in which the First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church conducts its ministries for over a hundred years in the city of Newark, New Jersey. The mission of PATCH is to decrease intergenerational jailing and to lessen the pain of separation between parent and child. This population is challenged by the desperate levels of poverty and other degradations in everyday life.

The PATCH program currently provides the following: (1) Bi-monthly supervised visits that bring children to the PATCH Room at the Essex County Correctional Facility to visit their eligible mother or father and; (2) Life Skills Workshops that build individual value system and tools for positive living.

The MATTHEW 25 GRANT will support an additional feature of PATCH called **"Learning by Experience"**, a monthly event to be held in the facility of the Peddie Memorial Church and will provide materials and opportunities in this community-based site. Its services will include mentoring and a variety of creative educational activities for children whose parents are currently incarcerated in the county jail or upon released and returned to the community. The children's ages for this service are 4 – 17 years old and live with caretakers.

This enrichment literacy and life skills empowerment program offers our *PATCH children an opportunity to work with "Peddie's" Youth and Young Adult Ministry* one Saturday a month. The ages are 4 to 17

years old and family and foster caregivers are welcomed to participate as helpers or guests. The program offers skilled adult mentors and tutors at our Center and in our computer lab. Here they can receive the attention they need to complete homework and practice basic math, reading, and writing skills, as well as life skills and character education. We will also offer family outings that will be of low cost due the proximity of our church is to the YMCA, Newark Museum, Public Library and NJ Performing Arts Center, and "Peddie" Church Youth Activities. The purpose of these outings helps provide individual caregiver families with healthy opportunities for leaning, relaxation and positive memory reinforcement. Family caregivers, teacher and volunteers are encouraged to work together in a way that can better contribute to the children's life skills and academic success. Adults are can also receive help with basic math, reading and writing needs.

**PASTORAL SERVICES:** The Matthew 25 GRANT will support one-on-one spiritual counseling, training, and support clients with Social Services to include Grief Counseling, HIV/AIDS mentorship and education to youth, and senior citizens. Continue to establish partnerships with houses of worship and faith-based services serving Newark and sounding areas.

First Baptist Peddie Memorial will be able to enhance Wednesday-Night Bible Study gatherings to help re-establish family-relationships with "Friends of Jesus" - homeless men and women and "Brown Bag Meals". Volunteers are encouraged to invite interested families or individuals to fellowship with our homeless population. Care giving workshop training from other non-profits, i.e. ABCNJ Resources for families including Interfaith Hospitality Network of New Jersey and interfaith/ecumenical faith-based congregations. These ministries are part of *"Peddie" Church's initiative of incorporating ABCNJ Fresh Expressions as an expansion our community outreach ministry*. Advocate for Children of New Jersey (Newark) is the entrusted, independent voice putting children's needs first for more than 30 years. Their work results in better laws and effective funding and stronger services for children and families. As a result, more children are given an opportunity to grow up safe, healthy and educated.

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:** Provide information and advocacy resources with partnering Essex County Emergency Agencies. Help with basic needs, food pantries, relocation, back rent, mortgage, and utilities assistant agencies. Establish Partnership with Interfaith Hospitality Network for Homeless of Essex County, Inc., which is a volunteer-led nonprofit organization, partners with religious congregation for shelter and support homeless families and help them gain self-sufficiency, primarily women and children. SHARE (Self-help and resource exchange) Program: donate food packages to clients who are desperately in need of food. Coordinate, recruit and train volunteers, Essex County.

# ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 BUDGET PROJECTION

First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church  
Harvest of Blessings Ministerial Community Outreach Services  
572 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Effective Date: April 15, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: February 26, 2014

Fund Source: ABCUSA MATTHEW 25  
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Amount of Grant: \$5000. Initial Projection

Prepared by: Minister Sandra Pendleton-Rock

Signature: *Sandra Pendleton-Rock*

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT 2014 Request		\$ 5000.00
	BUDGET Narrative for Anticipated Date: April 15, 2014	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
A.	Educational and creative supplies/materials, videos, computer support	\$ 1000.00
B.	2 Educational trips to museum and county zoo for 20 children 4 – 17 year old. (tickets \$6.00 per child x 20 = \$120 + refreshments \$2.00 per child = \$40 x 2 events)	\$ 320.00
C.	Refreshments for 12 monthly sessions, averaging 20 youths (\$2. Per child per event)	\$ 480.00
D.	TOP CAT transportation for trips (\$200. Per trip of one van of 13 children + volunteer)	\$ 400.00
E.	Materials for food donations given at monthly youth meetings with PATCH (20 Families x 8 monthly meetings at \$12.00 per food basket x 8 events)	\$ 960.00
F.	Utilities – 8 months x \$100.00 =	\$ 800.00
G.	Postage and printing x 8 months at \$5.00 per month	\$ 40.00
H.	Insurance (8 month period) Estimate cost	\$ 1000.00
TOTAL REQUEST		\$ 5000.00