

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." The donor's primary concern is to help ameliorate poverty. ABCUSA will distribute grants of up to \$5,000 semi-annually as long as the generosity of this donor continues. A panel will select recipients 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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name _____ Lake Avenue Baptist Church _____
Affiliation with ABCUSA _____ local church _____ ABC Rochester Genesee Region
Address _____ 72 Ambrose Street _____
_____ Rochester, NY 14608 _____
Phone _____ 585-458-5765 _____ Federal Tax ID# _____ 16-0743042 _____
Contact person _____ Rev. Deborah Reynolds _____ email _____ revdbr@rochester.rr.com _____

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement

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 _____ \$24,000 _____

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant _____ \$5000 _____

6. Your other funding source(s) _____ Special offerings, grants, individual donations, church mission budget

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) _____ Deborah Bennett Reynolds _____ Date _____ 2/28/13 _____

Printed Name/Title _____ Deborah Bennett Reynolds, Associate _____
Pastor

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 to:
Mission Resource Development
American Baptist Churches USA
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851



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Lake Avenue Baptist Church has been directly involved in ministry with refugees from Burma since the fall of 2006. Over 1000 refugees from Burma now live in Rochester, NY. Our Refugee Outreach provides direct assistance to these individuals and families as they deal with health problems, housing issues, education concerns, and seek to find and keep employment. Our assistance involves the whole range of concerns of these individuals and families who arrived as refugees with only what they could carry in their bags and are now trying to build new lives in the United States. We seek to help them gain the skills they need to move out of poverty and become contributing members of American society.

Our Refugee Outreach focuses on connecting people with resources, helping people find their way through the complicated bureaucracies of medical systems, social services, and the Rochester City Schools, and advocating for cultural understanding and fair treatment. Our Refugee Outreach Coordinator, Hkadin Lee, and fulltime volunteer, Liz Ewell, along with many more volunteers, spend over 100 hours a week in direct service with refugees from Burma explaining paperwork, filling out forms, making phone calls, sending emails, making home visits, and providing transportation.. They help sort through problems with landlords and try to help families have decent, affordable housing. They assist those with health issues by setting up medical appointments, arranging transportation and interpreting services, and when necessary attending as supportive advocates. They intervene when problems arise with employers and give leads on new and better-paying jobs. They make sure that food stamp and welfare applications are completed correctly so that families have the basics of food and shelter.

Education is a vital concern for all of these refugees. Everyone needs to learn English, and they want to become American citizens. We have 15-20 volunteers providing weekly tutoring in English for adults. We are very excited that more than 20 young people and adults are now going to college and that many of the younger children are testing out of ESOL classes as they become fluent in English. But we are very concerned about the 12-15 young people who are aging out of public high school without a high school diploma or the knowledge of English to pass the GED. In 2013 we have begun a new initiative to “develop and implement a program aimed at engaging, empowering and supporting youth success in school along with their parents.” We are focusing on education in a more intentional way, recognizing how vital this is if these youth and their families are going to move out of poverty.

Our Refugee Outreach work is being done in partnership with other groups and agencies in the Rochester community. We work with Catholic Family Center (our resettlement agency), the Catholic diocese’s refugee ministry called Mary’s Place, and multiple other agencies and churches. We have received great support from other ABC churches and our region, ABC Rochester Genesee Region. Within our ethnic Burmese communities (Karen, Chin, Karenni, Kachin, and other Burmese) there are strong leaders who are an important part of our ministry. They are developing the knowledge and skills to help their own communities and work alongside American volunteers to do this work.



Identity and Value Statement -

"Claimed by Christ...Committed to Community...Called to Serve."

Lake Avenue Baptist Church is a Christ-centered, evolving, diverse, urban, multi-national congregation of gifted and caring people. We welcome, unconditionally, all seekers of Christ's love and direction: women, men, children, youth; people of diverse ages, races, histories, abilities and sexual orientation. We are spiritually and scripturally-based and seek creative, meaningful and inspirational worship experiences. We are American Baptist, mission-oriented, multi-cultural, multi-lingual with a historically strong neighborhood and ecumenical commitment. We are:

Claimed by Christ: *We are God's own and are not here by chance. We open ourselves to God's Light and Love. We look to the Bible for guidance, and we respond to Christ's call to discipleship.*

Committed to Community: *As members of Christ's Body, we affirm one another as family. We gather for worship, nurture, healing, and spiritual growth. We build an open community through respectful, caring relationships. With our denominational brothers and sisters, we uphold Baptist principles, including soul freedom and local church autonomy. We nurture strong ecumenical and interfaith ties.*

Called to Serve: *We respond to Christ's call by sharing our gifts in acts of service. We embody the spirit of the Gospel in our daily lives. We reach out as a church to our neighborhood, our city, and beyond. We go into the world to do justice, make peace, and share God's love.*

Vision Statement -

Founded as a "memorial to peace," we the people of Lake Avenue Baptist Church dedicate ourselves to a future of Christ's peace with unconditional love that welcomes all, changes lives, and creates a meaningful and powerful impact on our community and world.

Mission Statement -

The people of Lake Avenue Baptist Church serve God by serving others through ministries that mold an authentically diverse faith community. We are supported in these efforts by inspirational worship, creative Christian education, intentional mission, and faithful stewardship of all our various resources.

Not Here By Chance!

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Accrual Basis

Lake Avenue Memorial Baptist Church And Society

Profit & Loss

January through December 2012

Jan - Dec 12

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

4000 · Income

4001 · Pledges & Offerings

4010 · Pledges	164,550.40
4011 · Unpledged Contributions	38,145.00
4030 · Loose Offering	8,554.39
4031 · Coffee & Hospitality	295.28
4039 · ABW Receipts	442.81
4041 · Easter Offering	1,348.00
4051 · Christmas Offering	8,685.81

Total 4001 · Pledges & Offerings	222,021.69
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4069 · Other Income

4071 · Flowers	412.05
4080 · Contracts, Fees, Building Use	450.00
4100 · Interest	1,870.65
4110 · Memorial Endowment Income	93,600.00
4120 · Memorial Gifts	3,855.00
4140 · Miscellaneous	1,672.68
4141 · Desig. for Worship	637.50
4180 · Bequests to Cover Deficit	22,461.00
4182 · Transfers from Special Funds	0.00
4183 · Legacy	69,678.34
4184 · Trf. to/from General Fund	2,785.20

Total 4069 · Other Income	197,422.42
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Total 4000 · Income	419,444.11
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Expense

5000 · Expenses

5001 · General Expenses

5002 · Salaries and Allowances

5050 · Minister's Salaries	63,133.43
5051 · Housing Allowance	25,000.16
5102 · Staff Salaries	50,893.68
5107 · Music Salaries	13,291.56
5207 · Travel & Prof. Exp.	3,624.98
5208 · Continuing Education	534.13
5209 · Conference Allowance	1,946.60

Total 5002 · Salaries and Allowances	158,424.54
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5120 · Employee Benefits

5121 · M&M Pension & Life Ins.	14,481.20
5122 · Medical Insurance - Pastors	3,289.65
5123 · Medical Insurance - Staff	4,488.09
5125 · Social Security Allowance	6,324.64
5127 · NYS Disability Ins.	394.50
5128 · Worker's Comp. Ins.	1,225.00
5130 · Dental Insurance	683.14
5137 · Pastoral Search Committee	3,050.70
66000 · Payroll Expenses	5,107.04

Total 5120 · Employee Benefits	39,043.96
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5200 · Administration	
5202 · Office Supplies / Printing	3,455.16
5203 · Postage	1,959.50
5204 · Office Equip. Maint.	3,015.99
5205 · Telephone & Internet	2,007.53
5211 · Prof. Services - Payroll	395.00
5230 · Pastor Prog./Hospitality	3,831.53
5231 · Program Development	963.40
5232 · Web Site & Computer Spt.	439.38
5233 · Undesignated Operations	166.50
5234 · Bookkeeping Contract	6,943.75
5235 · Pastoral Search Committee	3,016.56
5236 · Miscellaneous Admin.	726.63
Total 5200 · Administration	26,920.93
5249 · Nurture, Support & Care	
5250 · Hospitality/Flowers/Dinners	2,883.00
5262 · W&A Task Force & Conf.	1,390.35
Total 5249 · Nurture, Support & Care	4,273.35
5280 · Outreach, Inv. & Welcome	
5281 · Promotion	502.50
Total 5280 · Outreach, Inv. & Welcome	502.50
5300 · Music, Arts & Worship	
5301 · Section Leaders	7,350.00
5302 · Gospel Spirits Director	4,800.00
5303 · Summer Organist	625.00
5304 · Instrument Maintenance	225.00
5305 · Sheet Music & Supplies	288.46
5306 · Major Organ Maint.	1,000.00
5308 · Worship & Ministry	1,065.65
5309 · Honorarium	2,647.00
5310 · Substitute Organist	1,300.00
Total 5300 · Music, Arts & Worship	19,301.11
5400 · Spiritual Form., Ed. & Discern.	
5401 · Resources	
5411 · Curriculum	2,583.70
5414 · Expendables	849.66
5415 · Burmese Bibles/Hymnals	366.34
Total 5401 · Resources	3,799.70
5422 · Program Development	
5423 · Program Development	300.00
5424 · Youth Program	3,281.89
5425 · Adult Program	3,229.63
Total 5422 · Program Development	6,811.52
Total 5400 · Spiritual Form., Ed. & Discern.	10,611.22
5500 · Property	
5501 · Repairs & Maintenance	8,506.13
5502 · Heat/Light	15,976.09
5504 · Janitorial Supplies	1,386.54
5505 · Property Insurance	5,465.00
5506 · Property Taxes	2,659.45
5507 · Water & Pure Water Tax	3,259.16
5508 · Snowplow & Lawn Care	3,068.85
5509 · Refuse Services	430.95
5510 · Custodial Services	14,565.00
5531 · Van Usage Offsets	-490.00
5532 · Van Fuel	813.99

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5533 · Van Insurance	922.25
5534 · Van Maintenance	220.00
Total 5500 · Property	56,783.41
Total 5001 · General Expenses	315,861.02
5600 · Mission, Service & Social Just.	
5610 · Denomination Support	
5611 · ABC/USA United Mission	18,765.14
5612 · ABC/RGR Mission	600.00
Total 5610 · Denomination Support	19,365.14
5620 · Baptist Institutions	
5621 · AB Historical Society	350.00
5623 · CRCDS	1,975.00
5624 · Fairport Baptist Home	1,975.00
Total 5620 · Baptist Institutions	4,300.00
5630 · Regional & National	
5631 · National Council Churches	50.00
5632 · World Council Churches	50.00
5633 · NYS Council Churches	50.00
5634 · Baptist World Alliance	50.00
5635 · Welcoming & Affirming	600.00
5636 · Baptist Joint Comm. P/A	400.00
5637 · Baptist Peace Fellowship	400.00
5638 · Missionaries	300.00
Total 5630 · Regional & National	1,900.00
5640 · Metropolitan Mission	
5641 · Faith in Action	1,000.00
5642 · Church Women United	300.00
5643 · Judicial Process Comm.	300.00
5646 · Campus Ministry	100.00
5647 · Sojourner House	100.00
Total 5640 · Metropolitan Mission	1,800.00
5650 · Neighborhood Ministries	
5651 · Cameron Community Min.	5,200.00
5652 · Edgerton Neighborhood Assn.	200.00
5653 · MEEK - Mission Committee	200.00
Total 5650 · Neighborhood Ministries	5,600.00
5660 · LABC Outreach Ministry	
5662 · Community Dinners	800.00
5663 · Discretionary Mission	6,737.15
5666 · Holiday Gift Card Spending	0.00
5667 · Budgeted Refugee Supt.	2,082.34
5668 · Scholarships	1,500.00
5669 · White Cross Expenses	125.00
Total 5660 · LABC Outreach Ministry	11,244.49
Total 5600 · Mission, Service & Social Just.	44,209.63
5680 · Transfers to General Fund	22,461.00
Total 5000 · Expenses	382,531.65
Total Expense	382,531.65
Net Ordinary Income	36,912.46
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
4185 · Faith in Action Receipts	700.00

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5720 · Designated Mission Income	
4052 · Refugee Supt. - LABC Members	6,628.20
4061 · Retired Ministers/Missionaries	815.00
4062 · America For Christ	1,565.00
4063 · One Great Hour of Sharing	1,495.00
4064 · World Mission Offering	830.00
4065 · Other Special Offerings	5,584.92
4066 · MEEK - LABC Members	281.00
4188 · Desig. for Cameron	641.00
Total 5720 · Designated Mission Income	17,840.12
5900 · Fund Transfer Income	131,835.18
Total Other Income	150,375.30
Other Expense	
5263 · Faith in Action Payments	850.00
5740 · Designated Mission Payments	
5741 · Christmas Offering	4,343.00
5742 · Refugee Supt. - LABC Members	285.00
5744 · Retired Ministers/Missionaries	830.00
5745 · America for Christ	1,545.00
5746 · One Great Hour of Sharing	1,460.00
5747 · World Mission Offering	830.00
5748 · Other Special Offerings	5,981.92
5749 · MEEK - LABC Members	281.00
5753 · Desig. for Cameron	641.00
Total 5740 · Designated Mission Payments	16,196.92
5901 · Fund Transfer Expense	131,835.18
Total Other Expense	148,882.10
Net Other Income	1,493.20
Net Income	38,405.66

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Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2012

Dec 31, 12

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

900 · Canandaigua Checking 26,304.86

901 · Canandaigua Savings 151,009.68

Total Checking/Savings 177,314.54

Accounts Receivable

1000 · Assets

1100 · Pledges Receivable 2,171.42

1000 · Assets - Other 0.00

Total 1000 · Assets 2,171.42

Total Accounts Receivable 2,171.42

Other Current Assets

1001 · Other Current Assets

1021 · Due from Employees/Others 649.70

1022 · Other Prepaids 4,696.80

Total 1001 · Other Current Assets 5,346.50

12000 · Undeposited Funds 15,710.00

Total Other Current Assets 21,056.50

Total Current Assets 200,542.46

Total Fixed Assets 1,494,415.91

TOTAL ASSETS 1,694,958.37

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

2000 · Liabilities

2109 · Payables

2140 · Mission Payable 120.00

2303 · Due to Endowment 25.00

Total 2109 · Payables 145.00

2309 · Prepaid Pledges

2317 · Prepaid Pledges 15,420.00

Total 2309 · Prepaid Pledges 15,420.00

Total 2000 · Liabilities 15,565.00

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2350 · Other Current Liabilities

2360 · NYS Unemployment Cont. 1,045.69

2362 · Organ Maintenance Reserve 8,924.00

2365 · Misc. Accruals 400.00

Total 2350 · Other Current Liabilities 10,369.69

2359 · Desig. for Music/Worship 2,028.01

24000 · Payroll Liabilities 3,737.68

Total Other Current Liabilities 31,700.38

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Equity

30000 · Opening Balance Equity 458,861.38

32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets 1,165,990.95

Net Income 38,405.66

Total Equity 1,663,257.99

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 1,694,958.37