

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:

University Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 1219 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Phone: 612-331-1768

Federal Tax ID#: 41-0693994

Name of Region: Rochester/Genesee

Contact person (person completing this form): Doug Donley

Email of contact person: Pastor@ubcmn.org

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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?

Loaves and Fishes Free Meal Program

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 money will be used to purchase food used for cooking and serving an average of 200 guests with a hot meal consisting of baked chicken, bread, milk, fruit, corn and coffee. We will provide this meal every fifth Friday (or 4-5 times per year). See attached description.

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?

While this program does not necessarily do anything to change systemic poverty, it does provide a hot nutritious meal for hungry people without judgment. We know that it is the only meal of the day for some of our guests. Having a full belly makes it possible for guests to have the ability to find a job or relieve the stress in their lives which accompanies poverty. This fits in with the command of Jesus, “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.” (Matthew 25:35)

5. Total cost of the project: 1500
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: 1000
7. List other funding source(s): The mission giving of our congregation
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) University 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): Douglas M Donley (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/16/18

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.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs, or to maintain a "Rainy Day fund" or church benevolent fund.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

5. Total cost of the project

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.

One application per church will be considered per 24 month period. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

7. Your other funding source(s).

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

8. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

- A financial statement for this ministry

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

Other information and requirements

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) DMD

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

University Baptist Church Loaves and Fishes Ministry
Minneapolis, MN

Thank you for considering our application for a Matthew 25 Grant. Our congregation has been active in a feeding ministry for the past twenty years. Every fifth Friday, 25 volunteers gather to purchase, cook, serve and clean up for a free meal for the homeless and hungry in the Minneapolis community. The feeding program is called Loaves and Fishes. Different churches and community groups take turns serving these dinners five nights per week. This fits right in with our mission statement as a congregation which is:

*To be a loving and inclusive community;
Seeking faith, joy, action;
Nurtured by the Biblical tradition,
The teachings of Christ,
And God's continuing revelation.*

This ministry is led by our congregation President, Steve Lee and takes place at St. Stephen's Church. All of the people who serve and cook the meals are volunteers. We have funded this through our church budget and donations. We know that over the years, people have put a lot of their own money into this project and have not asked for reimbursement. In a time when our budget is stretched, we are looking for better ways to fund this important ministry. Having this grant money will free us up to imagine different ministry opportunities.

We do this ministry four to five times per year.

We have developed a fine menu that the guests really like. We serve a hot meal of chicken, corn, bread, fruit, coffee, juice and milk. In deference to health concerns, we stopped serving cookies this past year.

Here's a breakdown of our expenses for the June 29, 2018 Loaves & Fishes. The dollar amount fluctuates from time to time, but the mix of expenses is fairly stable.

Bread	33.45
Milk	64.20
Pears, corn, apple juice	87.56
Breadcrumbs, flour, butter	63.42
Chicken	135.00
Total	383.63

At the University Baptist Church Loaves and Fishes Ministry, we serve a hot meal to everyone who shows up. Our long run average number of guests served is 234, over the past three years that has dipped to 190. On occasion we have served over 350 meals. If we have leftovers, people get seconds and can take some food to go.

While this program does not necessarily do anything to change systemic poverty, it does provide a hot nutritious meal for hungry people without judgment. We know that it is the only meal of the day for some of our guests. Having a full belly makes it possible for guests to have the ability to find a job or relieve the stress in their lives which accompanies poverty. This fits in with the command of Jesus, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." (Matthew 25:35)

Thank you very much for your consideration.