

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. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or organization, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Lake Street Church of Evanston
Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) _____
Mailing Address 607 Lake Street
Evanston, Illinois 60201
Phone 847-864-2181 Federal Tax ID# E9982-1966-07
Contact person Jackie McKay email jackiemckay3@gmail.com
773-914-0202

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 \$ 5550 (See Budget Narrative)

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$3250

6. Your other funding source(s) Congregational donations, Franciscan Sisters of Clinton, Iowa
Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants

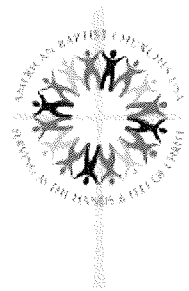
I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) Jacqueline L. McKay Date 9-1-15

Printed Name/Title Jacqueline L. McKay, Co-chair, Peace & Justice Committee
of Lake Street Church

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 Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



The mission of Peace and Justice Committee of Lake Street Church is to find ways for our Lake Street community to move from contemplation to action. We raise congregational awareness of local and national issues that provide opportunities for members to act individually and together to promote peace, further economic and social justice, practice earth stewardship and alleviate hunger and homelessness.

Our Covenant

(submitted as Lake Street Church's Mission Statement)

We stand together in celebration of the divine that
moves within, among and around us.

As a spiritual community, we affirm our kinship with
the earth and all its people.

Our covenant with one another is *rooted* in the
Christian tradition and the living practice of Jesus
to welcome the excluded and care for the vulnerable.

We are *connected* by our respect for soul liberty,
which challenges us to embody God in the world
each in our own way.

We seek to be *transformed* as we wake
to the hidden wholeness of life.

We promise to be mutually helpful one to the other,
bearing one another's burdens,
participating in one another's joys,
and supporting the church community that nurtures us all.

We promise to make this church
a womb of contemplation and action,
so as to clarify our vision and strengthen our resolve
to act against injustice and for peace.

We promise to be stewards of the earth,
sustaining it for future generations
by cultivating self-discipline and gratitude.

We pray together to love justice, act kindly,
and walk humbly with God.

Matthew 25 Request

The members of Lake Street Church (LSC) are committed to looking deeply together for ways to live our commitment to fulfill the biblical imperative to care for our neighbors (Matthew 25). Our Peace and Justice Committee (P&J) helps the congregation find ways to change the lives of those who suffer hunger, homelessness and other challenges of poverty and inequality. Our members have a long history of volunteering and contributing time, money, food, clothing and services. But as our ministries expand to meet the multiple needs identified, we look to the ABC Matthew 25 Fund to augment our resources to do this work.

Since 1984, LSC has been a driving force and the host site for Hilda's Place, now Evanston's main homeless shelter, operating from our church annex basement. While many services have now been built into the shelter's program through our external partner, Connections (an Evanston social service agency for the homeless), our P&J group, Sustenance Connection, continues to offer hospitality, and build personal relationships with our guests by hosting two dinners monthly, each feeding 35 to 45 people. Members bring prepared dishes and create some of the meal in our community kitchen, while P&J subsidizes main dishes and drinks. The priceless opportunity for our members to join the Hilda's Place residents for these meals provides invaluable food for the soul for all participants.

Another hunger-targeted effort is our sandwich-making project in which we meet monthly in LSC's community kitchen to make, pack and deliver sandwiches and other food items for distribution on the streets of under-served neighborhoods of Chicago through our partners from the Night Ministry.

We also have a growing ministry at Lake Street that embraces the struggle of our immigrant brothers and sisters in an era where delayed reform creates inhumane situations. One of our projects is to accompany immigrants who find themselves in a limbo between inhumanely scheduled court dates. They are turned out on the streets from detention with only the clothes on their back at the time of incarceration, lacking sufficient clothing and basic toiletries. We pick them up at court and help them find their way to their families across the country or to temporary housing locally. An essential element is our providing backpacks of basic clothing (including critical winter-wear) and personal care items to sustain them through that difficult transition period.

Our immigration ministry has taken up a new service project critically needed to support immigrant families in the process of seeking asylum. We work with the leading city- and regional-wide immigrant relief organizations to provide emergency shelter in the full scale apartment in our church building. Previously a home for the sexton, the space has been underused with no resident sexton in years. We are in the process of reconstituting it as a comfortable space for individuals or families while their cases get established in the courts and the mainstay housing providers can identify and obtain long-term placement. We are asking for Matthew 25 funds to help obtain some of the food, clothing and personal care items they need as well as for items needed to continue to make the space into a comfortable, welcoming temporary home. Our congregation does the rest by embracing and accompanying the resident family, making them part of our LSC community. This service is critically needed now because drastic cuts in our Illinois budget have decimated the government resources that used to provide shelter for immigrant families in crisis.

Matthew 25 Financial Statement
Budget Narrative

The anti-poverty work of Lake Street Church that falls under the description of the intended recipients of the Matthew 25 Fund is done under the auspices of Lake Street Church's Peace and Justice Committee.

<u>Peace and Justice Committee 2015 Budget</u>		<u>\$3600</u>
<i>Project</i>	<i>Annual Cost</i>	<i>M 25 Request</i>
Sustenance Connections*	\$1800	\$1200
Sandwich-Making*	\$1200	\$ 800
Immigrant services*		
Backpacks	\$ 750	\$ 500
Shelter	\$1000	\$ 750
Education and action		
Misc. projects	\$ 800	
TOTAL	\$5550	\$3250

MATTHEW 25 FUND
TOTAL REQUEST

\$3250

*The immigration work and the hunger ministry of Lake Street Church was partially funded in 2015 by a grant from the Franciscan Sisters of Clinton, Iowa.

Personal congregational member donations augment the P&J Committee funds

*Immigrant relief organizations offer some assistance to our immigration related work