

## 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 First Baptist Church  
Affiliation with ABCUSA YES  
Address 292 Lafayette Street, Salem, MA 01970  
Phone 978 744 3780 Federal Tax ID# 042 431 533  
Contact person: Rev. Dr. Renée P. Wormack-Keels, Senior Pastor  
Email: pastorkeels@comcast.net

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 \$3,100

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$2,000

6. Your other funding source(s) Essex Park Rehab Center, FBC Missions Fund, Individual and in kind donations

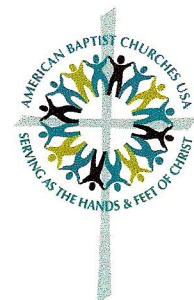
I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

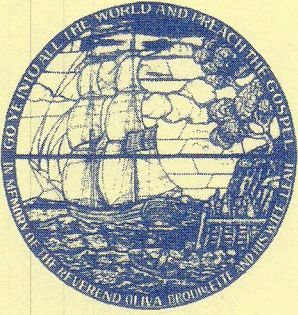
(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Feb. 27, 2013

Printed Name/Title Rev. Dr. Renée P. Wormack-Keels, Senior 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  
Or emailed to: [Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org](mailto:Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org)





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Reverend Dr. Renée Keels  
*Pastor*

February 27, 2013

Mission Resource Development

American Baptist Churches USA

P O Box 851

Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

Dear Ms. Beth Fogg,

We are delighted to submit for consideration, a Matthew 25 Grant application from the First Baptist Church of Salem, Massachusetts.

Enclosed you will find the following documents:

- Application page
- One page summary of how the funds would be used
- Copy of the 2011 Financial Statement and Annual Report (We have not yet met for 2012)
- Mission Statement is in the footer of the one-page summary
- Photos of FBC team at the Lifebridge program

Please feel free to contact either a member of the team named on the summary or you may contact me at [pastorkeels@comcast.net](mailto:pastorkeels@comcast.net) or 508-633-1525.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Renée P. Wormack-Keels

Senior Pastor

Rec'd 3/4/13

## ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application

First Baptist Church of Salem, Massachusetts has since 1983 provided the evening meal every other month to **Lifefridge** (formerly The Salem Mission), a social services program that provides food and shelter to the homeless. The church has two teams made up of members and friends of members who gather early in the day on the third Monday, every other month, to prepare and serve a balanced, nutritious meal. The teams try to vary the meal each time. At each meal, 150 to 200 persons are served. The number of attendees depends on the weather. In colder weather, more individuals come to the shelter for the evening meal. And the same is true during the hotter summer months.

In the past, and currently, we allow \$150 meal. This amount **does not cover** what is actually spent for the meal, so members of the team often "kick in" additional monies.

### **How do you plan to use the requested funds:**

***The need is great and becoming greater.*** First Baptist Church would do more if there were more funds available. For example, the teams would: 1) serve 12 times a year instead of only six; 2) additional food would be served to include a salad and milk, 3) more fresh foods would be made available. Often, when there is no other community group to provide the evening meal, our team would be willing to step in and provide another meal beyond the 6 or 12 (with additional funds).

### **How will the funds specifically assist individuals in battling poverty and its effects?**

During the summer, when children are out of school and the free lunch program ceases, the team would provide an evening meal for children during the months of July and August. In addition, FBC has either served or sponsored a Thanksgiving meal to local and international students from the Salem State University who are unable to go home for the holidays. In addition, we would serve a Christmas meal to those same students. The university housing and cafeteria close during the holiday season leaving many students to fend for them.

Poverty leads to hunger. In Salem, Massachusetts it was reported in 2011 that 51% of children K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade live at or below the poverty level. FBC is located between two elementary schools within three and 5 blocks respectively. The 2012 Status Report on Hunger reported by Project Bread revealed that the food insecurity rate in Massachusetts has grown by over 43% since the start of the recession in 2008. This is the highest rate recorded in the Commonwealth since this data was first collected in 1995. Given this information, the first and most important matter is to provide help in the short term to alleviate hunger – meals served at Lifefridge accomplish that purpose.

In addition to continuing and expanding the evening meal at Lifefridge, First Baptist would partner with the North Shore Community Development Corporation, Salem Public Schools and Project Bread to offer a life skills class in nutrition and how to make healthy meals and snacks on a limited income. Education is a vital component, along with resource development to local families in ending poverty through feeding.

Two members of our team, Dennis Duval may be reached at 978-397-0202 or [duvald@yahoo.com](mailto:duvald@yahoo.com) and Mrs. Wini Rogers may be reached at 978-530-1215, for additional information.

***The Mission Statement of First Baptist Church is:*** To be a beacon of light in bringing people to Christ

See: [www.fbcsealemma.org](http://www.fbcsealemma.org) and FBC on Facebook

First Baptist Church of Salem  
Proposed Mission Budget for the year 2012

*Designated International Support*

Board of International Ministries	\$1,100.00
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*Designated National Support*

Board of National Ministries	700.00
Retired Ministers and Missionaries	150.00

*Regional Institutional Support*

TABCOM	600.00
Andover Newton Theological Seminary	300.00
Oceanwood/Grotonwood	100.00

*Miscellaneous*

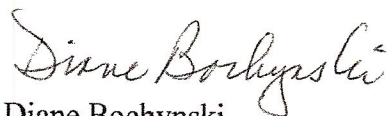
Compassion	456.00
Salem Mission	900.00
Speakers and Special Events	100.00

Total Designated Support	\$4,656.00
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*Special Offerings*

America for Christ	\$ 500.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	500.00
World Mission Offering	500.00

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Bochynski  
Mission Treasurer

<b>income</b>	<b>FY2011 Proposed</b>	<b>FY2011 Actual</b>	<b>FY2012 Proposed</b>
<b>4000</b> - Pledge	35,000	32,968	35,500
<b>4010</b> - Pledge (building)	2,574	2,939	2,800
<b>4020</b> - Loose (offering)	1,700	1,876	1,900
<b>4030</b> - Sunday School offering			
<b>4040</b> - Buidling use fees	6,000	6,400	6,000
<b>4100</b> - Merrill Lynch transfers	64,500	64,500	36,000
<b>4110</b> - Housing allowance			30,000
<b>4200</b> - special offerings	2,050	1,057	2,050
<b>4300</b> - special Events			950
<b>4400</b> - Flowers		623	
<b>4500</b> - Other Income		898	2,000
4500 - initial offering	50	24	50
4500 - interest income		14	
<b>4510</b> - Gifts & Misc		37,472	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111,874</b>	<b>148,771</b>	<b>122,250</b>