

## 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 a direct relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or Region will be considered per 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information

Church or Region: United Baptist Church of Saco, Maine

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: Maine

Ministry or Group receiving these funds: United Baptist Church / Royal Family Kids' Camp

Mailing Address: 318 Main Street, Saco, Maine 04072

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Contact person: Beverly Lowell, Pastor

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

Food and Lodging for Campers: See additional sheet

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

see additional sheet

5. Total cost of the project: 19,000.+

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: 5,000.

7. Your other funding source(s): see additional sheet

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/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by:

*Beverly M Lowell*

Date:

*12/31/15*

**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; September 1 for grants distributed on October 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

**Matthew 25 Grant Request Information**  
**United Baptist Church 318 Main Street, Saco, Maine 04072 207-283-3411**

**Question 3 How do you plan to use the requested funds?**

United Baptist Church offers a one week residential summer camp called Royal Family Kids' Camp for children with a documented history of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. The week of June 26, 2016 will be our 17<sup>th</sup> year of camp. Our camp is held at Oceanwood Camping and Conference Center, an American Baptist camping facility in Ocean Park, Maine. Although none of our staff is paid, the camp costs over 19,000. for food, lodging, insurance, training and supplies. The camp is provided free of charge to the campers who attend, and all of the funding for the camp is raised through fund raising activities (an on line auction, calendar sales, and donations for individuals and community organizations). The funds requested from Matthew 25 would be used to fund the food and lodging costs for the children who attend. We hope this year to have 24 children and at cost of 325.00/child, the total cost would be \$8,125.

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

As a general statement, the children who attend are from families living in poverty of the body and of the spirit. Some of the children are living in a single parent situation with the other parent either banned from having contact with the child due to their history of abuse, or having abandoned the family. Sometimes the child is living with family members (most often grandparents) or are in foster care. Most of the children suffer from the effects of the trauma they have experienced and deal with food scarcity so they are behind in school and border line malnourished. We provide three healthy meals per day plus snacks and also provide necessary clothing (sneakers, swim suits, shorts and tops etc) for the children to be able to be comfortable and successful at camp. Because the camp is free, our camp can make a big impact on the financial situation for the entire family, giving them a sense of the richness of possibilities for a better life, and of the richness of God's love for them.

**Questions 5 and 6 The total cost of the project and the amount requested**

The total anticipated cost for 2016 will be over 19,000. We are asking for a grant to help with the cost of food and lodging for the children who attend. Total cost of that is anticipated to be \$8,125.00, but we would be most grateful for any amount.

**Question 7 Other funding sources**

Our camp is not part of our church budget and is self funding. We do receive donations from individuals within the church and outside of the church. We also receive donations from organizations such as the Saco Biddeford Savings Bank, Altrusa International, Masons, Saco Valley Credit Union, another church's benevolence fund, and our local Rotary Club. Our two fund raisers are an On-Line Auction held this year the last week in February and a calendar sale, held during the month of December.

involved – cannot have been easy. In 1925, the new church adopted a covenant, one section of which expresses their clear determination to live together peaceably in spite of those differences:

“We agree ...to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to ‘keep the unity of the Spirit’ in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation,... to strengthen the weak, encourage the faltering, and as far as we may be able promote the success of the Church and the Gospels.”

Nearly 100 years have passed since the two churches united. Many newer members are unaware of our history, and have never read the 1925 covenant. But in the ways that we treat each other gently and with respect for differences, believing as we do that Christian union does not demand uniformity, and spiritual diversity does not compel divisiveness, the people of UBC still honor that old covenant, and are truly a United Baptist Church.

### Our Covenant

The first official Meeting of the United Baptist Church was held December 23, 1924. At that meeting, it was voted that the Pastor, Rev. Arthur DeWitt Paul, should prepare a church covenant. Reverend Paul presented the covenant at the next Annual Meeting, May 1, 1925.

The following is taken from the recorded minutes of that meeting.

Voted: that the Church Covenant as prepared by the Pastor be accepted. The Covenant was then read again by the Pastor while all stood and accepted it, as follows:

### The United Baptist Church Covenant Saco, Maine

“And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their souls.” 2 Chron. 15:12.

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we do now in the presence of God, and this assembly, give ourselves to each other in this sacred and Christian covenant.

1 – We promise by His Grace and the aid of the Holy Spirit to love and obey Christ in all things, to avoid the paths of sin, and to walk in the ways of righteousness all the days of our lives.

2 – We agree to maintain secret and family devotions, and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to grow in Grace and the knowledge of God and His word.

3 – We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel of Christ. We agree to contribute

cheerfully of our time, our talents and our money for the support of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel among all nations.

4 – We agree to accept Christian admonition with a true heart and proper humility, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to “keep the unity of the Spirit” in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the faltering, and as far as we may be able promote the success of the Church and the Gospels.

5 – We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, that the Kingdom of God may come and His Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

6 – To this end we agree to labor for the support of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Church schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the bodies and the souls of men. Moreover, we engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the word of God. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What was originally called the **Church Covenant** in 1925 is now known as the **Affirmation of Faith and Mission**. It appears as Article II of the Constitution and ByLaws of The United Baptist Church of Saco, as adopted in 2000.

#### Affirmation of Faith and Mission

We, the people of The United Baptist Church, believe that our primary mission is to glorify the one triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and advance the Kingdom in the following ways:

- Joyfully worshiping God through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior as led by the Holy Spirit.
- Looking to the scriptures for divine instruction and inspiration for Christian living.
- Educating and equipping children, youth and adults to grow in Christian devotion and discipleship, stewardship and service.
- Enjoying fellowship with one another as friends in Christ.
- Serving as beacons of hope and healing by ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of people.
- Acting upon the Great Commission to spread the Gospel—locally and globally—by being an inviting community of faith.
- Aspiring to love, striving for peace, and working for justice in our personal relationships, civic responsibilities and corporate witness.

**Opening Balance from 2014: 1006.57**

**Expenses:**

Fund Raising Supplies (calendars and postage) 1,834.11

Insurance 2,791.00

Camp Food and lodging 8,162.00

Curriculum and supplies 2,041.33

Chewonki 270.00

Derby Cars 88.40

Bus transportation 305.00

Camper needs at camp 252.86

RFKC, Inc Fee 450.00

Photography expenses 602.98

RFKC curriculum and supplies 2,233.09

Training presenter and supplies 633.84

Craft supplies 447.20

Woodworking supplies 118.71

Total Expenses 20,230.52

**Income**

Donations (church members, friends) 3,924.00

Calendar sales 10,134.40

Holy Cross Lutheran 850.00

Auction 6,306.00

Saco Biddeford Savings Bank Donation 1,000.00

General Dynamics 250.00

T shirt sales 410.00

Library matching 90.00

Income 9/14-9/15 22,964.40

+ Opening Balance from 2014 1,006.57

Total 23,970.97

**Ending Balance 2015 3,740.45**