

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: First Baptist Church of White Plains

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: Metro- New York

Ministry or Group receiving these funds: First Baptist Church

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Contact person: Rev. Tim Dalton

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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?

We will use the funds to purchase food from the Food Bank for Westchester, Inc.

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

We are starting a pilot program for our region by creating a Food Cooperative for individuals and families with food security concerns. This community will make their own food selections that are healthy and right for them, preserving their dignity.

5. Total cost of the project: \$10,000.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000.00

7. Your other funding source(s): Budgetary priority of two churches and Individual donars.

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: Rev. Tim Dalton

Date: 3-1-2016

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. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

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WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK

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Rev. Timothy R. Dalton, Senior Pastor

March 1, 2016

Ms. Tina Turner

Executive Assistant to the Associate General Secretary for Mission Resource Development

Dear Ms. Turner,


My name is Rev. Tim Dalton, Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church of White Plains, NY. We freely associate with the Metro-New York Regional life. I am pleased to submit to you and the committee an application for the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant. Attached to this email communication, you will find the completed Grant Application. This application is another step in a journey of faith that our congregation is taking and I would like to share with you a bit of that story.

Last March, three members from First Baptist and one member from our Hispanic partner congregation, Misión Bautista, and I attended training in Atlanta hosted by Urban Recipe (formerly called Georgia Avenue Community Ministry). Rev. Chad Hale is the Founder and Executive Director as well as an American Baptist Pastor. Their innovative model is called FANN (Friend and Neighbor Network). It is different from the traditional food pantry idea as it is based on the Food Cooperative approach. How it works is that a group of individuals and families, who have food security concerns, are brought together twice a month. At these gatherings, the food purchased from the local food bank is brought to the church and the community sorts out the food. There is a time following the sorting and distribution that a presenter will either bring a spiritual dimension, physical movement, or skills based presentation. These presentations are dependent upon what the group wants and sees as important. No one is compelled to participate, but the hope is that this time nurtures a sense of community. Leaders are selected from the group and they make representative decisions on food purchases for the group, as well as check-in with others in the group and make sure everyone is connected and no one is left behind if someone fails to make a meeting or two.

This endeavor is seen as the "Food Cooperative" ministry of our larger missional vision: The Mustard 'SEEDS' Project (Sacred, Encounters, creating Empowerment, instilling Dignity, and recovering Soul.) Our plan is to start small, with 10-15 individuals/families and grow from there. It is our goal, which is in keeping with the stated purpose of the Matthew 25 Grants, to nurture this as a pilot program for our region and build a network of churches and other allies in the effort to ameliorate hunger.

We thank you for your time and consideration of our application and please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

In Christ,



Rev. Tim Dalton, Senior Pastor

Mission Statement of First Baptist Church of White Plains:

To give visible form to the life and teachings of Christ as revealed to us in the New Testament.

Mission Statement for this Ministry:

The Mustard SEEDS Project: Food Cooperative will create food security, build community, affirm dignity, and nurture personal development.

It is our hope that this innovative model of combatting hunger and food security will empower and foster a sense of dignity to individuals and families by taking care of their needs through being a part of this community. We hope that this pilot project can act as a model for other Food Cooperatives to confront the physical needs around hunger and the spiritual need for dignity. Also, this can be an empowering platform for personal transformation in the development of skills, community organizing, and spiritual awareness.

Financial Statement for: The Mustard SEEDS Project: Food Cooperative

Estimated Annual Expense	
Food	7000
Travel Expenses	800
Presenters	1200
Leadership Development	1000
Total	10000

Estimated Annual Income	
Congregation & Donors	5000
Matthew 25 Grant	5000
Total	10000

Notes on this financial plan:

A) It is our hope that \$5,000 of the projected \$7,000 in food costs will be paid for by the Matthew 25 Grant. Food will be purchased from the Food Bank of Westchester, in Elmsford, NY. We also have several connections through both our congregations with local grocery stores. We will be able to get some free food through these sources, but we will not be able to control exactly what we get and when we get it. It is our hope to use these sources to enhance our food offerings but we're mindful of offering healthy options to the community.

B) The "Travel Expenses" involve the use of a maintenance vehicle on our property to pick up food, compensation of drivers and gas costs.

C) Pastor Tim will be responsible for the presentations and community building for the first few months of this pilot project and will fill in from time to time as the Food Cooperative continues and scheduling permits. As the needs are discerned, additional presenters will be brought in to support and add value to the sense of community. These outside presenters will be given a modest stipend for their time and presentations. Our estimate is cost is \$1,200 for the first year.

D) Leadership Development costs will be applied to training leaders from the group, who will: 1- Become representative of the group in purchasing food. 2- The front line person(s) to hear concerns about the Food Cooperative and maintain contact with people who may drift away. 3- Recruit others who are in need. 4- Vital part of our continuing community organizing efforts and speaking about the virtues of the project publically. It is these and others that we would be happy via the ABCUSA website.