

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Connect



Our Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith reminds us of the possibilities of the church’s mission when it is empowered by the Holy Spirit:



“The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.”

Note that word ... **TOGETHER.**

Presbyterians do things together. Not only do we believe that to be a more effective way of doing mission, but we also believe it to be more faithful. God calls us into relationship, into community, where we are able to join our gifts with others to make a difference in our communities and the world.

As we continue to emerge from the global pandemic, and reset and recalibrate who we are as congregational and denominational communities, we recognize how vital that sense of “togetherness” is. This experience has made clear the important ministry and mission to which God is calling us, so we affirm our calling in the body of Christ. “Connection” can seem like a simple concept, but because there are so many critical needs to be met for those God calls our neighbors, that sense of connection and our commitment to it seems as important now as it’s ever been.

The four Special Offerings and the Presbyterian Giving Catalog connect the prayers and efforts of Presbyterians throughout the world.

In this Action Kit, you will find abundant information about the mission and purpose of Special Offerings, as well as inspiring ideas from congregations around the country. Included are resources available to help you promote the Offerings, and ways to connect with our team for support.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of Presbyterian ministry and mission through the churchwide Special Offerings and the Presbyterian Giving Catalog.

Faithfully,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Wilkinson".

John Wilkinson
Director
Ministry Engagement
and Support



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wilson M. Kennedy".

Wilson Kennedy
Associate Director
Special Offerings and
Presbyterian Giving Catalog

Let's Get Started, Together!

Whether your congregation has been receiving the Special Offerings for years, or if you are just getting started for the first time, we are here to make things easy and fulfilling. We invite you to join with other Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations to make a massive impact on the world. Let's be the Church, together. For as we always say ...

When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Easy Steps to Getting Started

1. LET'S TALK

We know you've got a lot going on, and that every church is unique. Our staff members are available to help you figure out exactly which of our resources will help you receive an Offering at your church. Call 800-728-7228, ext. 5047, or use this handy online form to schedule: pcusa.org/schedule-call.

2. SPECIAL LEADERSHIP CONSULTATION

Does your leadership have questions? Would you like us to join a meeting via phone or video conference call? We are available to talk your team through everything they need to know in order to get excited about participating. Just give us a call at 800-728-7228, ext. 5047, or email special.offerings@pcusa.org to set things up.

3. LISTEN TO "BETWEEN 2 PULPITS"

Please listen to our podcast, "Between 2 Pulpits," as we discuss ministry, mission, and the Special Offerings with a variety of guests, plus creative suggestions for promotion and engagement. Learn more (or find the podcasts) at pcusa.org/b2p.

DID YOU KNOW?

Most Special Offering resources are FREE. You can set up a standing order and change it at any time. We will mail exactly what you need right to your door. Additional resources, like customizable bulletin inserts, PowerPoint slides and large-print, easy-to-read Minutes for Mission are available for download. We even offer a graphic toolkit to download images and artwork to use as you choose. Go to specialofferings.pcusa.org and click on "Offerings."



Contact us any time!

Special Offerings staff are here to make things easy.

Call **800-728-7228, ext. 5047**

Email specialofferings@pcusa.org

We're here to help

As joyful partners in ministry!

If your congregation is like most others, you have felt and seen need in ways that were once unimaginable. As you journey through this year with your congregation, responding to the needs around you and that God places upon your hearts, the Special Offerings serve as faithful reminders of God's grace and love shown so powerfully through the Church as it acts across your neighborhood, all over our country and around the world.

We are here to partner with you! Your local ministry is a vital component of the Church's ministry. Because of that, we work hard to provide the resources, connections, and opportunities that will help your community learn about and participate in the churchwide Special Offerings.

Our step-by-step guide to engaging with the Special Offerings can be found at specialofferings.pcusa.org/get-started.

OUR ENTIRE STAFF IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR WORK:

- Need ideas for using your congregation's retained portion of an Offering?
- Want a great image to use on social media or in your newsletter?
- Looking for a specific resource online or in print?
- Want to share how your congregation promoted an Offering?

We serve leaders within the Church, like you, so that as your congregation works to bear the love, justice and mercy of Christ to the world, you will be equipped to lead and be enriched by the experience.

Looking for someone in your region to come visit and discuss/interpret Presbyterian Mission?

Visit pcusa.org/mes to find your Ministry Engagement Advisor.



CONNECT WITH THE OUTREACH TEAM!

As part of Special Offerings, there are Mission Specialists dedicated to providing support to congregations and mid councils. The Outreach Team can help with remittance and standing order questions, information on available resources, getting started with an offering and/or the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, and much more. You can call 800-728-7228, ext. 5047, to reach them, email special.offerings@pcusa.org.



Deidra May

I love to hear how congregations promote the Special Offerings and the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, and want to celebrate that creativity! Share with us so we can share with the wider Church!

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Margaret Hall Boone

The Special Offerings are a perfect example of what it means to be a connectional church. Through the work of its supported ministries, we are reminded that we are all one in the body in Christ. Join us!

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Teresa Mader

We're excited to offer engaging activities and lessons for leaders and educators seeking ways to connect our churchwide Special Offerings and Giving Catalog gifts with Presbyterian mission. Together, we make a difference.

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Barb Soete

I believe that all the creative ways congregations and mid councils receive the Special Offerings and engage the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is inspiring! Thank you!

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Joey Brown

Being new to Special Offerings, I'm already inspired by the generous support congregations and individuals provide to ensure the marginalized thrive. We're happy to connect those you serve with the Offerings in simple but meaningful ways.

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Reach out to us on social media either through our Facebook group or one of our other channels. Visit our website for great resources to help your congregation!

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FOUR FOR FOUR

The four General Assembly approved Special Offerings bring the whole Church together in partnership with those who have the least. Together, the Offerings open communities of faith to respond to God’s call to act boldly and compassionately with those experiencing need, alongside the oppressed, and for the sake of Christ’s Church.

Four for Four congregations receive each of the Special Offerings:

- ✦ One Great Hour of Sharing
- ✦ Pentecost
- ✦ Peace & Global Witness
- ✦ Christmas Joy

WHY BE FOUR FOR FOUR?

- Responding in faithfulness to God’s call
- Nourishing your relationship with other Presbyterian Christians
- Trusting 300 years of the Church’s life-changing ministry
- Serving God through faithful stewardship of your time and money
- Committing to share the Gospel with the world through the Church
- Celebrating our gratefulness for God’s generosity to us

I WAS HUNGRY
AND YOU GAVE
ME FOOD.

I WAS THIRSTY
AND YOU GAVE
ME SOMETHING
TO DRINK.

I WAS A STRANGER
AND YOU
WELCOMED ME.

I WAS NAKED
AND YOU GAVE
ME CLOTHING.

I WAS SICK
AND YOU TOOK
CARE OF ME.

I WAS IN PRISON
AND YOU
VISITED ME.

Matthew 25:35-36



**LET'S BE
THE CHURCH.
TOGETHER.**
*Let's go Four
for Four.*

We support the four Special Offerings because they complement our ministry values:

- Outreach to our neighbors locally and far away. The opportunity to select local recipients for portions of the Pentecost and Peace & Global Witness offerings helps build bridges.
- Christian education. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering, in particular, creates a platform for teaching young people about what the church does around the world and what it means to give.
- The connectional church. Our connection to the larger church shines through in the stated purpose of each offering.

Neil Gately,
Elder and Mission & Outreach Committee Chair,
New Braunfels Presbyterian Church, New Braunfels, Texas

Our congregation has been delighted to be a "Four for Four" congregation for many years. We give with confidence to the PC(USA) Special Offerings because we know and trust that the funds will be used for causes that are well vetted, with faithful partners both here and abroad.

- Over the years our members have been onsite at PDA disaster relief sites, working alongside our denominational representatives. Whether it is responding to floods, hurricanes, fires, or tornadoes, we know that PDA representatives will be onsite working with local partners to address immediate and ongoing needs. We know that our offerings to the One Great Hour of Sharing make this work possible.
- We support PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar in their work at the U.S.-Mexico border in Douglas, Arizona, knowing that they also receive support through the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Their work with Frontera de Cristo is invaluable to addressing human suffering and social justice work on the border.



- We have retired ministers in our church and Presbytery who have received support through the Christmas Joy Offering.
- And monies from the Pentecost Offering have supported a variety of youth organizations in our community over the years, as well as denominational ministries.

Rev. Scott L Thompson
Co-Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Willmar, MN



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
 SPECIAL OFFERINGS
 HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

BUILDING GOD’S HOUSEHOLD WITH THE SUFFERING AND VULNERABLE

SEASON OF LENT

February 14–March 31, 2024

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs:



**REBUILDING HOPE —
 PRESBYTERIAN
 DISASTER
 ASSISTANCE**

32%

Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.



**GROWING FOOD
 SECURITY —
 PRESBYTERIAN HUN-
 GER PROGRAM**

36%

Takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.



**PARTNERING
 IN PROGRESS —
 SELF-DEVELOPMENT
 OF PEOPLE**

32%

Invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty, and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.

SDOP

PHOTOS : MIKE FITZNER, KASUPE MINISTRIES, SDOP

BUILDING IMPACT YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

This year, we celebrate the 75th anniversary of One Great Hour of Sharing. Since 1949, this Offering has been vital in restoring hope, rebuilding dreams and empowering communities to create a world that reflects God's love. It serves as a tangible expression of our thanks for all that God gives us, and an opportunity to share our blessings with others.



Fish boxes created for One Great Hour of Sharing

We celebrate the creativity of the team at the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church in North Carolina for their fun and inspiring Fish Bank project. Twenty-six youth participated in a project to spectacularly decorate Fish Boxes to collect coins and other donations to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.

The Fish Bank project collected 28 \$10 rolls, plus an additional \$284 in quarters that went to support refugee families for use at laundromats in North Carolina.

When reporting this good news to the congregation in their newsletter, the pastoral staff reminded everyone that "If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!" Yes, indeed it does!

PHOTO: WEST RALEIGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

Important Dates and Resources

(Please note: Offerings are not restricted to these time frames and may be received at any time of the year.)

NOVEMBER:

Watch for your One Great Hour of Sharing standing order confirmation. Make changes to your order if necessary, or order resources to begin promoting this Offering in your church.

JANUARY:

One Great Hour of Sharing resources arrive. If necessary, order supplementary resources by calling the PC(USA) Store at 800-533-4371.

FEBRUARY:

Ensure you have all the promotional materials you need.

Visit pcusa.org/oghs for additional resources.

MARCH:

Promote One Great Hour of Sharing during the Season of Lent. Send a letter with an OGHS brochure/mailer or bulletin insert to each household within your congregation. Receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and thank your congregation for their generous gifts.

APRIL:

Remit your congregation's gifts through your normal receiving agency (usually the presbytery). Not sure where to send your gifts? Call us at 800-728-7228, ext. 5047.

To learn more,
go to
pcusa.org/oghs





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PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

BUILDING GOD'S HOUSEHOLD WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

SEASON OF PENTECOST

April 1–May 19, 2024

A foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ.



SUPPORTING YOUTH IN YOUR OWN CHURCH

40%

This portion of the Offering is retained by your congregation to develop and support programs for young people in your own church and community.



YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS

25%

Serving in communities around the world and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.



GUIDING YOUTH

25%

Supporting ministries like the Presbyterian Youth Triennium that inspire and guide youth as they grow in their walk with Christ.



ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN AT RISK

10%

Providing advocacy and education that protects and nurtures our children and youth.

GOOD SUCCESS ACADEMIES

PHOTOS: ANCHORAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ANCHORAGE, KY; YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS; GOOD SUCCESS ACADEMIES; GOOD SUCCESS ACADEMIES



Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network.

The Deacons Reaching Out Locally work group of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Midland, Michigan, chose to use their retained portion of the Pentecost Offering to support the Backpack Buddies program of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network. While many children receive healthy food through the local school free lunch program, they may be at risk of going hungry over the weekends. The Backpack Buddies program provides a weekend’s worth of nutritional food to Midland County elementary and preschool students who qualify for free or reduced-price school lunches or are part of a household that receives other assistance.

Memorial Presbyterian Church also hosts the HELP Food Pantry, run by volunteers who assist community members dealing with food insecurity. HELP volunteers pitch in to pack the backpacks that are distributed to over 700 youth.

To learn more,
go to
pcusa.org/pentecost



Important Dates and Resources

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FEBRUARY:

Watch for your Pentecost Offering standing order confirmation. Make changes to your order if necessary, or order resources to begin promoting this Offering in your church.

MARCH:

Pentecost Offering resources arrive. If necessary, order supplementary resources by calling the PC(USA) Store at 800-533-4371.

APRIL:

Meet with your session or mission committee to plan how your congregation will use its 40% of Pentecost Offering receipts. Collaborate with the children and youth in your congregation to promote the Pentecost Offering. Send a letter with a Pentecost brochure/mailer or bulletin insert to each congregation household inviting their participation and reminding them that a significant portion of the Offering remains with your congregation to support your ministries with children and youth.

MAY:

Promote the Pentecost Offering during the season leading up to Pentecost Sunday, or on any other Sunday highlighting youth.

Receive the Offering and thank your congregation; remind them how the congregation’s portion (40%) of the Pentecost Offering will be used. Remit your congregation’s gifts through your normal receiving agency (usually the presbytery). Not sure where to send your gifts? Call us at 800-728-7228, ext. 5047.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
 SPECIAL OFFERINGS
 PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

BUILDING GOD’S HOUSEHOLD WITH PEACEMAKERS AROUND THE WORLD

SEASON OF PEACE

September 1–October 6, 2024

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together as active peacemakers, and provides education and interaction with those who show us how to do this work well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict while nurturing reconciliation, and standing in support of our siblings around the world. The peace of Christ belongs to all of God’s people.

By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we work to share Christ’s peace with one another, connecting us beyond our doors, beyond our community, and across borders and boundaries.



BUILDING PEACE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

25%

Participating congregations retain this portion of the Offering to support peacemaking and reconciliation in their own community.



CONNECTING MID COUNCILS FOR PEACEMAKING

25%

Linking congregations in ministries through presbyteries and synods in their region.



ADVOCATING FOR CHRIST’S PEACE & JUSTICE

50%

Calling for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative initiatives of education and Christian witness.

HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GUILDERLAND NY

PHOTOS: CARL HORTON; VILMARIE CINTRON OLIVIERI; CARL HORTON



HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GUILDERLAND NY

The congregation of Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church in Guilderland, New York, engaged with the Peace & Global Witness Offering in two special and meaningful ways. During the Minute for Mission presentation, a basket was passed around with slips of paper that shared how to say “peace” in various languages. As worshipers took one, they were encouraged to pray for our brothers and sisters of faith in those countries.

In addition, the church held a Community Potluck for Peace. The tables each had different Peace Cards for conversation starters, and the Rev. Kyle Delhagen introduced a new study on race and reconciliation to all those — neighbors and members — who came together in the spirit of peace

To learn more,
go to
pcusa.org/peace-global



Important Dates and Resources

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MAY:

Watch for your Peace & Global Witness Offering standing order confirmation. Make updates if necessary, or order materials to begin promoting this Offering in your church. Plan with your session or mission committee to determine how you will use your congregation’s share (25%).

JULY:

Peace & Global Witness Offering resources arrive. If necessary, order supplementary resources by calling the PC(USA) Store at 800-533-4371. Sign up for *A Season of Peace* reflections at pcusa.org/subscribeSOP.

AUGUST:

Share with your congregation how its 25% will be used. Encourage your members to sign up for daily reflections during *A Season of Peace* at pcusa.org/subscribeSOP.

SEPTEMBER:

Promote the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Send a letter with a brochure/ mailer or bulletin insert to each household in your congregation. Share *A Season of Peace* (pcusa.org/seasonofpeace) resources with your congregation.

OCTOBER:

Receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October). Thank your congregation and remind them how your 25% of the Offering will be used. Remit your congregation’s gifts through your normal receiving agency (usually the presbytery). Your mid council office should retain 25% of your gifts.



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

BUILDING GOD’S HOUSEHOLD WITH LEADERS — PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

SEASON OF ADVENT — December 1–December 22, 2024

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we celebrate church leaders among us — past, present, and future — who have pointed and continue to point us to God. By supporting this Offering, you help provide critical financial assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need while also developing our future leaders in the church and in the world at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



SUPPORTING PAST AND PRESENT LEADERS

50%

Honoring the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need — whether in a family emergency, a health-care crisis or even assistance to pastors affected by natural disasters.



PREPARING THE WAY FOR FUTURE LEADERS

50%

Making it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



Carla Louca and Susannah LeMay

Somewhat remarkably, the life journeys of mother-daughter duo Carla Louca and Susannah LeMay led them to study in the same place at the same time, at Presbyterian-related Stillman College in Tuscaloosa. “Stillman College has long been the place where students can find an opportunity to work on making their dreams a reality,” said Dr. C. Mark McCormick, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Carla is grateful to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for the gifts that made her and her daughter’s education possible. She shares, “When I think about how I have grown more spiritually and what I have learned at Stillman, especially what Dr. King said about the light of Christ being in everyone, to be able to see that light of Christ reflected in my own child is a really beautiful thing to experience as a mom.”

Important Dates and Resources

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AUGUST:

Watch for your Christmas Joy Offering standing order confirmation. Make changes to your order if necessary, or order resources to begin promoting this Offering in your church.

OCTOBER:

Christmas Joy Offering resources arrive. If necessary, order supplementary resources by calling the PC(USA) Store at (800) 533-4371.

NOVEMBER:

Send a letter with a Christmas Joy Offering brochure/mailer or bulletin insert to each congregation household.

DECEMBER:

Promote and receive the Christmas Joy Offering during the Advent and Christmas season.

JANUARY:

Thank your congregation for their generous gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering. Remit your congregation’s gifts through your normal receiving agency (usually the presbytery). Not sure where to send your gifts? Call us at 800-728-7228, ext 5047.

To learn more,
go to
[pcusa.org
/christmasjoy](https://pcusa.org/christmasjoy)





First Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen, Washington

IGNITING A PASSION FOR GENEROSITY

As we look to inspire and guide the young minds in our congregations and communities, it is important to provide tools that fuel engagement and create impact. This is where the Presbyterian Giving Catalog comes in — an inspirational resource that generates positive change in the lives of those who need it most.

The youth at First Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen, Washington are a shining example of how the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is being used to inspire generosity through generations. Four years ago, 15-year-old Judy Light picked up a copy of the Giving Catalog and was immediately drawn to its mission of providing support for communities in need. With the help of her peers, Judy and other youth group members set an ambitious goal of raising \$5,000 for a Community Farm

Bundle. While it took a while to accomplish, these amazing young people never gave up, always looked forward and knew they'd reach their goal eventually.

The youth group organized a number of fundraising activities. They offered handmade Christmas decorations for sale and held bake sales and car washes. The youth continually kept the congregation up to date on their progress and members made it a point to engage and support their efforts. The most successful activities in terms of participation and donations were bake sales — more specifically, pies! The youth quickly learned that by appealing to their congregation's sweet tooth, they were able to raise significant amounts of money for a worthy cause.

The success of the First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen

youth group in using the Giving Catalog serves as an inspiration and model for other youth groups across the country.

The Presbyterian Giving Catalog offers a wealth of information on projects it supports across the globe, making it a valuable educational resource. The Giving Catalog helps to ignite a passion for generosity in every generation, connecting them more deeply to their communities and those in need.

"It's certainly something that the congregation really embraced, because the church wanted to see the youth succeed, they were buying pies at truly outlandish prices, \$50 or \$60 a pie. They were behind them 100%."

— Rev. Dr. Chuck Guth, First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen, WA

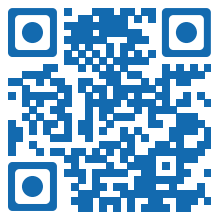




The Presbyterian Giving Catalog offers a unique way for us to make a difference in the lives of others. By using this resource, we can inspire and guide young minds to understand the true power of generosity and embolden them to create lasting change in the world around them.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF GIVING BACK

Help us empower young minds to embrace the joy of giving. We believe that instilling a spirit of generosity starts early in life. Check out our free resources, like the I Spy Activity and coloring sheets to begin actively involving them. Let's ensure our Presbyterian values become deeply rooted.



Download the I Spy Activity sheet today!

PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG

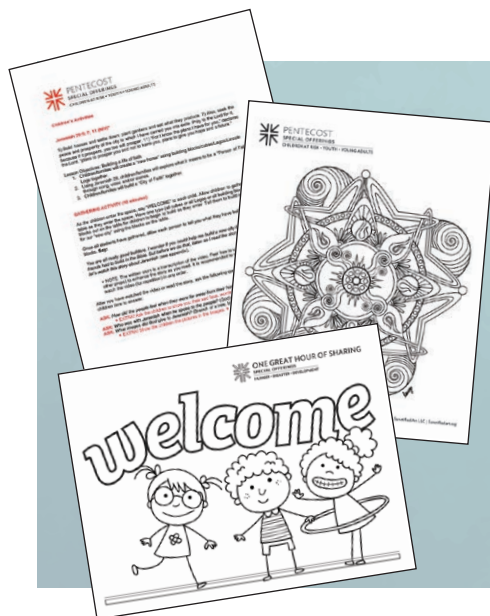
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JESUS SAID, “LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE.”

— Matthew 19:14

A foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. Many congregations report that the youth of the church are excited and motivated to participate in Special Offering activities; and in so doing, form a lasting understanding of the mission of the Church in the world.



We provide a variety of opportunities to engage the young people of your congregation with materials for each Special Offering. Not only is this material free (a gift for any educator!), but it is written by professionals in the field. These resources are perfect for using in Sunday School as full lessons or to enhance your established programs. Find Curriculum Resources online at pcusa.org/socurriculum.

PASSPORT TO PEACE
Vacation Bible School
 23 adults, 4 youth, 20 kids
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
 Matthew 5:9



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GRANBURY, TX

The First Presbyterian Church of Granbury, Texas, chose Passport to Peace for their Vacation Bible School 2022 curriculum. As part of that choice, 24 youth participated in a mission project to send cards to the counselors and staff at the Presbyterian-founded children’s camp, Camp Gilmont in Gilmer, Texas; and the daily offering was dedicated to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.



CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY

Charleston Atlantic Presbytery’s Youth Council

The Charleston Atlantic Presbytery’s Youth Council hosted a high school youth retreat at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center in York, South Carolina, for 48 participants from seven different churches in the presbytery. The theme was “When Did We See You?” with support and materials provided by the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. The Youth Council helped to prepare for and lead the retreat with activities including a station rotation in which each small group took turns visiting stations to help prepare the liturgy, tablecloth and bread for Sunday’s communion. The retreat participants enjoyed taking ownership of the tasks to prepare for worship.



CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY



RESOURCES

Did you know?

We prepare an order form for each Special Offering to make ordering your resources easy. Or if you would prefer, you can set up a standing order and we will send your Special Offering resources directly to you before each offering. If you are receiving too few (or too many) resources, you can fill out a standing order form, included in this folder. Not sure how it works or have a question? Call us at 800-728-7228, ext. 5047.

AND

You can find resources and ideas on our Facebook page and Facebook group. Find those links on page 22.



QUESTIONS about your order and other printed resources? Call Customer Service at 800-533-4371 or email us at customer_service@presbypub.com

AND

Even more resources are available online for free download. We offer videos, PowerPoint slides, social media posts, and adaptable artwork to help you promote the Offering, sample sermons, bulletin inserts, customizable bulletins, Minutes for Mission readers and lots more. Find everything that is available for each Offering at specialofferings.pcusa.org.



February 22 - April 9, 2023

One Great Hour of Sharing

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression
Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

[Give Now](#) [Jump to Resources](#)



Providing relief to those affected by natural disasters

Providing food to the hungry

Resourcing communities working to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression

your impact
Restoring Hope, Feeding the Hungry, Empowering the Oppressed

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

\$3.1 million granted by PDA in the United States and 15 countries	80 grants impacting 23 countries given by PIP
over 3,000 people trained in food production around the world	191,182 Gift of the Heart Kits and Blankets distributed
276 certified PC(USA) Earth Care congregations helped care for creation	1,500 trees planted in Nigeria, in addition to others around the world.
\$15,000 Funded Metropolitan Tenants Organization	\$9,000 Funded the Civil Society Coalition for Poverty Eradication
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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Special Offerings
August 1

When you support the Peace & Global Witness Offering you are supporting Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Your generous gifts support work such as this travel study seminar that helped to raise awareness about the history, struggle and triumphs of Native Americans. Read more here <https://bit.ly/455hZKL>.

Native Lands of the Southwest highlights the 'beauty and resolve' of Indigenous communities
Participants are looking back on a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) travel study seminar that helped to raise awareness about the history, struggle and triumphs of Native Americans.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Special Offerings
August 31 at 9:25 AM

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YAV-New York City
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March 24

Wonder how One Great Hour of Sharing helps refugees from Ukraine? Check out this article to learn more. When we all do a little it adds up to alot.



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PDA's Associate for Migration Accompaniment Ministries, Susan Krehbiel, is currently trav...

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May 24

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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Special Offerings
May 25

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