



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

The mother-daughter duo of Carla Louca and Susannah LeMay's respective roads surprisingly led them to study in the same place at the same time, Stillman College — a Presbyterian-related school founded in 1876 by a group of Presbyterians led by the Rev. Dr. Charles Allen Stillman.



“Stillman College has long been the place where students, who do not find easy access in other institutions, can find an opportunity to work on making their dreams a reality,” said Dr. C. Mark McCormick, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. “The fact that they have both flourished in their studies, and their relationship with one another has grown to new breadths and depths, is in no small part due to the nurturing learning community they found here.”



50% of your gifts assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

Sue Anne Fairman spent years — challenging but rewarding years — as a mission worker in Africa. She went on to become a ruling elder, deacon and volunteer in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. When faced with the financial realities of moving to a continuing care community, Sue Anne felt a growing sense of anxiety. “I was very concerned about living in this new place with the monthly rent going up, and my savings going down,” she said.

From a friend, she learned that financial assistance was available for retired pastors and mission workers through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, supported by our gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering. “When I got that letter that said I was accepted,” she said, “I just cried. It meant that much to me.”

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FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

