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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

MATTHEW 25

The Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) offer the whole Church a way to embody Matthew 25 through the Spirit-inspired stories and gifts which place us in partnership with those who have least. The work of Special Offerings is informed by our belief that “the Church” is not an institution, but an action. For the church to be the Church it must be enacted in relationship with those in need — an understanding that can readily be drawn from Matthew 25. Through gifts to the Special Offerings, we directly support people experiencing hunger, homelessness, thirst, imprisonment, sickness, and deprivation, as well as welcoming the stranger.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

One Great Hour of Sharing is the largest way that Presbyterians come together in mission and ministry to be “repairers of the breach” (Isaiah 58). Its work focuses on material need and its root causes — from direct famine and disaster relief to the implications of systemic poverty and structural racism growing from naturally occurring and human-caused phenomena.



PENTECOST

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The Pentecost Offering concentrates on building a foundation of faith among youth, young adults, and children at risk. This Offering confronts the inequities of our educational system and helps shape the faith of young people so that they might serve those who have least now, as well as persist in a witness to Matthew 25 their whole lives. Congregations retain 40 percent of this offering for initiatives they choose serving children, youth, and young adults.





PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

The Peace & Global Witness Offering equips the Church with the tools to accompany those who have experienced violence, building awareness and solidarity through educational resources and through relationships with active peacemakers, and joining in advocacy with those who suffer. Congregations and mid councils retain 25% of the offering each to support deepening their own ministries focusing on peacemaking efforts to which God is most strongly calling them in their community or around the world.



CHRISTMAS JOY

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Christmas Joy Offering brings the whole church together to be with church workers and their families who are in critical financial need due to illness or a lack of resources. It also equips students of color through leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color to maximize their God-given potential as they lead our Church and our world. This Offering is our way of being with these past, present and future leaders.



Giving is our response of gratitude to God's gifts to us. This response began with believers in the first-century church and continues today. Giving to support those in need, those who have least, is an essential component of congregational vitality and defines our Christian identity. In sharing the stories of those who have been assisted or helped through the work of Special Offerings, it is our hope that Jesus' presence in the lives of those we serve will become evident to every Presbyterian. These real-life stories we share are intended to develop a relationship of kinship and solidarity with our siblings in Christ and to illuminate the image of Jesus in those we meet, especially, as Matthew 25 reminds us, those who have least. **Join us.**

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IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

