**PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering**

**Sample Blog/Newsletter**

Headline

Follow Christ’s Lead This Advent Season

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Every year, society expects us to celebrate the holiday season even bigger and better than years before. This year, coming together to reclaim Advent and Christmas can be both humbling and fulfilling. As we excitedly await the birth of Christ, it’s important to remember the reason for the season: the newborn Servant of All, the perfect gift.

With Christ at the center this holiday season, we can follow in his example of servant leadership by serving our brothers and sisters in faith. Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we are able to support those in our community and give them the gift of hope.

Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering help the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions provide critical financial assistance to eligible church workers and retired pastors and their families in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Christmas Joy Offering also supports the education and development of our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. These schools are dedicated to creating opportunities and environments for students built on a foundation of Christian values. The Offering benefits Menaul School and Presbyterian Pan American School, two secondary schools that ready students for a path of higher learning, as well as Stillman College, where graduates are prepared for lives of leadership and service.

By supporting the Christmas Joy Offering, you share in the hope of Christ and celebrate his leadership by providing support to our church workers, racial ethnic young people, and their families.

Please give generously:

* Through your congregation
* Text CHRISTMASJOY to 91999
* presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy

**Links**

* Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions | <http://www.pensions.org/PlansAndPrograms/AssistanceProgram/Pages/default.aspx>
* Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges | http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/resc/
* Menaul School | [www.menaulschool.com](http://www.menaulschool.com)
* Presbyterian Pan American School | <http://www.ppas.org>
* Stillman College | <http://www.stillman.edu>