



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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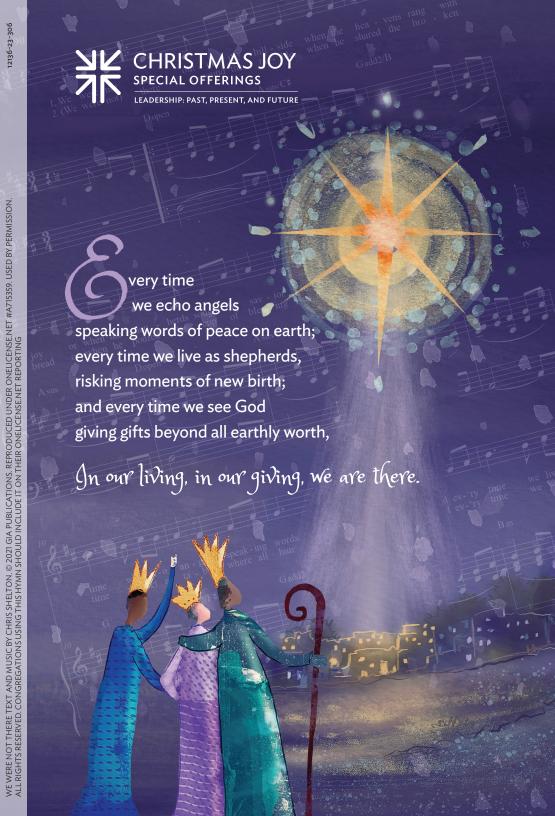


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When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we are there with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.



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

While deeply meaningful in countless ways, the Rev. Peggy Krong's decision to serve the church for many years left her with minimal financial resources for retirement. When she did retire, she was blessed to receive the support she needed through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.



"We're all children of God, and we all struggle," said Peggy. "Thanks to the Board of Pensions and the Christmas Joy Offering, I can now be of more service to the church than I would otherwise have been without this assistance. I just can't express enough how grateful I am."



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



Mikayla, a member of the Navajo (Diné) Nation, is a high school senior who entered the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)-related Menaul School in the sixth grade. Her life-changing experiences are being made possible, in part, by your gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, which helps the school provide scholarships to exceptional students.

"Mikayla exemplifies the mission of Menaul School in that she is strong in mind, body and spirit," said Melanie G. Davis, Director of Institutional Advancement. "She is

an excellent student, athlete and servant leader. Proud to be Native American, Mikayla also embraces her classmates at Menaul and their cultures from around the world."