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# BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST.

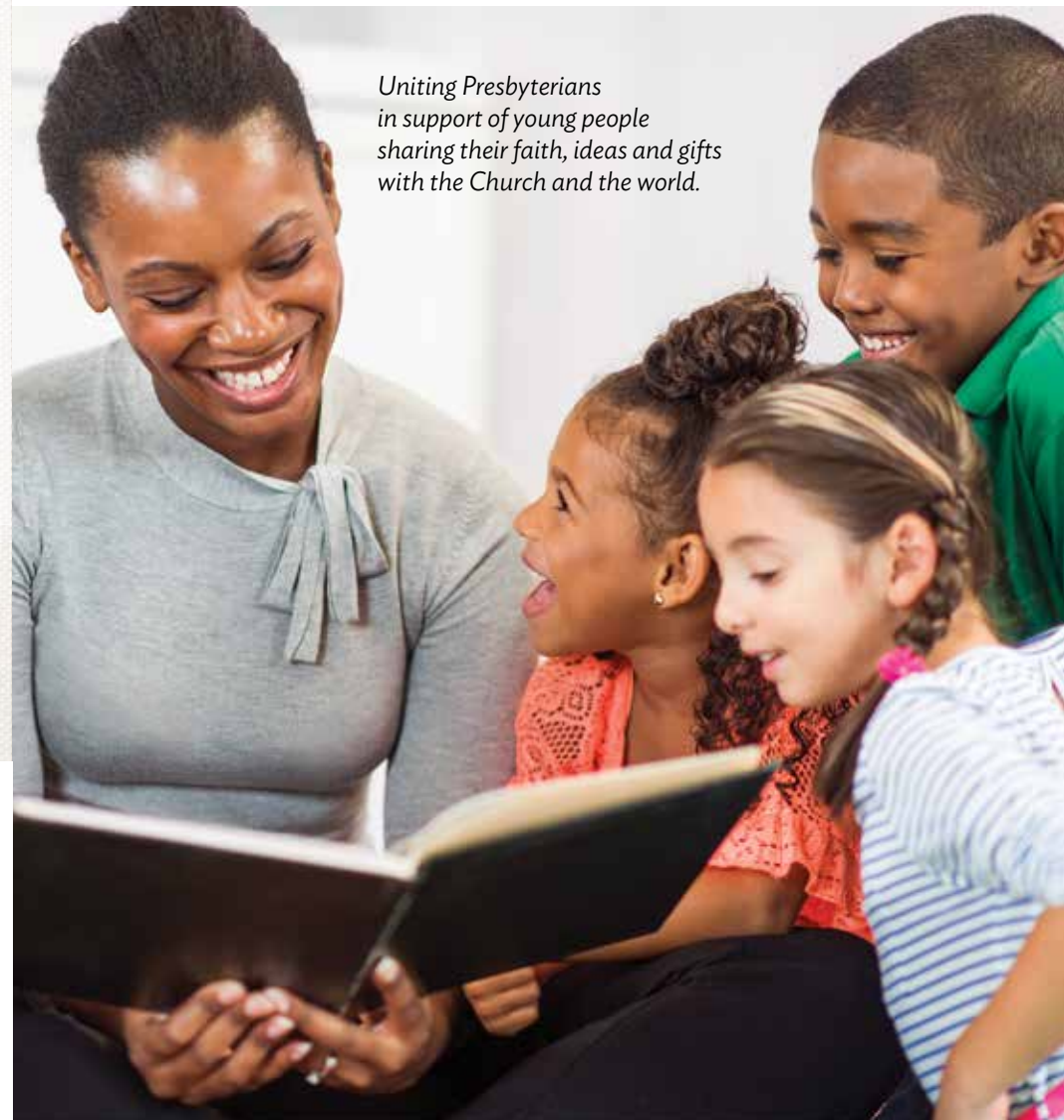
— EPH. 4:12, CEB

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.

- WAYS TO GIVE —**
-  Through your congregation
  -  Text PENTECOST to 91999 to support these vital ministries
  -  Give online at [pcusa.org/donatepentecost](https://pcusa.org/donatepentecost)



You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by the Pentecost Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA.



*Uniting Presbyterians in support of young people sharing their faith, ideas and gifts with the Church and the world.*

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The Pentecost 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 twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



“The Pentecost Offering enables young people to be included in some beautiful formation adventures that allow them to shine as well as helps them lead us as a church.”

Gina Yeager-Buckley

Associate for the Presbyterian Youth and Triennium Office



Rev. Allen Shelton was determined not to watch promising youth like Tariq fall through the cracks of an increasingly broken educational system. He wanted to ensure the future success of primarily urban, adolescent young people; so in 2010 he founded Good Success Academies. Since its founding, the once-local initiative — in partnership with Montclair State University and Rutgers University — now impacts youth in surrounding communities, readying them for college, work and the world.



The Young Adult Volunteer program is a faith-based year of service in sites across the U.S. and around the world that has been changing the lives of young people ages 19–30 for nearly three decades. The YAV experience emphasizes living in intentional Christian community, spiritual formation and vocational discernment. Peru site coordinator Jenny Valle says, “If we all had the opportunity to have experiences like the YAV program offers, I believe that we would all be more empathetic, more just and more supportive of one other.”



## WE ARE THERE

The Pentecost Offering helps guide young people in Christian formation from their earliest years to young adulthood. With our gifts, we are there to help build these youngest members of the body of Christ into the people God would have them become.

40%

STAYS WITH OUR  
CONGREGATION  
to support local ministries  
with children, youth,  
and young adults.

25%

SUPPORTS YOUNG  
ADULT VOLUNTEERS  
(YAV), serving in communities  
around the world, and growing  
as leaders through transformative  
Christian service.

25%

SUPPORTS MINISTRIES  
WITH YOUTH  
especially the  
Presbyterian Youth  
Triennium.

10%

IS DEVOTED TO  
CHILDREN AT-RISK  
and supports to  
improve education and  
provide safe havens.

WON'T YOU JOIN US?

Please give generously...  
for if we all do a little,  
it adds up to a lot.