



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

# You shall be called repairers of the breach

— ISAIAH 58

Providing relief  
from natural disasters,  
food for the hungry,  
and support for the  
poor and oppressed.



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One Great Hour of Sharing, an Offering  
that responds directly to the needs  
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Thanks to your heartfelt gifts,  
One Great Hour of Sharing currently  
supports programs in over 100 countries.

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



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If you need help or have questions, contact us at [specialofferings@pcusa.org](mailto:specialofferings@pcusa.org).

One Great Hour of Sharing — the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.



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THIS TOOL WAS CREATED FOR YOU. YOU PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE.

Research shows that when church leaders encourage their congregations to support initiatives like the Special Offerings, their members give significantly more. This guide will walk you through effective ways to promote and celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing. But don't feel limited! Your enthusiasm and creativity are invaluable to this cause.

You have likely received a shipment of materials.\* These are intended to help your church members understand the work funded by their gifts and motivate them to contribute again. Please distribute these items and help us share this message.

**In this Leader's Guide, you'll find:**

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# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (February 26 – April 12), each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. **In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.**

*One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.*

### **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)**

- + Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees
- + Receives 32% of funds raised

### **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)**

- + Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed
- + Receives 36% of funds raised

### **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)**

- + Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues
- + Receives 32% of funds raised



## OUR OFFERINGS AT WORK

### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

PDA is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It enables our congregations and mission partners to witness the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. Find an interactive world map with OGHS recipients at [pcusa.org/oghsmap](http://pcusa.org/oghsmap).

#### Hurricane Season of 2017, Domestic and International (Harvey, Irma, Maria)

Estimated Income and Expense as of 9/1/19

Budget is based on a 3 ½ year projection  
beginning 10/1/17

Income	\$ 10,400,000
Disbursed and Allocated	\$ 7,370,000
Amount Remaining to be designated	\$ 3,030,000

#### Hurricane/Typhoon Season of 2018, Domestic and International (Florence, Michael and Pacific Typhoons)

Estimated Income and Expense as of 9/1/19

Budget is based on a 2 ½ year projection  
beginning 11/1/18

Income	\$ 2,000,000
Disbursed and Allocated	\$ 950,000
Amount Remaining to be designated	\$ 1,050,000

#### Year to date (8/15/19):

Total national granted: \$ 2,476,712.40

Total international granted: \$ 767,678.62

174 volunteer teams consisting of  
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#### Refugee ministry

Due to rapidly changing U.S. immigration policies that deny access to asylum and limit refugee resettlement, PDA has had to regularly reassess and shift its attention in order to respond to the changes in circumstances growing needs and opportunities. Even as the U.S. Government turns its back, hundreds of thousands of people have come to the U.S. border in urgent need of a safe and politically secure place to live. And millions of refugees and displaced persons around the globe suffer from the loss of international aid and refugee resettlement opportunities. Firm in the call to welcome the stranger and serve the vulnerable, people of faith are providing life-saving services in ways that uplift the soul and reaffirm an individual's dignity. Presbyterians are also connecting their passion to advocacy with our government to return to its earlier commitments to humanitarian and just policies for refugees and immigrants.

Midway through 2019, PDA has disbursed eight grants totaling \$152,420 to presbyteries and U.S. partners assisting refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons to continue this compassionate work domestically. Program support includes outreach and volunteer coordination for churches to accompany asylum seekers, shelter care, humanitarian aid to families separated by ICE raids and case management for families now reunited. PDA is currently studying how to increase support for shelter services in Mexico. PDA also provided a grant to the Reformed Calvinist Church of El Salvador (IRCES) for its new ministry with Salvadorans returned from the U.S. and Mexico (\$15,000), one of three international grants, totaling \$119,000. Total for all refugee ministry thus far in 2019 is \$271,420.

PDA responds in cooperation with mid councils and congregations, the Office of the General Assembly's Office of Immigration Issues, the Office of Public Witness and our ecumenical and interfaith partners working with refugees and immigrants. PDA supports these local initiatives through individual consultations, the deployment of National Response Team members and grant making.

For more information about PDA's refugee ministry, visit [pcusa.org/PDA/refugee](http://pcusa.org/PDA/refugee)

### Story ministry

*Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence* was recently added to Amazon Prime.

*Flint: The Poisoning of an American City* premiered in Flint, MI on September 12, 2019; PC(USA) Stated Clerk Rev. Dr. J Herbert Nelson, II was present. Following the premiere, the film had a theatrical run in Emagine Theaters in Canton, Novi and Birch Run, MI, September 13-19. Residents of Flint spoke on the panel and shared their stories at the premiere and select screenings of the Emagine Theaters theatrical run.

The late Congressman Elijah Cummings co-hosted the Baltimore, MD, screening on October 7. Other cities where screenings are being organized include Atlanta, New York City, Chicago, Detroit,

Los Angeles and possibly more. Every screening will have a panel of specialists and Flint community leaders for a discussion following the film.

In production is *Trouble the Water: Conversations to Disrupt Racism and Dominance*—the story series discussing race is a collaboration between the Office of General Assembly, Racial Equity and Women's Intercultural Ministries and Compassion, Peace and Justice. This will be out in time for General Assembly.

For more information about PDA's story ministry, visit [pcusa.org/StoryProductions](http://pcusa.org/StoryProductions)

Find out more about the ongoing work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at [presbyterianmission.org/pda](http://presbyterianmission.org/pda).

## OUR OFFERING AT WORK

### PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

PHP works to alleviate hunger and eliminate root causes. YOU helped PHP in 2018 to support 113 grant partners, with \$925,960 in grants, to make an impact in 21 countries, including the United States. In addition to grant partners, we also work with 20 presbytery Hunger Action Advocates, 116 Hunger Action Congregations, and 213 Earth Care Congregations. Thank you for your financial contributions, time, energy, and prayers!

#### Top Presbytery Support of PHP:

West Virginia: most churches who gave—70  
Grace: churches gave the highest amount—\$18,674  
Giddings-Lovejoy: most new Hunger Action Congregations—11  
Salem and National Capital: 3 newly certified Earth Care Congregations each

- 323 animals provided to vulnerable communities around the world
- 946,000 lbs. of fresh produce grown and prepared by five U.S. grant partners
- In South Sudan, 135 hoes, 75 rakes, 75 spades, 75 water cans, and 3 varieties of seeds distributed to 15 schools

#### More and Better Food

- 8 seed banks and 5 solar driers built internationally
- 200,200 grams of vegetable seeds distributed in India and Kenya; 80,000 seeds in Palestine
- 329 farms and gardens provided healthy food to families in need
- 15 apiaries, 60 beehives, 30 bee suits and harvesting equipment provided in Cameroon
- Direct food relief was provided by 85% of the Presbyterian congregations connected to their presbytery Hunger Action Advocate (HAA)

#### Solidarity with People

- In D.C. and NC, partners won commitments of \$47 million for affordable housing projects
- 20 presbytery HAAs worked a total of 250 weekly hours to serve 1,336 congregations
- 213 households in Uganda had land-rights cases documented, including 78 women households accessing resources for redress and 80 households protected from eviction
- 560 crop loans provided in Niger and 664 micro-credit loans in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Haiti

- 17,522 youth and adults trained in community organizing, land rights, agriculture and more in *the U.S. and around the world*
- In Sri Lanka, 970 acres of land released back to landowners *after consistent advocacy from the Joining Hands network*
- Repeal of Organic Certification Program fees saves New Mexico farmers \$250,000 annually

### More Livable Environment

- 95,500 trees and seedlings planted around the world
- 28 water wells with pulleys/handpumps, cisterns, or water harvesting systems
- 40 toilets built for sanitation, health, and safety in India
- Regained the titles of 27,182 acres of land
- 213 certified PC(USA) Earth Care Congregations in 47 states helped care for creation *including planting 233 new trees/shrubs, LEED-certification of 8 churches, and solar panels on 18 churches*

- 1,022 congregations used Eco-Palms, and Presbyterians purchased nearly 65,000 lbs. of Fair Trade coffee and 8,271 lbs. of Fair Trade chocolate
- In the second year of supporting Mayan Biosphere communities through purchasing sustainable Advent/Christmas greenery, *Presbyterian participation doubled*
- Climate Justice Alliance members created in Brooklyn the first cooperatively owned community solar array

### FUN FACT: 98%

of Presbyterians surveyed in 2018 say that the U.S. should produce more wind and solar energy and 86% say that we need to take action now to reduce the pollution that is causing climate change.

Find out more about the ongoing work of Presbyterian Hunger Program at [presbyterianmission.org/hunger](http://presbyterianmission.org/hunger).

## OUR OFFERING AT WORK

### SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People continues to work with low-income communities across the United States to overcome oppression and injustice. In 2018, National SDOP entered into partnerships with the projects below. Projects focused on advocacy, youth-led initiatives, skills development, farming, worker rights, immigration/refugee issues and capacity building. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, over 5,000 projects in economically poor communities in the United States and around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges since SDOP's inception.

#### National SDOP Projects:

- Street Vendors association of Chicago (SVAC), Chicago, IL
- Dexter Linwood Cordon, Detroit, MI
- Daughters of Sarah, Milton, NY
- Green Light NY: Driving Together (NYS driver's license campaign), Rochester, NY
- Shutdown Academy, Baltimore, MD
- Fideicomiso de la Tierra del Cano Martin Peña, San Juan, Puerto Rico, (a collaborative initiative with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Presbyterian Hunger Program)
- The Gainesville Health and Wellness Center of West Alabama, Gainesville, AL
- New-American Parent Support Group (NPSG), Clarkston, GA
- Homes for All Nashville, Nashville, TN
- Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP), Oxnard, CA
- United Territories of Pacific Islanders Alliance (U.T.O.P.I.A) Seattle, Auburn, WA
- Welcome Back, Missoula, MT

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### *Mid Council (Synod & Presbytery) Self-Development of People Funded Projects:*

- Twelve Steps Ministries Inc., Charleston, SC
- Stock the Pantry Mission, Charleston, SC
- Brightmoor Makers Entrepreneurial Incubator, Detroit, MI
- MAN SECURITY Project, Detroit, MI
- Training Leadership Development Project, Yonkers, NY
- Together We Can, Newburgh Time Bank, Newburgh, NY
- SoulJoy Wellness Challenge, Freeport, NY
- Summer Nuer Youth, St. Cloud, MN
- New Hope for Families Project, Duluth, MN
- El Comité CARECEN-TPS (Central American Resource Center), Los Angeles, CA
- African Family Health Organization / African Women's Empowerment Program, Philadelphia, PA
- Growing Prosperous Project, Pittsburgh, PA
- Youth Organizing for the Future of Richmond, Richmond, CA
- Service Worker Advocacy Project, Columbus, OH
- Grandmothers United Project, Minneapolis, MN
- Defend Glendale & Public Housing Coalition, Minneapolis, MN
- City Rising Farm-Telling Our Story Project, Cleveland, OH
- Treasures-Arts 4Peace, Cleveland, OH

### *International SDOP Partners:*

- Small Scale Sustainable development West Africa Initiative, Liberia, Sierra Leone, (a collaborative initiative with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and various ecumenical partners)
- CE- MUJER, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- The Presbyterian Church in Rwanda, Kigali, Rwanda.
- Seine Bight Village Council, Seine Bight Village, Belize



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### *Highlighted Projects:*

#### **Fideicomiso de la Tierra del Cano Martin Pena, San Juan, Puerto Rico**

(a collaborative initiative with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Presbyterian Hunger Program). Fideicomiso members collectively own land which is managed for the benefit of all district residents. This innovative community land trust was designed by the communities to regularize land tenure and avoid gentrification. The grant makes it possible for the group to hire a community facilitator.

#### **Exploring Educational Opportunities- Black Male Leadership Initiative, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

This is a project comprised of economically poor African American young men. They seek to advance themselves educationally, personally and economically through lectures, workshops and field trips. The project is meant to fill a cultural gap in learning and exposure that is perpetuated by poverty and racism.

#### **Small Scale Sustainable Development West Africa Initiative, Liberia, Sierra Leone**

(a collaborative initiative with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Presbyterian Hunger Program and various ecumenical partners). The initiative seeks to improve the food security and economic status of communities, families and individuals through technical training, follow up technical support and small grants for project activities.

*Find out more about the ongoing work of the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) at [presbyterianmission.org/sdop](http://presbyterianmission.org/sdop).*

## 2 PROMOTING OGHS: BEFORE THE OFFERING

### PLAN

Life is easier when a plan is in place. If you make arrangements ahead of time, promotion will go more smoothly, be less stressful, and you'll make the most of every opportunity to motivate your congregation to share and support OGHS.

- + **Set dates to receive the OGHS Offering with your session.** Congregations commonly receive the Offering on Palm Sunday (April 5) and/or Easter Sunday (April 12), though any date is appropriate.
- + **Commit to an ambitious goal with the session.** Aim higher than the sum raised last year.
- + **Unpack your shipment of materials** and review the next page to find other tools and resources to help you develop your plan.
- + Call Customer Service at **800-541-5113** or email [customer\\_service@presbypub.com](mailto:customer_service@presbypub.com) to order any additional materials you may want or need.
- + **Recruit a church member to read a Minute for Mission.** Inform those preparing the Minutes for Mission of the examples available on the website. Feel free to pair as you like.
- + **Distribute the fish banks** and use the children's Sunday school curriculum during lent for a fresh approach to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing. You can download a children's Sermon, lessons with activities, and ideas to connect worship and the congregation.
- + **Use the Gracie the Fish story** with your Sunday School class.

### BE CREATIVE

Your creativity and voice are important parts of this process. We'll never know your congregation the way you do. What kind of activities do they love?

- + **Make a promotional board or display!** If you don't know where to begin, take a look at an idea from the Special Offerings team by visiting [pcusa.org/oghs-display](http://pcusa.org/oghs-display). You can also call 800-728-7228, ext. 5047 to speak with a staff member who can help you with ideas for your own promotional boards. Whether building on these ideas or coming up with your very own, remember to tag us on Facebook when you post pictures of your congregation's OGHS display.
- + **Plan special congregational events**, such as church and school activities. Popular events include dinners or mission fairs highlighting OGHS-supported ministries, and events promoting "PDA Blue Shirt Sunday" on March 1, and "SDOP Sunday" on March 15.
- + **Create a plan for involving your children** in promoting the Offering through a skit or other worship activity. A new option is having your youth choose one of the OGHS-supported gifts from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog to present to the congregation, sharing how this gift can make a difference for others.
- + **Think about how you can integrate all of the worship resources into your service holistically**—rather than as add-ons—to emphasize the central role our witness in the world plays in our own discipleship.

## RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

Hopefully you'll find this guide answers most of your questions. However, there are other great ways to learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing and stay in touch with the Special Offerings. Your standing order contains the foundational materials you'll need to promote the Offering. Our website has even more. Visit us for the following OGHS materials at [presbyterianmission.org/oghs/resources](http://presbyterianmission.org/oghs/resources).

### OGHS MATERIALS

- + **Worship resource**  
Contains a Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness, Litany of Dedication, Invitation to the Lord's Table, Prayer after Communion, Blessing, and Charge
- + **The newest (and all past) lesson materials**  
*Gracie the Fish* children's lessons on Christian love, sharing, and compassion
- + **Downloadable bulletin inserts** (2 versions available in English, Spanish and Korean)  
Version #1: *Repairers of the Breach*  
Version #2: *Building God's Household*
- + **Downloadable poster**
- + **Sample pastor's letter**  
Source of reference when writing a letter to your members
- + **Facebook cover photo**  
Cover photo can be used on your church's Facebook page throughout lent
- + **Blog post content**  
Brief article can be shared with your church through your blog or newsletter
- + **Minutes for Mission**
- + **One Great Hour of Sharing PowerPoint™ slides**, includes a customizable slide
- + **Presbyterian Giving Catalog Starter Kit**  
The Activation Kit contains resources to promote One Great Hour of Sharing in your congregation by using the Presbyterian Giving Catalog
- + **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People**

### ADDITIONAL PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES:

- + **Informational Brochure:** This tri-fold brochure includes basic information about SDOP. It shares examples and pictures of established partnerships with low-income community groups, and the funding criteria for groups wishing to complete an application. It is written in a simple-to-understand format so, regardless of their familiarity with SDOP, individuals and groups will find it useful for a variety of settings. Visit [pcusa.org/resource/sdop-informational-brochure](http://pcusa.org/resource/sdop-informational-brochure) to download.
- + **Mid Council (Local) SDOP Committee Brochure:** a trifold brochure for those interested in starting an SDOP committee. The brochure shares steps to be taken to start a committee and responsibilities of the committee.
- + **Sermons and Liturgy:** This is a thematic collection of sermons and liturgical materials celebrating the ministry of SDOP. Find these materials at [pcusa.org/resource/sermons-and-liturgy](http://pcusa.org/resource/sermons-and-liturgy).
- + **Sharing Our Blessings:** Watch a video (length:3:20) expressing thanks to Presbyterians for the lives and communities they have changed through the SDOP ministry. Watch the video at [pcusa.org/resource/sharing-our-blessings](http://pcusa.org/resource/sharing-our-blessings).
- + **SDOP Impact Report:** This resource includes domestic and international projects funded with the support of the One Great Hour of Sharing by SDOP. It gives ideas on how to interpret and support the SDOP ministry and One Great Hour of Sharing.
- + **Hunger Action Congregations:** If your congregation is doing hunger-related work in one or more of these areas—hunger alleviation, development assistance, hunger education, lifestyle Integrity, corporate and public policy witness, worship—your church is eligible to be a Hunger Action Congregation. Learn more at [bit.ly/hungeractionform](http://bit.ly/hungeractionform).

- + **PHP Post:** Download current and previous issues of this hunger-justice journal. Each issue focuses on hunger and poverty related topics and includes updates about PHP programs, reflections, scripture, and activities. You can download the PHP post at [pcusa.org/hunger](http://pcusa.org/hunger). Email [php@pcusa.org](mailto:php@pcusa.org) to sign up to receive a paper copy of the PHP post.
- + **Climate Care Challenge:** Consider accepting the “Climate Care Challenge” a new Presbyterian Hunger Program challenge offered for individuals to commit themselves to caring for God’s world in a time of climate change. Learn more at [pcusa.org/ccc](http://pcusa.org/ccc).
- + **Earth Care Congregations:** Is your church active in earth care or interested in becoming more involved in being stewards of God’s creation? Take the “earth care pledge” and become a certified earth care congregation by completing activities and projects in the fields of worship, education, facilities, and outreach. You can learn more and download additional resources at [pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations](http://pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations)
- + **Social media @PDACares:** Follow PDA on Facebook and Twitter so you can be among the first to know where pda is responding and share posts to keep your congregation informed.
- + **PDA.pcusa.org:** The PDA website has resources from prayers and hymns; bulletin inserts and Bible studies; videos and documentaries on immigration detention, public violence and PDA responses, to study guides and supplemental information you can use to dive deeper. This is where you can find volunteer opportunities and information on how to donate.
- + **Rapid Information Network (PDA-RIN):** Share in the Presbyterian response to national and international emergencies by signing up for the PDA Rapid Information Network. Receive bulletins about relief efforts delivered to your email inbox. Subscribe at [pcusa.org/subscribe](http://pcusa.org/subscribe).
- + **Mission Mosaic:** Read stories of disaster recovery from around the world. The Mission Mosaic is an annual report of PDA responses from the previous year in a magazine-style format sent annually. Email [pda@pcusa.org](mailto:pda@pcusa.org) to request the complimentary magazine.
- + **PDA Blog:** In this blog you will find stories of hope, action alerts, project updates and more. [pcusa.org/blogs/weekly\\_offerings](http://pcusa.org/blogs/weekly_offerings)

**CONTACTS:  
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### 3 PROMOTING OGHS: DURING THE OFFERING

- + **Hang the Offering poster in a prominent location**, if you have not already created a display.
- + **Place a folded insert in the Sunday bulletin every week.** There are two inserts which you can use interchangeably or however you wish. We suggest using the same insert for multiple weeks if you are promoting all month.
- + **Put Offering envelopes in pew racks every week.**
- + **Present Minutes for Mission**, and encourage your members to give generously, with reminders of the goal you set with the session.
- + **Use the worship resources** found on the website, and **focus on the Offering** in a sermon.
- + **Involve children and youth**, and ask them to hand out bulletin inserts as an alternative to placing them in pews.
- + **Promote the Offering on your church Facebook page** with the OGHS cover photo. (Can be downloaded at [presbyterianmission.org/oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/oghs))
- + **Use the downloadable art, graphics, and copy** in your church newsletter, blog, or website.
- + **Enclose the brochure/envelope in your church mailing**, along with a letter from the church pastor (surveys show this makes a significant difference in congregant giving) for members who might have missed the Offering collection. (See sample letter on website.)
- + **Remind parents** to encourage their children to fill up their OGHS fish banks.
- + **Use the Place Mat** as a family daily devotional.
- + **Create a display or bulletin board.** If you don't know where to begin, take a look at an idea from the Special Offerings team by visiting [pcusa.org/oghs-display](http://pcusa.org/oghs-display). You can also call 502-569-5047 to speak with a staff member who can help you with ideas for your own promotional boards. Whether building on these ideas or coming up with your very own, remember to tag us on Facebook when you post pictures of your congregation's OGHS display.

#### THREE WAYS YOUR MEMBERS CAN GIVE



*Through your congregation*



*Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10*



*[presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs)*

In addition, members can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making a gift at any time throughout the year, online at [presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs).

OR

Gifts may be sent to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

## 4 PROMOTING OGHS: AFTER THE OFFERING

### THANK YOUR CONGREGATION

for their generous gifts, and share the total raised. Celebrate meeting or exceeding your original goal! Remind them of the causes they have supported: hunger, thirst, disaster recovery, refugee assistance, education, and community development.

### SEND IN YOUR CONGREGATION'S FUNDS

At the direction of the 220th General Assembly (2012), congregations are encouraged to remit OGHS gifts directly to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, with "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the memo line.

Your contribution can be mailed to:

#### Mid Councils

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
PO Box 643751  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3751

#### Congregations

*(through normal receiving agency, usually the presbytery, or)*  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
PO Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

The Agency will record and notify presbyteries of congregational donations.

### UPDATE YOUR CONGREGATION

Throughout the year on how the money is being used, and remind your members they can contribute to the Offering all year.

### SHARE YOUR STORIES WITH US!

We'd love to hear the unique ways you promoted One Great Hour of Sharing.  
Email [specialofferings@pcusa.org](mailto:specialofferings@pcusa.org).

### STAY UP-TO-DATE ON ALL THINGS SPECIAL OFFERINGS

by subscribing to the Special Offerings blog, "Liking" the Special Offerings Facebook page, and following Special Offerings on Twitter.

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## 5 MINUTE FOR MISSION

### REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

Look around you this morning. Go ahead, look around. Isn't it good to be in the house of God today? I bet that some of us, when we were growing up, were told that there were certain ways to behave in the church building, because it is God's house. Maybe it was not to run, or to keep our voices quieted, or maybe we were taught to invite others in. This is God's house.

In Isaiah 58, the author is addressing a people who have returned to Jerusalem, where the Temple—God's house—was in shambles. I imagine it was a heartbreaking scene. And in that rubble, the prophet challenges the people, not to rebuild the building or to restore their religious rituals, but to care for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable—the prophet called the people to become the house of God. Look around you again. The people here, today, our church—we are the house of God, too. We are called to become, as Isaiah promised long ago, “repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in.”

Together, we become the household of God. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we extend shelter to those who have no place to stay, offer compassion to those who have pain—be it physical, emotional or spiritual—and we set a feast, with God, for those who lack access to enough food to eat.

When the wind and water wipe homes away, or bombs destroy the dwellings of the innocent, or people lack safe and affordable housing, One Great Hour of Sharing extends a roof.

When conflict and war cause famine, or the environment endangers the land of farmers, or those who work the fields are not paid enough to feed their families, One Great Hour of Sharing welcomes them to the table.

When water becomes scarce, or when it must be accessed by walking long and dangerous distances, or when the pipes or sources become poisoned,

One Great Hour of Sharing rushes in as a spring of life-giving water.

God's house is a place where needs are met and the broken systems that cause those needs are addressed. Across this country and around the world, Presbyterians are responding to the call we hear in Isaiah. We are gathering together as God's people and becoming a household with the suffering and vulnerable. We are celebrating God's goodness and grace and giving to One Great Hour of Sharing.

We are the house of God. Let us welcome those without a home into God's house. Let us invite those without enough to eat to God's table. Let us invite those who thirst to the spring of God's fountain. May we be called, as Isaiah said, “repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in.”

*Let us pray:*

*Draw all people together, gracious God,  
and make us your house.*

*Let our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing  
create a home  
and a wholeness for people in need,  
so that the whole  
human family will know your love.*

*Amen.*

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### TOGETHER, WE BECOME THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD.

Before a hunger emergency struck Somalia, Hawo Abdi and her husband were successful herders near their country's border with Kenya.

However, two years of intensive drought parched the land to the point that they could no longer raise the camels, cattle, sheep and goats that supported them. As her family faced economic ruin, Abdi's husband died. She was two months pregnant with the couple's fifth child.

Desperate to feed her children, Abdi felt she had no choice but to make the two-day journey to a camp for internally displaced persons to ensure the safety of her four young children and unborn child. Against the background of Somalia's civil war, the journey was fraught with danger, including the possibility of attack from armed groups and assault.

"We had nothing to take with us, and we had to beg for water," she says.

Abdi's mission to bring her children to a safe refuge was successful. Now she and her children receive a monthly allocation of rice, beans, cooking oil and sugar that One Great Hour of Sharing gifts help provide.

While their day-to-day life remains difficult, Abdi and her children, including her new baby, are safe and nourished. "The food aid has improved the living conditions of my family," she says. "I was able to feed my starving children."

Sadly, Abdi's story is not unique. According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 5.4 million people in Somalia are food insecure, and another 2.6 million people are displaced. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partners with Kaalmo Relief and Development to provide food aid to people in the camp. "We are very grateful for your contribution," says Mohamed Ahmed Iriri, Kaalmo's director. "It will help us a lot in fighting the hunger and poverty affecting our people in Somalia."

One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are helping to address famine and extreme hunger through PC(USA) partners in other countries, including Northern Nigeria, South Sudan and Yemen. These partners help with emergency food assistance and address the underlying causes of hunger and homelessness for the millions of people struggling to maintain their very existence.

In Isaiah 58, the prophet calls us to be "repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in," to care for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we extend shelter to those who have no place to stay, food to those who are hungry and compassion to those who have pain—be it physical, emotional or spiritual. Together, we become the household of God; and all are welcome. Won't you join us with a gift to One Great Hour of Sharing? Because when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

*Let us pray:*

*God of refuge, gather us  
into your household.*

*Under your roof, let us meet together  
at your table of grace  
to be fed with good food.*

*Grant us the dream of your world  
where all are fed, all are housed  
and all have the dignity  
you granted from the beginning.*

*May our gifts begin to build  
this dream.*

*Amen.*

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### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING GIFTS SUPPORT HOUSING SECURITY, AFFORDABILITY AND FAIRNESS.

For more than a decade, Monica lived peacefully in her Jersey City apartment and enjoyed a worry-free relationship with her landlord.

However, when a new landlord acquired her building, Monica started getting notices summoning her to court. At different times, the landlord contended that she had been late with a rent payment or had failed to pay an increased rent charge or had failed to pay the rent at all. Other neighbors reported having similar experiences.

Monica made repeated trips to court and each time the dubious allegations were dismissed. While she successfully fended off the legal challenges, Monica was growing weary of the hassle and growing more and more worried that one day the landlord might find a way to evict her.

Enter Jersey City Together, a broad-based, multi-faith organization in Jersey City—developing leaders, strengthening communities and seeking justice—committed to standing up for people trying to maintain a decent and affordable place to live. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are helping in their important work.

Diane Maxon, chair of the Tenants' Rights and Protection Group, said Monica's new landlord—who owns approximately 4,000 apartments in Jersey City—has a history of forcing people from their building, renovating the structure and significantly raising the rent in violation of rent control and other housing regulations.

“People were being illegally evicted and rent was being raised up to three times what the original tenant had paid, which is illegal,” said Maxon.

When Monica made her most recent appearance in court, after receiving notice that she had three days to vacate her apartment, Jersey City Together organized a group to accompany her and helped her

find reasonably priced legal representation. Previously, she had to face the legal system alone, but this time she came armed with more knowledge of the law and the presence of Jersey City Together. She was vindicated once again.

But that isn't all that gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are doing to increase housing security and affordability. In Durham, North Carolina, One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are supporting Durham CAN, a coalition of faith-based groups and civic organizations which has persuaded government officials to devote publicly owned land to affordable housing. More than 400 affordable housing units have been built. In Homs, Syria, Offering gifts have helped rebuild 40 houses and apartments destroyed during the civil war, allowing occupants of these residences to be the first to re-enter the city after violence subsided.

From Jersey City to Durham to Homs, Syria and other places around the globe—One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are helping to provide a decent place to for people to live. Your gift, our gifts working together make a difference. For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

*Let us pray:*

*Sheltering God,*

*gather us under your protection.*

*Draw your church together*

*with all those in need*

*of a safe place to live,*

*that we might restore your streets*

*and build your household.*

*Amen.*

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### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING GIFTS CONTINUE LONG-TERM RECOVERY FROM HURRICANE MARIA

Who could forget the devastation after Hurricane Maria swept across Puerto Rico in 2017? Certainly not Mimita Nieves. Eighteen months later she was still living without electricity.

Mimita did the best she could. She got along on canned food and powdered milk, and fresh vegetables when she could get them. She cooked on a small propane stove and lit her home with solar lights that she charged during the day. A friend lent her a battery-powered radio that served as her main source of information.

The hurricane wrecked the electrical grid across Puerto Rico. Complicating things for Mimita, the storm also destroyed her home's electrical wiring. Mimita lives on Vieques [vee-ek-es], a small island eight miles east of the Puerto Rico mainland. No highway connects the mainland and Vieques, so most transportation for both people and cargo to the island is via ferry boat or airplane. Due to its lack of accessibility, Vieques lagged behind in the restoration of housing, infrastructure and basic services.

Her situation did not change until the day Presbyterian volunteers knocked on her door. The volunteers replaced her electrical system with one much safer and more durable, built her a new fence and hauled away storm debris that had been in her yard for months. One Great Hour of Sharing gifts provided the materials they used to make the repairs. As a senior citizen with limited income, Mimita never would have been able to afford a contractor to do the work and feels blessed for the help she received.

When her lights came on, Nieves was overcome with gratitude for Presbyterians. "I cried," she says. "I got down on my knees and I cried."

Mimita's house also got a much-needed roof installed by an organization called Hope Builders, an organization which will now be able to rebuild more roofs in Vieques using gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are also at work in impoverished communities in San Juan, Puerto Rico's capital and largest city, helping organizations like the G-8, a community-based nonprofit group. The G-8, has rebuilt more than 100 roofs in eight communities near the Martín Peña Channel.

A sister organization to the G-8, the Martin Peña Channel Land Trust, has taken even more steps to protect the residents. The land trust acquired the property and residents are applying for surface-rights deeds to their houses.

The programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program—unite us in caring for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable. Together, we work to become as Isaiah said, "repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in"—for as we always say, if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

*Let us pray:*

*May your restoring grace  
and power to repair  
overwhelm destruction and  
undo all harm.*

*Make us instruments,  
through the gifts we make this day,  
in meeting the needs  
of those who suffer.*

*Amen.*

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### BUILDING A HOUSEHOLD WITH THE SUFFERING AND VULNERABLE

If I asked you to close your eyes while I said the word “household,” what would come to mind?

Caring people?  
A table with food, shared with family and friends?  
Shelter?  
Warmth?  
Friendly voices?  
Love?

Yes? Did I think of some of the same things you did?  
I imagine we all think of many of these same things when we think about a household.

Yet there are many in this world who don’t enjoy those comforts that we may automatically think of when we hear that word. Household.

People like Mimita whose home and life in Puerto Rico were literally torn apart by Hurricane Maria.

Or like Abdi who lost her husband and had to trek for days with her small children through a war-torn region of Somalia to bring the family to a place where they could find food and shelter. Did I mention that she was pregnant at the time?

And Monica, whose day-to-day peace of mind was threatened by a predatory landlord who brought false charges against her time after time as he tried to evict her in order to rent her New Jersey apartment for more money.

What do you think these three women think when they hear the word “household?” Not comfort but perhaps discomfort. Not a hot meal but wondering where the next meal is coming from. Not shelter and warmth but sky above where once a roof had been.

But this is not the end of these stories, for where there is life, there is hope. Where God is, there is hope. Together, we become the household of God. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we extend shelter to

those who have no place to stay, offer compassion to those who have pain—be it physical, emotional or spiritual—and we set a feast, with God, for those who lack access to enough food to eat. May we be called, as Isaiah said, to be “repairers of the breach.” To be the church in the world and active followers of our faith.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we are building a household with the suffering and the vulnerable—God’s household filled with love where everyone is welcome. Please give generously, for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

*Let us pray:*

*Bless our hands and our gifts,  
O God.*

*Let them find the hands and gifts  
of those in need of a place to call home.*

*May we be builders with  
and not builders for.*

*May we be your people among,  
and not people above.*

*May we be welcomed  
into your household,  
together with all people,  
not as strangers or as guests,  
but like your children,  
finally at home.*

*Amen.*

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