



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.

WERLI FRANCOIS; ALAMY STOCK

# Thank you

for promoting and supporting One Great Hour of Sharing,  
an Offering that responds directly to the needs

God has called us to fulfill in Isaiah 58.

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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**LEADER'S GUIDE**  
FEBRUARY 22-APRIL 9

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

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. Research shows that when church leaders encourage their congregations to support initiatives like the Special Offerings, their members give significantly more.

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 resources 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 (OGHS) — 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 22 – April 9), each gift to 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.**



OXFAM INDIA

*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



MATTHEW 25

## OUR OFFERINGS AT WORK

### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

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

#### **Matthew 25 continues to be a guiding force in the work of PDA.**

- supporting the eradication of poverty through grants to vulnerable populations
- working to end systemic racism through centering Black, indigenous and communities of color and refugees in our grant-making
- promoting congregational vitality through volunteer work teams, Story Ministry, spiritual and emotional care for pastors and grants to help congregations respond in their own communities
- addressing climate change, militarism and other forms of oppression.

#### **In 2021, PDA granted \$3.1 million in the United States and 15 countries. In partnership with Church World Service, 191,182 Gift of the Heart Kits and blankets were distributed.**

In 2021, PDA's **Refugee Ministry** introduced a new grant opportunity supporting refugee and asylum advocacy programs, disbursing \$100,000 to support the capacity of local/grassroots refugee or immigrant groups connecting their local experiences with the national dialogue and advocacy campaigns. These grants have strengthened PDA's ties with refugee and immigrant leaders, enabling us to center our advocacy on their voices. PDA continues to work with churches supporting resettled refugees, including the influx of Afghan refugees being resettled in the U.S.

**Story Productions** is working alongside communities impacted by industrial air pollution, amplifying their voices and demands in an upcoming documentary on Ethylene Oxide, which will release in 2022. The series *Trouble the Water: Conversations to Disrupt Racism and Dominance* launched a pilot program and is developing study guide resources. *Flint: the Poisoning of an American City* reached 3 million streams on Amazon and is being used by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for trainings on environmental racism.

#### **Due to climate change, natural disasters are intensifying in frequency and scale.**

**Nationally**, the Emotional and Spiritual Care Ministry hosted over 500 people in programs that strengthen leaders to care for their communities. Initial grants supported recovery from wildfires, tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes and storms. Long-term support continues in Puerto Rico, NC, FL, TX, OH, CA, SC and WV. 400 Work Team Volunteers were hosted in CA, NC, NE and NJ. 60 National Response Team members were deployed to 19 presbyteries.

**Internationally**, projects included support for socially ostracized communities in India; livelihood projects in Cameroon, Nepal, Philippines, Liberia, Sierra Leone and more; emergency grants in Haiti, Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, India, South Sudan and more; and Long-Term Recovery in the Bahamas, Guatemala, Malawi, Mexico and more.

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

## OUR OFFERING AT WORK

### PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

In 2021, you helped the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) give **80 grants** totaling **nearly \$1 million**, impacting **23** countries, including the United States. PHP also partnered with **14** presbytery Hunger Action Advocates, **131** Hunger Action Congregations and **276** Earth Care Congregations across the U.S.

The Matthew 25 vision of the Presbyterian Mission Agency includes eradicating systemic poverty, dismantling structural racism and building congregational vitality. PHP has long been involved in addressing root causes of hunger, poverty and injustice, and in resourcing congregations as they seek to serve their communities. We see Christ in those who are hungry, thirsty, imprisoned and oppressed.

Addressing systems of injustice is a central Christian calling. By illuminating the interlocking issues of hunger, poverty and environmental injustice, we hope to create a world of well-being for all people on a thriving earth. We approach our work through mutual partnerships with community organizations led by those who themselves experience injustice and mobilize for just systemic change.



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Our work and the work of our partners is difficult to quantify within the span of a year; long-term sustainable development, community empowerment and systems change take many years. But this report offers a few examples of the impact of your gifts.

Together with the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), PHP works across the country and around the world in a spectrum of vital ministry — from immediate relief in times of crises to long-term sustainable development. We are grateful for the scope of work that SDOP, PDA and PHP are able to accomplish together through generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

#### *More and better food*

People have sufficient money, seeds, land, water, equipment and training to feed themselves and their families. Better food also means everyone in the food production process is treated fairly.

- **Over 42,000 pounds of millet** were purchased to supply five cereal banks in Niger.
- **Three hectares** of trees, **1,657 bushes** and **350 tree shoots** were planted in Colombia, and **1,500 trees** were distributed in Nigeria.
- **Ten agricultural processing machines** were distributed to 10 groups in Nigeria to extract vegetable oil and thresh maize, cowpea and groundnut.
- **Over 3,000 people** around the world were trained in food production.
- In Malawi, **661 doe goats** birthed **979 kids**, which impacted **6,922** individuals through nutritious goat milk, meat or by utilizing goat manure for gardens.
- More than **56,500 boxes of fresh and nonperishable food** were distributed to local communities in the U.S.

## Solidarity with people

The solidarity work we do with vulnerable communities includes changing unfair structures and passing more just policies — around wages, labor, trade, housing and job opportunities.

- **Over \$13 million** included in the national budget for the medical care of communities impacted by heavy metals toxins from mining in Peru.
- **Twenty mining corporations** signed community-negotiated contracts to reinvest mining revenues into community development in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- **More than 400,000 people** in 30 villages in India chose to get vaccinated for COVID-19 after participating in awareness-raising activities.
- A tenant collective in Nashville won a **\$200,000 compensation** package for its 23 families — on par with the largest compensation packages any trailer park community has ever won in the U.S.
- In Virginia, a legislative victory won **paid sick days for 30,000 home care workers** who are low-wage workers and disproportionately women of color.
- Six Congregation-Based Community Organizations won commitments of **\$535 million toward affordable housing** in six U.S. cities.

## A more livable environment

Caring for Creation is a necessity to ending hunger and poverty, and the reverse is also true: The pollution, extraction and harm done to the environment significantly worsens social and economic conditions for people who are hungry.

- **Fifty toilets** were built in India to maintain good hygiene and the dignity and safety of women and girls.
- **Fourteen water points** were installed in three schools in Nicaragua, as well as **10 sinks, 10 latrines** and **10 garbage disposal sites**.
- In Alaska, **100 early childhood educators received training** about ways to reduce toxic exposures to children.
- In Alabama, residents of the Ekvv-Yefolecv Maskoke Ecovillage rescued **477 acres of land** from being clear-cut for timber.
- **More than 30,000 pounds** of fairly traded coffee and chocolate were purchased; proceeds contributed to a \$5,000 grant for small farmers in the Gaza Strip in Palestine.
- **A total of 786 Presbyterian congregations** purchased eco-palms for sustainable forestry and livelihoods.

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

# OUR OFFERING AT WORK

## SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People works with low-income communities to overcome oppression and injustice. In 2022 (Jan – May), National SDOP entered into partnership with the projects below. Mid Council SDOP projects will be awarded later in 2022. Projects focus on advocacy; youth-led initiatives; skills development; farming; disabilities; immigration/refugee issues and capacity building. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, projects in economically poor communities around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges.

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### 2022 National and International Community Partners Approved for Funding (Jan – May):

The projects and grants:

#### National Partners

- **Metropolitan Tenants Organization**, Chicago, Illinois, \$15,000
- **Institutional Rescue & Recovery Coalition**, Chicago, Illinois, \$15,000
- **Coalition for Restaurant Safety and Health**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania \$15,000
- **Laundry Workers Center**, New York City, New York, \$15,000
- **Struggle for Miami's Affordable and Sustainable Housing, Inc.**, Miami, Florida, \$15,000
- **Ciudad Nueva Community Outreach**, El Paso, Texas, \$15,000
- **Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission**, Fresno, California, \$15,000
- **Afghan Cattle Cooperative**, Bristow, Virginia, \$30,000 – The project raises and sells cattle to improve the lives of families currently living below the poverty level. Members raise livestock and teach their children animal husbandry and related life skills.
- **Food Depot to Health**, South Euclid, Ohio, \$15,000 – This is a food wellness initiative that prepares its members to grow, produce, harvest and prepare healthy foods. They ensure that food and health are correlated to truly understand from a health perspective you are what you eat! There are 19 members in the group and they all work in the gardens and in the preparation of healthy meals for their families and community. All members participate in the decision-making process.

#### International Partners

- **Bomba United Farmers' Cooperative Society Limited**, Belize District, Belize, \$15,000.
- **Progress group Solis No. 2**, Chiriqui, Panama, \$15,000.
- **Interchurch Center for Theological and Social Studies (CIEETS)**, Managua, Nicaragua, \$37,500. CIEETS is an intermediary partner in Nicaragua. It uses SDOP criteria to fund projects in Nicaragua. The groups that have been funded include different types of economic entrepreneurs, such as improvement of chicken farms, bakeries, honey production, etc.
- **Civil Society Coalition for Poverty Eradication (CISCOPE)**, Abuja, Nigeria, \$9,000 The project is aimed at strengthening the livelihood activities of 200 affected farmers; It will further support 200 vulnerable female headed households; build the capacity of 60 community leaders who are gate keepers; ward councilors who are political leaders. Additionally, 8 monthly sessions and an advocacy radio program will be held on one of the widely listened to radio stations in the state.

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

## 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 2) and/or Easter Sunday (April 9), though any date is appropriate.
- **Aim for a higher goal** 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 or use the videos found online.
- **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.
- **Visit our website**, [pcusa.org/oghs/resources](http://pcusa.org/oghs/resources), for recordings of minutes for mission, worship resources and many other helpful resources.

## 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 February 26, and "SDOP Sunday" on March 12.
- **Create a plan for involving your children** in promoting the Offering through a skit or other worship activity. Use items in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog to present to the congregation, sharing how this gift can make a difference for others.
- **Challenge other congregations in your area.** Here is an example of how it can be done. [presbyterianmission.org/story/fishing-derby-baits-one-great-hour-of-sharing-participation](http://presbyterianmission.org/story/fishing-derby-baits-one-great-hour-of-sharing-participation).
- 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. These are available in English, Spanish and Korean.

### 3 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 [pcusa.org/oghs/resources](http://pcusa.org/oghs/resources).

#### OGHS MATERIALS

- **Worship resources**
- **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: *We Are There*
- **Downloadable poster**
- **Sample pastor's letter**
- **Facebook cover photo** – Cover photo can be used on your church's Facebook page throughout lent
- **Minutes for Mission** – both written and video
- **PowerPoint slides**, includes a customizable slide
- **Presbyterian Giving Catalog Starter Kit**. This kit contains resources to promote One Great Hour of Sharing in your congregation by using the Presbyterian Giving Catalog

#### ADDITIONAL PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES:

- **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 [pcusa.org/hac](http://pcusa.org/hac).
- **Alleviating Hunger and Eliminating the Causes:** PHP has collected this list of ideas to help congregations who are interested in serving in ways that help eliminate root causes of hunger. We hope it offers ideas for those wanting to listen and learn about the needs of their neighbors and to explore holistic ways to help their communities walk in freedom from hunger.  
[presbyterianmission.org/resource/eliminating-the-causes-of-hunger](http://presbyterianmission.org/resource/eliminating-the-causes-of-hunger)

- **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 Ambassador Training:** Consider completing the Climate Ambassador Training, offered by the Presbyterian Hunger Program's partner, Blessed Tomorrow. Clergy and lay leaders will find this training useful during these unprecedented times of climate change. Sign up using code PCUSABTAmbassador21 at [ecoamerica.litmos.com/self-signup](http://ecoamerica.litmos.com/self-signup).
- **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).
- **Joining Hands:** If your congregation/presbytery is ready to engage more deeply whether by addressing U.S. policies that maintain global systems of oppression, reviewing mission network relationships or expanding your knowledge of systemic poverty in a globalized world, then contact Valery Nodem ([valery.nodem@pcusa.org](mailto:valery.nodem@pcusa.org)) or Eileen Schuhmann ([eileen.schuhmann@pcusa.org](mailto:eileen.schuhmann@pcusa.org)).
- **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.
- **pcusa.org/PDA:** 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. Subscribe at [pcusa.org/subscribe](https://pcusa.org/subscribe).
- **Mosaic: A Year in Review:** Read stories of disaster recovery from around the world. Mosaic is an annual report of PDA responses from the previous year in a magazine-style format sent annually to subscribers. Email [pda@pcusa.org](mailto:pda@pcusa.org) to request the complimentary magazine and visit [pcusa.org/mosaic](https://pcusa.org/mosaic) to read previous issues.
- **PDA Blog:** In this blog you will find stories of hope, action alerts, project updates and more. Read it at [pcusa.org/pdablog](https://pcusa.org/pdablog).
- **Community Brochure/Informational Brochure:** This 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](https://pcusa.org/resource/sdop-informational-brochure) to download.
- **Church Brochure:** This brochure tailored for the church community shares basic information about SDOP including a brief history of SDOP and ways to engage with the ministry.
- **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](https://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](https://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.
- **Online OGHS Map:** [pcusa.org/oghsmap](https://pcusa.org/oghsmap)

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## 4 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 as well as the 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 [pcusa.org/oghs/resources](https://pcusa.org/oghs/resources))
- **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.** Read the Gracie stories and use the OGHS Curriculum found at [pcusa.org/oghs/resources](https://pcusa.org/oghs/resources).
- **Sign up to receive a weekly email** with a Daily Sharing Calendar/Activity to participate as a family. Email [specialofferings@pcusa.org](mailto:specialofferings@pcusa.org)
- **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](https://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 91999 to give*



*[pcusa.org/give-oghs](https://pcusa.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.

## 5 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

You may remit OGHS gifts through your normal receiving agency or send directly to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, with "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the memo line. Gifts can be mailed to:

#### Mid Councils

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

#### Congregations

(through your normal receiving agency, usually the presbytery)  
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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## 6 MINUTE FOR MISSION

### REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

*Kintsugi*, the 15th-century Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by mending the broken areas with lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold or other precious metal, reminds us that when repaired, formerly broken places reveal new lines of character and beauty.

But what of God's world? The world God entrusted to our care? So many parts are broken, damaged by cruelty to each other, misuse of Creation or refusal to take God's commands seriously.

In Isaiah 58, the prophet reminds us, "You shall be called repairers of the breach." Repairers. And as we question the breaches that may have resulted from our own actions, we ponder how to repair them, creating something unique, beautiful and resilient. Which ones get attention first? How can we repair a breach that may have existed for decades or one that has only recently emerged? Where can we work for repair to reveal beautiful new veins of gold?

Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing provides a way for those whose lives have been affected by poverty, hunger or disaster — whether natural or human-caused — to begin to repair the lives of their families and communities. It provides a way for the least of these, more often than not women and children, to become those veins of gold, binding their families and communities together in strength.

In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God repaired the breach that separated us from our creator, performing a *kintsugi* of sorts upon us — putting the broken pieces of our lives back together while lining our broken places with the gold of God's grace. As we follow Jesus' example, walking alongside the most vulnerable to partner in repairing the harm inflicted upon them, we celebrate that we are the Church ... **together**.

*Let us pray ~*

*Restoring God,  
in Jesus,  
you have given us  
the ultimate example  
of repairing the hurts  
that divide us.*

*May our gifts  
and our prayers  
join with the most  
vulnerable among us  
to restore your people  
and your world.*

**Amen.**



ALLIANCE FOR FAIR FOOD

## 6 MINUTE FOR MISSION

### RESTORING DIGNITY TO INDIA'S MOST OPPRESSED

While the economic and social status of women may be improving marginally worldwide, the life of the Dalit women in India remains unchanged. “Dalit” is a word from Sanskrit and Hindi that literally means oppressed or broken. Dalits are forbidden to draw water from the common well, from entering temples, are given the leftovers thrown away by the higher caste and are barred from the right to education.

Formerly known as “untouchables,” the Dalit women, who make up nearly 16% of the female population, face not only gender bias but also caste-based discrimination and economic injustice.

For Smitha Krishnan [crish-nun], this cruel existence was an everyday reality. A trained seamstress, Smitha was left as the sole provider for her family when her husband died just before India's last tsunami. Not only did she lose her husband, but she also lost their thatched and mud house and everything in it — including her only means of making a living, her sewing machine.

“The destruction of my old sewing machine, which was my only source of income, and the death of my husband, leaving me with five kids to take care of, made life extremely tough for me and my kids,” she said.

Thanks to a grant to provide shelter and sewing machines among other essentials from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to the Society for National Integration through Rural Development, or SNIRD as it's known, Smitha and her family face a more hopeful future.

SNIRD, a nongovernmental organization that has been instrumental in helping the people of India overcome natural and human-made disasters, has received support through Presbyterians' gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. Because of these generous gifts, thousands of people are able to cope with the impact of tsunamis, flooding and the Covid pandemic.

One Great Hour of Sharing's purpose of helping neighbors in need around the world remains constant, giving us a tangible way to share God's love — not only through the ministries of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, but also the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.

The collaboration between SNIRD and PDA seeks to dismantle structural racism and eradicate systemic poverty, both goals of the Matthew 25 invitation and challenge.

Smitha's words tell the whole story.

“Because of people's gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we now live in a permanent and disaster-resistant shelter, my kids are back in school, I am able to feed and clothe them, and when they get sick, I am able to take care of their medication, too,” she said. “Thank you, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and SNIRD. And may the Lord continue to provide for those who continue to give to One Great Hour of Sharing.”

Please give what you can to One Great Hour of Sharing. When we all do a little — it adds up to a lot.

*Let us pray ~*

*Sheltering God,*

*may our prayers and our gifts  
support those all around this world  
who have little and  
whose lives are impacted by  
floods, famines and disease.*

*May we show your love in our gifts  
and in our lives.*

**Amen.**

## 6 MINUTE FOR MISSION

### A NEW DAY FOR FARMWORKERS

Lupe (*loo-pay*) Gonzalo understands all too well the hardscrabble life of a farmworker. She often had to wake up at 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning to travel to a farm, where she was handed a bucket and told to fill that bucket as many times as humanly possible during the day.

“That’s your job,” she said. “That’s what you’re there to do. And when you’re doing this work, sometimes you aren’t given the time to stop, take a break, to drink some water or to just gather yourself.”

While all farmworkers are subject to exploitation, women are especially vulnerable.

“For farmworker women, one of the main things that they have faced is sexual harassment and sexual violence in the workplace, which can be verbal but also physical,” Lupe said. “The women don’t really have an option of speaking out for themselves, because often if you do, you run the risk of losing your job. And if you lose that job, you’re not able to put food on your family’s table.”

But Lupe’s and thousands of farmworkers’ lives were made better, thanks to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), a worker-based human rights organization. CIW is a partner of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, a ministry supported by our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

One Great Hour of Sharing’s purpose of helping neighbors in need around the world remains constant, giving us a tangible way to share God’s love — not only through the ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, but also Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Self-Development of People.

“Accompanying the CIW as they struggle to bring safety and justice to the fields where our food is grown, I believe, is a perfect way to actualize our commitment to being a Matthew 25 denomination,” said Andrew Kang Bartlett, representing the

Presbyterian Hunger Program. “Farmworkers face daily hardships rooted in racism, sexism and poverty, and our solidarity with them is a clear demonstration of our beliefs.”

“For us farmworkers, the support from Presbyterians across the county has meant the world to us,” said Lupe. “It has meant that we don’t feel like we’re alone, and that we’re not just demanding dignity and human rights, but that human rights need to be guaranteed. And we’re walking the walk together. Presbyterians have fasted with us, they’ve marched with us. It has been through collective action that we’ve been able to demand together a new day for farmworkers.”

It’s a new day, because we are the Church, **together**. And when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

*Let us pray ~*

*We pray to you for justice,*

*O God —*

*justice for all*

*who struggle*

*to feed their families,*

*maintain shelter and*

*strengthen their lives.*

*May our gifts*

*and prayers join*

*with our partners in faith*

*to bring about the*

*just world you desire.*

**Amen.**

## 6 MINUTE FOR MISSION

### SOWING SEEDS OF HOPE

Paola Tognarelli's (*Tog-na-rē-le*) connection to Mother Earth is sacred. Just like the bond she now shares with the other women in her life through an organization based in Panama City, Panama, called Women's Meeting Space.

Women's Meeting Space is a non-governmental organization that advocates for the rights of Panama's women, both Indigenous and from its poorest communities. It helps the women, primarily heads of household who are unemployed, and their families grow food at home to help them overcome the challenges made worse by the pandemic, including high unemployment. This partner organization receives funding through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP), which is supported by Presbyterians' generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

SDOP enters into partnerships with low-income communities, helping them change the structures around them that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice.

One Great Hour of Sharing helps neighbors in need around the world and gives us a tangible way to share God's love — not only through the ministries of SDOP, but also the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

"I'm not surprised that when we first started working in Panama, we were finding women's groups," said Teresa Bidart, bilingual mission specialist for SDOP. "We started in the Dominican Republic in 2007, Belize in 2010 and Panama in 2018. Everywhere we go, most of the organizations we reach out to are women's organizations because in all these poorer countries, children and families mostly depend on the women for everything they need to live."

This project — designed to foster knowledge of urban production and boost the capacity of the community to overcome crises — also includes

starting an experimental nursery to produce seedlings and installing a community farmstand. Its goal is not only to feed the growers' families but to sell surplus food to cover the basic needs of workers.

As women everywhere struggle to put food on their families' tables, Paola and the many women whose lives are being transformed by this project are grateful that the people across the PC(USA) continue to think about them.

"I thank all the women, the managers of Women's Meeting Space and the Presbyterian Church for giving us this support," she said. "I'm always very grateful to all of you."

And there you have it ... heartfelt affirmation that when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

*Let us pray ~*

*Walk with us,  
O God,  
as we serve you  
and partner with  
those in need.*

*May our gifts  
and our prayers  
support those who work  
to bring life and hope  
in their communities.*

**Amen.**

## 6 MINUTE FOR MISSION

### WE ARE THERE

During One Great Hour of Sharing, we hear the call in Isaiah 58 to become “repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in.” During this Lenten season, we have heard stories of empowered and empowering women. Tenacious and faithful women, binding their families and communities together in strength.

In every time and in every place, women usually filled the role as leaders — quietly, diligently, persistently. If we all would stop for a moment to think about the women we know in our families, in our communities and right here in our church — we know this to be true. Let’s pause for just a moment to think about that. (PAUSE BRIEFLY)

It isn’t easy. As the saying goes, it takes a village. Our village is there to encourage women like Lupe, one of thousands of farmworkers in Florida’s tomato fields whose lives are made better thanks to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. As a partner of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Coalition receives support through gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing from people just like us, and congregations just like ours. We are there.

With our gifts, we are part of Lupe’s village.

We are there with the Dalit women of India. Dalit literally means oppressed and/or broken. Smitha is one who faced every sort of hardship imaginable following India’s last tsunami. But now her family has a more hopeful future thanks to a grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to the Society for National Integration through Rural Development (SNIRD) made possible by gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. SNIRD provided new shelters and sewing machines for the community’s livelihood.

With our gifts, we are part of Smitha’s village.

We are there, with Paola and other women in Panama City, Panama, through a partnership with the Women’s Meeting Space — a non-governmental organization

that advocates for the rights of Panama’s women, both Indigenous and from its poorest communities. They received a grant through Self-Development of People, supported by our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, and started an experimental nursery and installed a community farm stand with the goal of not only feeding the growers’ families but selling surplus food to cover the basic needs of workers.

With our gifts, we are part of Paola’s village.

We are there. Our work is informed by our belief that “the Church” is not an institution, but an action. For the church to be the Church, it must take action to be with those in need. For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world. Please give what you can. As we always say ... when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

*Let us pray ~*

*Restoring God,  
you have called us  
to repair what in this world  
you love so much  
that has been broken.  
May the repairs made  
through our gifts bring life  
to communities in need  
and bring praise  
to your holy name.*

**Amen.**

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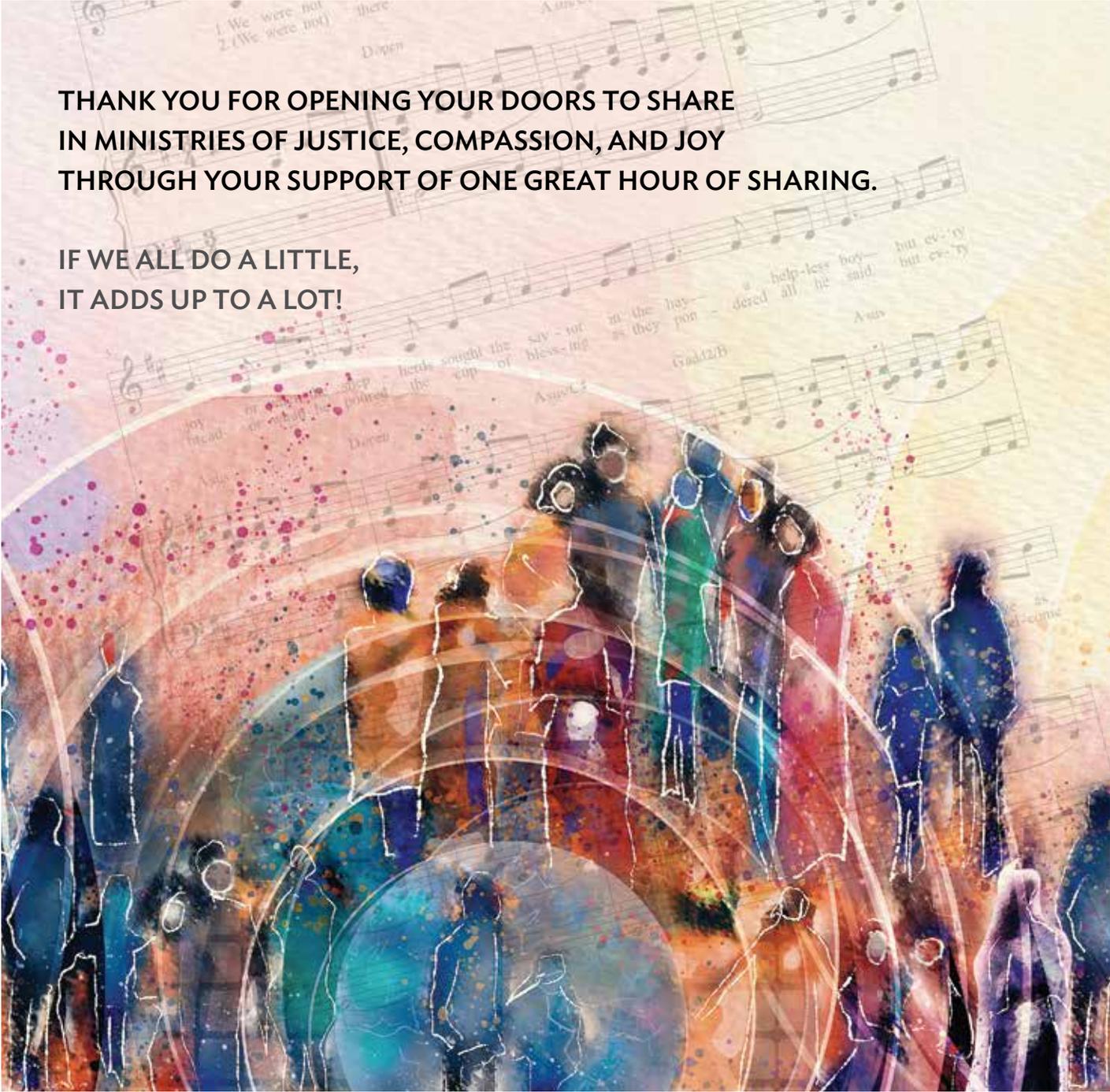
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