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REPAIRING THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58

PROVIDING RELIEF
FROM NATURAL DISASTERS,
FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY,
AND SUPPORT FOR THE
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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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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.

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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**THREE EASY WAYS TO STAY UP-TO-DATE
ON ALL THINGS SPECIAL OFFERINGS.**



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Text **OGHS** to **91999** to support these vital ministries.



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 14 – March 31), 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.**



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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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

1 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.

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 2022, PDA granted \$3.1 million in 27 U.S. and 35 countries. In partnership with Church World Service, 228,318 Gift of the Heart Kits and blankets were distributed.

PDA's **Migration Accompaniment Ministry** (formerly Refugee Ministry) is working with Presbyterian World Mission, the Office of Public Witness, the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program to strategically implement our humanitarian response with Ukrainians. PDA continues to work with churches supporting resettled refugees, including the influx of refugees being evacuated from Afghanistan. More than \$100,000 was granted to refugee and immigrant-led groups advocating for U.S. policies, in addition to \$300,000 in grants to migrant shelters, transit ministries and others.



Story Productions is working alongside communities impacted by industrial air pollution, amplifying their voices and demands in an upcoming documentary on environmental racism. The series *Trouble the Water: Conversations to*

Disrupt Racism and Dominance launched with a discussion guide, available now at pcusa.org/troublethewater.

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

Nationally, initial grants are supporting recovery from wildfires, tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes and storms in AL, FL, IA, MI, MO, CO, NY and more. Some grants are also addressing public violence and disaster mitigation. Long-term support continues in Puerto Rico, OR, KY, CO, FL, SC, TX and more. Volunteer Host Site commissioning services took place in KY and FL, bringing the PDA volunteer host site total to nine with the addition of four referral sites.

Internationally, projects for emergency assistance include flooding in Pakistan, war in Ukraine, Typhoon Rai in the Philippines, tropical storms in Madagascar and Malawi, drought in East Africa and more. Livelihood projects are being implemented in Nepal, Jordan, Liberia and more; and Long-Term Recovery is ongoing in Cameroon, Guatemala, Haiti, Syria, Lebanon, India and more.

Find out more about the ongoing work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at pcusa.org/pda.

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

There is an African proverb that says: “When you pray, move your feet.” For the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), this is very much our philosophy. We must combine prayer with action to accomplish our mission to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. We understand hunger as an extremely complex phenomenon with economic, political, environmental and other social implications. As we go about this work, we know God is calling us to a deeper level of understanding and response to the “root causes” that keep people in cycles of hunger and poverty.

In the Matthew 25 Scripture we’re reminded to look on those around us as Christ, and the Presbyterian Mission Agency is calling us to join the Matthew 25 movement through dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, building congregational vitality, and addressing climate change, militarism and gender justice. PHP and our partners impact each of these vital components.

In 2022, you helped PHP give **90 grants** totaling **nearly \$1.2 million**, impacting **22** countries, including the U.S. PHP also partnered with 12 presbytery Hunger Action Advocates (supporting 700 congregations), **100** Hunger Action Congregations and **291** Earth Care Congregations across the U.S.

Addressing WHY people are hungry through:

More and better food

We work so that 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 525,000 pounds** of seeds and seedlings were distributed for farming internationally.
- In Maine, **over 55,000 pounds of produce was purchased from local farms.**
- In Washington state, organizers won **expanded free school meals for more than 92,000 children** statewide.
- **Five seed banks** were set up to protect traditional seeds in Sri Lanka, and 498,157 pounds of cereals were distributed from cereal banks in Cameroon.
- **Over 875 chickens** were distributed in Guatemala and Colombia, and 40 goats were provided in Yemen.

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.

- **105 women became self-employed** due to the development of a bakery in a rural community in Malawi.
- In Alabama, the Maskoke people see the daily result of their language revitalization as **hope for Maskoke children.**
- In Maryland, organizers won **over \$120 million for affordable housing**, the highest annual commitment to date for the Montgomery County Housing Initiative Fund.
- In Sri Lanka, **152 people won their land back** and **315 internally displaced families were resettled.** In Uganda, 20 women **received titles for their land.**
- In California, the United to House LA citizen’s ballot initiative passed and **will raise over \$1 billion annually for homelessness prevention and affordable housing.**

A more livable environment

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

- **75 potable water filters** were distributed in Guatemala and **40 water retention tanks** were provided to store water and irrigate family gardens in Bolivia.
- In the U.S., partners helped win a **national ban on the use of chlorpyrifos insecticide** on crops, protecting the lives of farmworkers, waterways and wildlife.
- Partners around the world planted more than **60,000 trees**.
- Proceeds of **fairly traded coffee and chocolate** purchased by congregations **contributed to a \$5,500 grant** for **small farmers in South Sudan**.
- **A total of 872** Presbyterian congregations **purchased eco-palms** for sustainable forestry and livelihoods.

Find an interactive world map with OGHS recipients at pcusa.org/oghsmap.

Find out more about the ongoing work of Presbyterian Hunger Program at pcusa.org/hunger.

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 National SDOP entered into partnership with the projects below. Projects focus on advocacy; youth-led initiatives; skills development; farming; 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. An interactive map with OGHS recipients is at pcusa.org/oghsmap.

2022 National and International Community Partners:

National Partners

- Metropolitan Tenants Organization, Chicago, IL
- Institutional Rescue & Recovery Coalition, Chicago, IL
- Coalition for Restaurant Safety and Health, Philadelphia, PA
- Laundry Workers Center, New York City, NY
- Struggle for Miami's Affordable and Sustainable Housing, Inc., Miami, FL
- Ciudad Nueva Community Outreach, El Paso, TX
- Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, Fresno, CA
- Afghan Cattle Cooperative, Bristow, VA – 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, OH – This food wellness initiative 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!
- Why Not Prosper, Philadelphia, PA
- 5 Points Neighborhood Association (5PNA), Milwaukee, WI
- Arise Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Education And Training Institute, New Brunswick, NJ
- Worker's Justice Project, Brooklyn, NY

- Asian Pacific Self-Development and Residential Association (APSARA) , Stockton, CA, \$15,000
- Intersection of Change, Baltimore, MD
- Castlepoint Neighborhood Organization, St. Louis, MO
- RestoreOKC, Oklahoma City, OK
- New York City Network of Worker Cooperatives (NYC NOWC), East Elmhurst, NY, technical assistance

Mid Council Partners

- PR²OMiSE: Peers Responding to Overlooked Matters in Social Environments, Detroit, MI
- Alliance for Community Services, Chicago, IL
- Lincoln Park Community Services (LPCS), Chicago, IL
- Omaha Black Doula Association, Omaha, NE
- Blazing Star Seed Cooperative, Omaha, NE
- SOAR Career Solutions, Duluth, MN
- Ballet Folklorico Rosa Quetzal, Elk River, MN
- Cornerstone Christian Fellowship / New Neighbors Bakers & Makers, Hilliard, OH
- Scioto Valley Presbytery, Columbus, OH, (Administrative Funds)
- Omaha Black Doula Association, Omaha, NE
- Galilee Lutheran Church/The Garden Women's Group (GWG), Roseville, MN
- 3MB-Men Mentoring Men & Boys, Cleveland, OH
- Tompkins Park Writers, Brooklyn, NY
- Bedford Central Presbyterian Church (BCPC) Seniors Ministry, Brooklyn, NY
- Inspiring Minds, Brooklyn, NY
- Coalition for Restaurant Safety and Health, Philadelphia, PA
- Blossoms Floral Shop, Pittsburgh, PA
- One Accord/Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA
- Pittsburgh Presbytery SDOP Committee, (Administrative Funds)
- The Robin's Nest Transitional Home, Chester, VA
- The James Presbytery, Richmond, VA, (Administrative Funds)
- Karen Community of Louisville, KY
- Black Market KY, Louisville, KY
- Farm & Faith Partnerships Project/Rural Advancement Foundation International – USA, Pittsboro, NC, \$9,463.70

- Faith Food Fridays, Vallejo, CA
- Mustard Seed Impact International (MSII), Hawthorne, CA

International Partners

- Bomba United Farmers' Cooperative Society Limited, Belize District, Belize
- The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA), Ciudad, Guatemala, an intermediary partner in Guatemala
- Progress group Solis No. 2, Chiriqui, Panama
- Interchurch Center for Theological and Social Studies (CIEETS), Managua, Nicaragua. 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. The project is aimed at strengthening the livelihood activities of farmers. It will further support vulnerable female headed households, build the capacity of community leaders who are gate keepers, and ward councilors who are political leaders. Additionally, eight monthly sessions and an advocacy radio program will be held.
- Women's Meeting Space, Panama City, Panama
- April 15 Group, Tole, Panama.
- Azuero Craft Women Group, Herrera Province, Panama
- New Mexico Women's Training Centers, Comunidad de Nuevo México, Panama. This woman led project consists of providing adequate tables and chairs for their workshops and for project members, and the purchase of a stove with an oven for the bread and pastry workshops. The project will also focus on adapting the center's facilities for project members that are struggling to make an income and those who have been impacted by the excessive cost of gasoline.
- Villa Nueva JAAR, Darien, Panama
- Sayab Farmers Cooperative Society Limited, San Antonio Village, Belize

Find out more about the ongoing work of Self-Development of People (SDOP) at pcusa.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 (March 24) and/or Easter Sunday (March 31), 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 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, 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. 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 18, and "SDOP Sunday" on March 10.
- **Create a plan for involving your children** in promoting the Offering using the Gracie the fish story or the Sharing Calendar. 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.
- 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.

OGHS MATERIALS

- Worship resources
- The newest (and all past) Gracie the Fish children's lessons on Christian love, sharing, and compassion
- Sharing Calendar for families with weekly activities
- Downloadable bulletin inserts (2 versions available in English, Spanish and Korean)
Version #1: *Repairing the Breach*
Version #2: *We Are There*
- Downloadable poster
- Sample pastor's letter
- Social Media graphics – Cover photos and posts that can be used on your church's Facebook page throughout Lent
- Minutes for Mission – both written and video
- PowerPoint slides
- 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:

- **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. Email php@pcusa.org to sign up to receive a paper copy of the PHP post.
- **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.

- **How Congregations Are Increasing Affordable Housing and Addressing Unhoused Populations:** With diminishing affordable housing options across much of the United States, many congregations are considering ways to affect change by utilizing untapped resources such as land. The following are a few examples of congregations and communities of faith thinking creatively about land use and building a more just community for all. presbyterianmission.org/resource/how-congregations-are-increasing-affordable-housing-and-addressing-unhoused-populations
- **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
- **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
- **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.

- **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) or Eileen Schuhmann (eileen.schuhmann@pcusa.org).
- **Social media @PDACares:** Follow PDA on Facebook 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.
- **Mosaic:** 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. Visit pcusa.org/mosaic to read online or order a physical copy.
- **PDA Blog:** In this blog you will find stories of hope, action alerts, project updates and more. Read it at pcusa.org/pdablog.
- **Presbyterian Peace and Justice e-newsletter:** a bi-monthly newsletter from the ministry area Compassion Peace and Justice, of which PDA, PHP and SDOP are a part and contributes to the newsletter.
- **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 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Youtube SDOP channel** youtube.com/user/selfdevelopment/videos for an array of videos sharing and showing the work of SDOP.

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)
- **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.
- **Sign up to receive a weekly email** with a Daily Sharing Calendar/Activity to participate as a family. Email 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. 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

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.

VALUE FOR VALUES

Looking for ways to interpret the offering and increase your giving?

Here are a few examples of resources for families in need. The prices reflect the approximate/average cost of providing the items to families where most needed. Consider making a donation at one of the levels listed and note the impact your gift can make.

FARMING TOOLS



\$10

PIGLET



\$40

EMERGENCY
LIFE PACK



\$125

COMMUNITY
IRRIGATION
WATER PUMP



\$250

6 MINUTE FOR MISSION

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH — FIXING WHAT'S BROKEN

*"In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples
to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice,
freedom, and peace."*

*~from "A Brief Statement of Faith"
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

How? [pause]

How do we heal the brokenness and fear in the world when it seems so pervasive?

How can we share hope in a world that is so conflicted?

Our political brokenness. Our cultural brokenness. The brokenness of our climate. Even brokenness between and among religious communities.

That is not to mention the brokenness we feel in our own lives, and the lives of those we know and love. Physical and emotional and yes, even spiritual brokenness.

All of that brokenness coupled with fear — fear of the other, of the unknown, of the future.

How?

Brokenness is the human condition. But it is not acceptable to God, so it should not become acceptable to us.

In Isaiah 58, God, through the voice of the prophet, calls us to be repairers of the breach. For Isaiah, the primary breach was between God and God's people.

That breach takes on human form in oppression, injustice, hunger, homelessness, affliction. Isaiah 58, which culminates in our One Great Hour of Sharing theme, is a veritable litany of how we are called to repair brokenness. Read the entire chapter. Note what we are called to do: shout, announce, loose, undo, break, cover, house, and share. We are called to repair brokenness by putting our faith in action — pray, welcome, unmask, hear, work. Give.

The opposite of faith, it has been said, is not doubt, but fear. Doing the work, sowing the seeds through our giving that will transform prayer into action — goes a long way to transform fear into hope.

That work can look like many things — offering shelter in the face of natural disaster, providing economic support in the face of poverty, and providing food in the face of hunger.

If we answer the call to be repairers of the breach, we will, by God's grace, be led into a new season of justice, freedom and peace. For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

*Help us to delight in you,
O God, that we might become
agents of healing and hope,
repair and restoration.*

*Transform our brokenness and fear
into justice and mercy,
and bless our work
to share your love.*

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

6 MINUTE FOR MISSION

EMBODYING KINDNESS

For Shawn Duncan, it's the little things — like getting a birthday card — that mean a lot. Perhaps it's because Shawn, a military veteran living in Las Vegas, hadn't had a mailbox in years. Or a home.

A native of Michigan with no strong family ties, Shawn had been struggling for years with homelessness and mental health issues — including PTSD — when a chance encounter on Facebook with his former youth pastor changed the direction of his life.

Shawn's life-changing introduction was to Caridad Gardens, a Las Vegas-based nonprofit dedicated to helping and "humanizing the homeless." Caridad Gardens offers job skills training and mental, emotional and physical wellness programs. Its founder, Merideth Spriggs, a former youth pastor, was once homeless herself after losing her job and her home.

"I realized if homelessness could happen to me, it could happen to anybody; and that I could be a unique voice. Even though I really felt God's calling on my life to do this, most days I would not have picked this — and still don't pick this — but I do not feel released from my calling."

"Merideth has been a big inspiration to me," said Shawn. "She is not someone who is just talking about something, but she's actually doing something. She's not necessarily beating people over the head with the Bible, she's actually living it — walking the walk and treating people with kindness and respect."

Shawn said that Caridad Gardens gives him something to be a part of and lets him know who he wants to be.

"Meeting people and forming relationships, where we share common things — our struggle with mental health, our struggle with homelessness — we're able to support each other," continued Shawn.

Caridad Gardens' mission is made possible, in part, through a grant from the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, which is in turn

supported by generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. The Offering also benefits the ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Coming from the "church world," it's natural for Merideth to ask what Jesus would do.

"I tell people Jesus says you should feed the homeless, but he doesn't stop there," she said. "Jesus didn't call us to give people a stale peanut butter and jelly sandwich — he called us to be in community. We're called to be with our neighbors."

"Giving to the Offering creates an opportunity to be intentional about embodying justice and hope by involving them in the changing of lives and communities in deeply profound and healing ways," said the Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson, coordinator of the Self-Development of People.

Which is what One Great of Hour Sharing is designed to do.

Please give generously and join with others to be intentional about embodying justice and hope. And remember — when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

*Gracious God, you call us into community
and command us to love our neighbor.*

*May we seek and find real ways
to embody justice and hope,
reflecting your deep kindness
for all you create and love.*

*Bless our giving, that it might
make a difference to our neighbors.*

We pray in Christ's compassionate name.

Amen.

6 MINUTE FOR MISSION

LIVING ON THE BRINK OF DISASTER

Bernadette thought that she had seen the worst of it.

For well over a decade, she and her family withstood Syria's ever-worsening humanitarian and economic crisis, the country's ongoing localized hostilities and its collapsing infrastructure. But following the devastating 7.8-magnitude earthquake that struck Syria and Turkey in February 2023, her own home began crumbling beneath her very feet.

Although most of their neighbors had left the unsafe apartment building to seek safer refuge, Bernadette's family remained in their home. They simply couldn't afford to pay the escalating rent costs elsewhere. Living on meager salaries, the family's income was barely sufficient to meet their basic needs.

In the midst of such dire conditions — families without access to water, shelter, education, medical care and other essential services — the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) works around the clock to alleviate the suffering of the Syrian people. The humanitarian mission of the Middle East Council of Churches is made possible, in part, through a grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which is in turn supported by our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. The Offering also benefits the ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People.

"Whenever people are unable to secure basic needs, some families adopt negative coping mechanisms, such as reducing meals, resorting to child labor, or, as a last resort, leaving Syria," said Samer Laham, regional director of Diakonia, the branch of MECC that administers its social, humanitarian and development services programs. "What we do, in cooperation with our partners, is continually seek to support people. We have aided families like Bernadette's, whose homes were damaged by the earthquake in Aleppo, working to ensure that they live in a stable building where their children can sleep safely."

Bernadette is grateful that her building could be stabilized and her apartment rehabilitated.

"We offer our thanks to all who have given so generously," she said. "Our prayers likewise go out to all who stand by us and receive the Offering to ease our economic burdens and encourage us to stay in our country and continue witnessing to our Christian faith."

Samer laments that whenever there's a disaster, people are moved very quickly to donate, but once the immediate crisis is over, "not the same money will come."

"You cannot imagine people in such destitute circumstances," he said. "Here we can see the suffering and the very critical conditions that many families are facing today. This is why we want to be a sign of hope to many people through One Great Hour of Sharing. In the end, we are working as one team, as one people, to bring hope to affected people. This is part of our faith."

Please give generously to help those living on the brink. For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

*God of mercy and compassion,
we remember all those
around the world who face
dire living circumstances each day.*

*Be with them and
allow our gifts to strengthen and
support them in all ways,
so that they might live in safety
and security.*

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

6 MINUTE FOR MISSION

LEADING WITH A PURPOSE

Although the women of Malawi are accustomed to doing anything and everything to support their families — from farming to running small-scale businesses — Tropical Cyclone Freddy sorely tested Tinenenji [tee-nan-an-gee] Kalamba's resilience.

Tinenenji was already proving to be an exemplary leader in the Kasupe [kuh-soo-pay] Women's Bakery and Value Addition Centre (a project of Kasupe Ministries in Malawi) when the devastating March 2023 cyclone washed away the lives and livelihoods of thousands across the country.

This certainly wasn't the hopeful future that the twice-widowed 42-year-old had pictured for herself when the bakery was first started in 2022 with support from the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

The bakery was originally designed to address the shortage of nutritious and healthy foods in the Kasupe region by having women produce and sell a variety of baked goods and farm products. It not only employed local women as bakers, but — before the cyclone struck — also bolstered the production of farmers and strengthened the economy.

It is thanks to Tinenenji's faithful leadership that the bakery operation survived the cyclone.

And it is also thanks to a grant from the Presbyterian Hunger Program, made possible by gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, that the humanitarian outreach of Kasupe Ministries can continue uninterrupted.

For 75 years, the Offering's purpose of helping neighbors in need around the world remains constant, giving the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and other Christian denominations a tangible way to share God's love. One Great Hour of Sharing additionally supports the ministries of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People.

The Hunger Program's partnership with Kasupe Ministries serves primarily to address the nutritional

needs of widowed households and other vulnerable groups through livestock farming. In addition to the damage caused by the cyclone, many households have been severely impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. With the epidemic creating so many widowed households, Kasupe Ministries has found that working with them helps provide support in the areas where it is difficult for them to help themselves.

Dr. Fletcher Padoko, executive director of Kasupe Ministries, says, "I encourage people to give to One Great Hour of Sharing as a way to give directly to the people. We are so thankful to the givers because we, the Malawian people, are the beneficiaries of your generous giving." Dr. Padoko's long-term goal is to reverse generational poverty and eradicate preventable diseases, namely HIV/AIDS, through programs and projects developed in partnership with Malawian Christian organizations.

Together, our gifts make a difference in the lives of people in Malawi in other parts of the world and right here at home. Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing, and don't forget, when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Let us pray ~

*God of compassion and grace,
help us to share who we are with
all those you love around the world.*

*In special ways be with those
facing economic hardship,
natural disaster and health crises.*

*May their resilience be bolstered
by what we give,
as a witness to your boundless grace.*

We pray in Christ's name.

Amen.

6 MINUTE FOR MISSION

‘WE SAW YOU’

In all her 66 years, Magda Cruz had never witnessed anything like Hurricane María’s power to destroy. The Category 4 hurricane ravaged the island of Puerto Rico.

Many residents lost large parts of their roofs, so they had to either abandon their homes or sleep in unsafe conditions. Thankfully, Fideicomiso [fee-day-cō-mē-sō], a community land trust supported by gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, provided a lifeline by building and installing safe roofs throughout the community, which helped Magda’s and many other families sleep more securely.

The persistent and dire conditions in Puerto Rico following Hurricane María continue to impact the island’s most vulnerable communities. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, three Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ministries — the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance — have joined hands and resources in response.

Walking alongside those impacted by the hurricane is about long-term community development by eradicating poverty, which is one of the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People’s core strategies.

“Fideicomiso is all about building capacity to respond to the community in case of emergency,” said Mariolga Juliá Pacheco, Fideicomiso’s director of Citizen Engagement and Social Development. “The last grant we received through the Presbyterian Church helped us to construct roofs for 14 families, and soon we’ll start a new project putting in water tanks. Three schools had to shut down because of the hurricane, so we will be putting solar panels in one of the schools as an alternative energy source for the future.”

She continued, “We have a wide range of social programs and projects that we work on in areas as diverse as environmental affairs, infrastructure,

recreational programs for the young, violence prevention, grassroots organizing and support for the elderly. Every project intersects.”

The Presbyterian Hunger Program is especially excited about the water tanks that Fideicomiso is planning for the G-8 headquarters and community center. This life-saving measure will provide sustenance for residents should they be hit by future storms and will create greater community resilience.

Working with Fideicomiso is one of the many ways Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the Matthew 25 question, “When did we see you?” This partnership answers that question with: We saw you in this community. We saw you in what has been going on for many decades. We saw you in the people asking for justice.

In Isaiah 58, we are called to be repairers of the breach — offering shelter in the face of natural disaster, providing economic support in the face of poverty, and providing food in the face of hunger. For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to respond by sharing God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world.

Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. For as we always say ... when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

*God of mercy,
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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