I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, … to give you a future with hope.

— Jeremiah 29:11.

Building a Life of Faith
Thank you!

... for your energy and support in promoting the Pentecost Offering. Let us celebrate the fulfillment of God’s promise to us through the coming of the Holy Spirit by guiding our young people toward a brighter, faith-filled future.

PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO GET IN TOUCH IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP!

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WHAT’S IN A LEADER’S GUIDE?
This tool was created for you.

As one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

You have likely received a shipment of Offering materials. These are to help your church members learn and understand the work supported by their gifts and motivate them to give. Please distribute these resources and help us share the important message of building a life of faith.

This guide also includes examples of effective ways to promote and celebrate the Pentecost Offering. But don’t feel limited! Your enthusiasm and creativity are invaluable to this cause.

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THE PENTECOST OFFERING HELPS OUR YOUTH BEGIN LIFE WITH A STRONG START—A SOLID FOUNDATION OF FAITH FORMED IN THE FIRST THIRD OF LIFE, FROM CHILDHOOD THROUGH YOUNG ADULTHOOD.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come.

In the Book of Jeremiah, Jeremiah shares the statement: “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, ... to give you a future with hope” (Jeremiah 29:11). These striking, comforting words reminded the Israelites that, despite their experience of the present, God’s gesture, thoughts and plans for them — and for us — are peaceful, abundant and hopeful. At Pentecost, we celebrate that God offers more than we can plan. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God’s hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith.

QUICK FACTS

• Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities.

• The first Presbyterian Youth Triennium was held in 1980 and this is the year for it! Visit presbyterianyouthtriennium.org for more information.

• The Day of Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the Church.

• Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than $16 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God’s family. We believe we are called to do even more — to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith.
Congregational Initiatives with Young People

40% of the Pentecost Offering remains with your congregation to support ministries with children and youth in your church and local community.

Churches have used these funds to:

- Run an affordable day care for young teen mothers to enable them to complete their education.
- Identify and train local leaders for participation in the “Educate a Child: Transform the World” national initiative.
- Conduct workshops and presentations and develop resources to end child sex and labor trafficking.
- Help promote the National Observance of Children’s Sabbaths.
- Create web and print resources to address systemic issues that impact children, such as poverty, health, and consumerism.
- Initiate local, afterschool or summer programs for latchkey children.

See page 6 to learn how other congregations have been inspired to use their portion of the Pentecost Offering.

Guiding Youth (Youth Ministries)

25% supports ministries with youth, ages 12–18, and those called to accompany them. Your gifts to the Offering helped this ministry area to:

- Fund a new endeavor called The Senior Project. This project offers a path and plan for graduating seniors to explore their next steps in faith, community, and vocation.
- Create new Quicksheets—free, downloadable resources for youth ministry, covering a wide variety of relevant, insightful topics.
- Fund the design and translation of Spanish Language Quicksheets presbyterianmission.org/ministries/youthministry
- Support the ministry of Presbyterian Youth!
- Support the many platforms offered as a part of the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.
- Enable the Office of Ministries with Youth to serve the denomination by providing free, low cost/no cost, digital resources, consultation and connection.
- Provide partnership funding for the daily digital devotion at www.d365.org as well as a new book of d365 devotions.

Serving Communities (Young Adult Volunteers)

25% goes to Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) experience. Your gifts to the Offering have helped this ministry area to:

- Train and equip volunteers to engage in mission at 13 sites in the U.S. and around the world.
- Reduce barriers to serve by providing assistance with student loan debt, medical insurance, and a simple living stipend.
- Provide additional funding to ensure all young adults have the opportunity to participate.
- Provide funds for retreats, orientation events, and counseling to help YAVs discern God’s call.

Child Advocacy

10% supports the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative, which was affirmed at the 221st General Assembly (2014). The goal of this initiative is to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to better the lives of children by joining in God’s ongoing transformation of the world by working and advocating to ensure equitable, accessible, quality public education so that all children, created in the image of God, may grow into the fullness of life.
Inspire your congregation to give by sharing some of the ways other churches have used their 40% of the Pentecost Offering on behalf of children, youth, and young adults in their communities:

Assisting the Families of Children at risk
Supporting a child advocacy center where the focus is on the needs of child abuse and neglect victims, as well as their non-offending caregivers, as they go through investigative and legal processes.
Supporting a program that pairs children with disabilities such as autism with children who do not, where strengths are celebrated and differences are accepted.
Creating, promoting, and expanding services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting due to the absence of parents.

Supporting Education for at-risk Youth
Providing vouchers for new school shoes. Collecting and providing school supplies.
Supporting a collaborative project where multiple agencies with shared goals and values co-locate to provide programming for low income and homeless families and youth at the elementary school.

Growing Mission Work with Youth and Young Adults
Contributing to the congregation’s own children and youth fund.
Supporting college outreach ministries. Providing scholarships to summer camps.
Supporting the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program within the local presbytery.

Ministering to at-risk Children and Teens
Contributing and volunteering at an affordable day care ministry for teen parents.
Contributing to a school backpack program so low-income children get the nutritious foods they need when school is not in session.
Supporting a program that builds the self-esteem of black, male, teens through education and service.
Providing guidance for teenage girls through a program that teaches health, exercise, nutrition, self-esteem and offers a safe place to discuss issues affecting young girls.
Contributing to a center for children of abused spouses.
Providing a weekly Wednesday night meal free of charge.
Offering funds to an anti-bullying program at the local elementary school.

Providing for Health and Safety
Preventing youth suicide through awareness, upstream educational programs, and activities that support and empower youth, their families, and the community.
Supporting a program to increase awareness about personal and community issues, prevent and treat substance abuse, and to promote healthy families and a safe community.
Contributing funds to programs that improve the lives of foster children with school supplies, toys, and a suitcase so they don’t have to travel from home to home with their belongings in a trash bag.
PROMOTING PENTECOST: 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, and you’ll make the most of every opportunity to motivate your congregation to share and support the Pentecost Offering.

• Set dates with your session. Congregations commonly receive the Offering on Pentecost Sunday (June 5) or other youth-focused Sundays (such as College and Youth Adult Sunday, August 7 or Youth in the Church and World on August 14), or during Vacation Bible School.

• Commit to a goal with the session—one higher than the total raised last year—and discuss ideas on how to use your congregation’s portion (40%).

• Contact Presbyterian Customer Service 800-533-4371 or customer_service@presbypub.com to order any additional materials you may need.

• Locate and open the shipment of materials you received. Display the Pentecost poster in a prominent place within your church. Find other tools to help with developing your interpretation plan by reviewing the outline of available resources on page 16.

• Share the Pentecost Curriculum with your Christian education and worship committees. Learn more at pcusa.org/socurriculum

• Ask young people to present Minutes for Mission from the pulpit. Note the bulletins feature unique messages that expand on specific Minutes for Mission (pages 11-15, feel free to pair as you like). Minutes for Mission can also be downloaded at pcusa.org/pentecost

• Ask your pastor about sending a promotional email or letter to each person in your congregation (there is a sample pastor letter online). Be sure to include the link to the Pentecost Offering website (pcusa.org/pentecost), so your members can learn more about the work supported by their gifts.

• Use the Presbyterian Giving Catalog to get people involved and to give examples of how the Mission Agency uses some of its funds. presbyteriangifts.org
BE CREATIVE

Though we’ve laid out a plan for you, your creativity and voice is an important part of this process. We’ll never know your congregation the way you do. What kind of activities do they love?

• **Ask for suggestions** from the youth and young adults in your congregation about how to use the 40% kept by your congregation.

• **Think** about how you can integrate the worship resources into your service holistically rather than treating them as add-ons. Doing this emphasizes the role our witness in the world plays in our own discipleship.

• **Create a plan for involving children and youth** in promoting the Offering through a skit or other worship activity. One option is having your youth choose one of the Pentecost-supported gifts from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog to sponsor, and present it to the congregation along with how they think their gift will make a difference for others.

You can find additional resources to help you plan your Offering interpretation on page 16.
PROMOTING PENTECOST: DURING THE OFFERING

PLAN

- **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 — *Know the Plans I Have for You* and *Connecting for a Lifetime of Faith* — this year. Feel free to use the same bulletin 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 our website, including a set of customizable PowerPoint slides, and focus on the Offering in a sermon.

- **Involve children and youth** — ask them to hand out bulletin inserts as an alternative to placing them in pews.

- **Promote the Offering** on your church’s Facebook page with the Pentecost cover photo.

- **Use the provided art**, graphics, and content in your church newsletter, blog, or website.

- **Send a letter to your congregation from the pastor** (a customizable letter can be found online). This provides members who might have missed the Offering collection a chance to support the ministry. Be sure to include the link to the Pentecost Offering website (*pcusa.org/pentecost*), so members can learn more about the work supported by their gifts.

- **Ask your pastor** about sending a reminder email or letter to each person in your congregation, encouraging generous support. (Surveys show this makes a significant difference in congregant giving.)

- **Create a display** in the narthex. Visit *pcusa.org/pentecost-display*
PROMOTING PENTECOST: 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: ministries with youth, young adult volunteers, and advocacy and education for children at risk.

• Keep 40% of the Offering for your congregation’s use on behalf of local, youth-focused ministries and programs. See page 5 for ideas, and share how the retained portion will be used.

• Send in the remaining 60% as your congregation’s offering. At the direction of the 220th General Assembly (2012), congregations are encouraged to remit Pentecost gifts directly to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, with “Pentecost Offering” on the memo line.

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The Agency will record and notify presbyteries of congregational donations.

Congregations may continue to remit to their normal receiving agency if so desired.

Share your stories with us!
We’d love to hear the unique ways you promoted the Pentecost Offering.

Email special.offerings@pcusa.org to share your story with the wider church.

“It’s important to contribute to the Pentecost Offering, not just at the national level, but so that each child can become more fully alive as a young person in their church and community.”

— Rev. Marissa Galván-Valle, pastor,
Beechmont Presbyterian, Louisville, KY
“We plan and God laughs” is identified as a Yiddish proverb, the title of a book or two and the headline of multiple online articles meant to help people navigate periods in life when personal plans seem to disintegrate in front of our eyes. When we hear or read the proverb, it can be difficult not to nod along, especially when the phrase encapsulates something most of us have experienced: a perfected resume or proposal sent, but no word back; a flawless itinerary dissolved by the smallest delay; an event set to begin, upended by a storm; a setback or an entirely “new normal.”

As much as we might nod along, or wince at our own experience, the proverb points us in the other direction, too. And if not the proverb, Scripture certainly does.

In the Book of Jeremiah, the tone and task are predominantly focused on God’s judgment, but then Jeremiah shares the statement: “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans … to give you a future with hope” (Jeremiah 29:11). These words were sent by the prophet Jeremiah to the Israelites who had been taken into Babylonian exile. These striking, comforting words reminded them that, despite their experience of the present, God’s gesture, thoughts and plans for them — and for us — are peaceful, abundant and hopeful. “We plan and God laughs”? Perhaps. But it is just as possible that “we plan, and God imagines a future with so much more.”

At Pentecost, we celebrate that God offers more than we can plan. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God’s hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. Through the Young Adult Volunteer program, Presbyterian Youth and Triennium, the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” initiative, as well as [LOCALLY SUPPORTED MINISTRY OF YOUR CONGREGATION], we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan.

Please give generously because, when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray —

God of hopeful futures,
make your plans in us.

May they be beyond our imagining,
so that our children,
youth and young adults
may see your kin-dom come
and your will done.

Amen.
Like most kids, Josh Davenport-Herbst has a hard time saying no to his parents, especially when it comes to showing up for stuff at church. But unlike most kids, both of Josh’s parents are PC(USA) pastors and unlike many of his peers, he doesn’t like to be around too many people, loud noises or too much excitement. Josh is among nearly 5.5 million people in the U.S. with autism spectrum disorder. That means Josh has difficulty communicating and interacting socially with others, and the prospect of attending the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in 2016 was a formidable challenge for him.

Held every three years, Triennium is a gathering that draws over 3,000 high-school-age youth, youth leaders and young adults. The Triennium’s plenary sessions are known for their energizers, which may include flashing lights, loud music and loud voices. This made the event that much more daunting for the then 18-year-old, who is especially sensitive to his environment.

Josh’s father, the Rev. Dr. Timothy Davenport-Herbst, pastor of St. Paul Presbyterian Church in San Angelo, Texas, points out, “If you’re not the kind of person who thrives on that, there’s no place for you.” Yet he adds, “These folks need a youth group, too. These, too, are children of God.”

But then a door — actually, a balcony — opened. Tim saw a way for people to enjoy the experience away from the noise. Later, on Instagram, he posted, “Triennium opened the entire top balcony just so people with sensory issues could join in!”

Creating a safe and welcoming space for all of God’s children in the life of the Church is what the Pentecost Offering is all about. Gifts to the offering support the Office of Presbyterian Youth and Triennium, the Young Adult Volunteer Program and children at risk through the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative.

Forty percent of the Pentecost Offering is retained by our congregation for youth ministries in our community. (HERE IN OUR CHURCH, WE USE OUR PORTION OF THE OFFERING TO…)

“I support all of the Special Offerings,” said Tim. “When Presbyterians made the decision to be fully inclusive, they made the decision to do some very difficult work that brings us into greater levels of grace and celebration of God’s image in diverse people. We are seeking and making every effort to welcome people that are not welcome in traditional places, and as we do that, we live into the love of Jesus Christ more and more.”

Let us pray –

Come to us, Holy Spirit, as you did at Pentecost.
Empower us to share the story of your grace through the diversity of languages, spaces and experiences needed by your children.
Amen.
The branches of their family trees are filled with Presbyterian pastors and elders, so it’s no wonder that Akilah Hyrams and Noah Westfall — both alums of the PC(USA)’s Youth Adult Volunteer or YAV program — have lives rooted in their faith-building experiences.

The YAV program is an ecumenical, faith-based year of service for young people ages 19–30 in sites across the United States and around the world. YAVs accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation. Alongside this work, volunteers explore the meaning of their Christian faith and accountability to their neighbors in the community with peers and mentors.

Akilah spent her 2016–17 YAV year serving in the Philippines. She expressed interest in pursuing a medical career and the YAV site coordinator was able to customize her experience based on her vocational aspirations and interests.

“Volunteering in health clinics was an amazing opportunity which I am so grateful for,” she said. “Working in the clinics solidified for me that medicine was where I was being led.”

Noah spent his 2018–19 YAV year serving Texas Impact, an interfaith organization that works on issues that impact the most vulnerable and helps people move their faith community from charity to justice. Working at Texas Impact was excellent preparation for his current role as program coordinator for the Primary Care Collaborative, a Washington, D.C.-based health-care advocacy nonprofit that advances comprehensive primary care to improve health and health care for patients and their families.

“The YAV program walks alongside young adults like Noah and Akilah to help with their vocational discernment in areas such as race, poverty and church vitality, the three foci of Matthew 25,” said Destini Hodges, the YAV program coordinator. “Learning the complexities of structural racism and systemic poverty through a Christian faith perspective allows them to develop skills and apply them wherever the future calls.”

The YAV program is supported, in part, through the Pentecost Offering. The offering also supports the Youth Triennium and the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative. Forty percent of the offering is retained by individual congregations like ours for local ministries with young people, while the remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. (TALK ABOUT HOW YOU USE THE OFFERING IN YOUR COMMUNITY)

When it comes to what our gifts to the Pentecost Offering can do, perhaps Akilah says it best. “When you donate, you’re supporting someone through a life-changing experience, which looks different for everyone,” Akilah said. “These experiences open our eyes and broaden our horizons. Thank you for any support you can give. You’ll never know how much it truly means to each and every one of us!”

Let us pray—

Great physician,
heal our communities
by your grace,
and raise up leaders in every field,
who seek your hope,
wholeness and well-being
for this, your world.
Amen.
YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS STAND UP TO INJUSTICE AND WORK FOR HEALING

It’s one thing to watch the heartbreaking plight of new immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers unfold on the evening news. It’s a much greater thing to connect with people, like Lissy, in real life.

Lissy, a young Honduran, arrived in the U.S. at the vulnerable age of 14, having dropped out of school to seek asylum with her father. New to both the U.S. educational system and the English language, Lissy enrolled at the English as a Second Language Newcomer Academy in Louisville, Ky., which she attended for scarcely six months before COVID-19 drove most schools into full-time virtual learning.

“COVID-19 had such intense implications for vulnerable populations like new immigrants,” said the Rev. Debbie Braaksma, a recently retired PC(USA) mission worker who attends Beechmont. “We were hearing about it from Pastor Elmer Zavala, himself a native of Honduras, who worships at Beechmont. We learned that the recent immigrants with unusual work schedules and limited English skills often couldn’t work with their kids on non-traditional instruction.”

As Rev. Braaksma considered how Beechmont might respond to the educational crisis exacerbated by COVID, she heard about a local organization, Evolve502, that was hosting a learning hub where students could gather safely during the pandemic to get support from volunteer educators and counselors. When she reached out to them, they said, “Why not just start your own learning hub?”

With the support of Beechmont members, Jefferson County Public Schools and Evolve502, Beechmont Presbyterian launched the Learning Hub in January 2021, which today operates as an after-school program serving 21 immigrant children — just like Lissy.

Beechmont’s pastor, the Rev. Marissa Galván-Valle shared: “As a young Presbyterian, I saw the impact that the church can have on kids who are otherwise invisible. We see them become fully alive. For us at Beechmont, it’s important to contribute to the Pentecost Offering, not just at the national level, but so that each child can become more fully alive as a young person in their church and community.”

Addressing the needs of at-risk children is what the Pentecost Offering is all about. Gifts to the offering support the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative, and also encourage, develop and support the church’s young people through the Young Adult Volunteer program and the Presbyterian Youth and Triennium program.

Forty percent of the Pentecost Offering is retained by individual congregations like ours for ministries that support children and youth right here in our own community. In the past we have used our portion of the offering to ... (TALK ABOUT YOUR OWN MINISTRY)

Please consider a gift to the Pentecost Offering, for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray —

Give us hope through the minds and gifts of our young people, nurturing God.
Make space for them with us to connect their potential with your plans for all your people.
Amen.
From the day they are born and even before they are born, we are busy making plans for our children. Some of our planning is about the really big things, like the name they will carry or finding the college that will help them fulfill their dreams.

Some of our planning is much smaller, like what will they wear on their first day of school? What is there time to make for dinner? The truth is, whether it is about something big or small, our lives are consumed with making plans for our children.

But we aren’t the only ones. No matter how much time we spend making plans, doing our very best for our children every day, we can never truly know what God’s plan is for them. Or us.

I think it is very possible, in fact I believe with my whole heart, I trust with my whole heart — that God is planning so much more than we can ever imagine. As it states in Jeremiah 29, “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord … to give you a future with hope.”

Yes, hope.

Our plans need to include helping our young people build a life grounded in faith that will last a lifetime and will allow them to come to know the God of hopeful futures. To inspire them to share their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world, and in so doing, bring hope to others.

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Please give generously, because when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray—
Let us hear your plan,
God of peace.
May your hope find willing hands
and hearts
as we tend the
youngest among us,
building a life of faith.
Amen.
RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

This guide serves as a basic introduction to the Pentecost Offering, but there are many other ways to learn more about the Offering and stay in touch with the Special Offerings. Your standing order contains the foundational materials you’ll need to promote the Offering, and our website has even more.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ONLINE

Visit pcusa.org/pentecost for the following Pentecost materials:

- Downloadable bulletin inserts *Know the Plans I Have for You* and *Connecting for a Lifetime of Faith*
- Downloadable poster
- Children’s Curriculum
- A set of customizable PowerPoint slides
- Sample pastor’s letter for reference when writing a letter to your members
- Facebook covers and posts specially designed to use on your church’s Facebook page
- Blog post or newsletter content that can be shared with your congregation
- Minutes for Mission in larger type for easy reading
- Downloadable Presbyterian Giving Catalog
- Recommendations and tips to involve your children and youth in the Pentecost Offering
The 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) launched a churchwide initiative calling on Presbyterians to work with partners in the US and worldwide to improve the quality of education for all children. In line with the goals of Matthew 25, Educate a Child calls Presbyterians to our common commitment to join in God’s ongoing transformation of the world by working and advocating to ensure equitable, accessible, quality public education. This initiative builds on our strong Reformed heritage and Presbyterian history of both educational mission, and advocacy and support for access to public education.

To aid Presbyterians who seek to be engaged in this important work, the Educate a Child Toolkit provides practical tools and starting points for congregations working or seeking involvement with direct service and advocacy for education. The Educate a Child Covenant serves as a helpful resource to encourage congregations to live into ministries of child advocacy through Direct Service, Consciousness Raising, Systemic Change and Christian Disciplines that continue Christ’s transforming ministry so that all children may grow in the fullness for which God created them.

Want to start an education-oriented ministry in your congregation but don’t know where to begin? Already have an education program but want to be more effective? Involved in direct service but looking for a way to participate in local education advocacy? Have great ideas for a ministry but looking for funding sources? The toolkit and Covenant may help.

To explore this toolkit, Education Covenant and other helpful resources, visit: pcusa.org/ministries/child/toolkit
Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program

Please share this opportunity with young adults you know as we hope to place as many young people into a formational year of service and accompaniment as possible.

The Young Adult Volunteer program (youngadultvolunteers.org) is a faith-based year of service for young people, ages 19-30, in sites across the United States and all around the world. Volunteers accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation while exploring the meaning and motivation of their faith in intentional community. YAVs serve during the academic year, August to August.

Program benefits during the YAV year include a regular stipend, housing, all transportation-costs covered and student-loan assistance throughout the duration of the service year.

Follow @yavprogram for program updates and learn more online at youngadultvolunteers.org.

Interested candidates can apply online at: youngadultvolunteers.org/apply

**IMPORTANT YAV DATES!**

- **March 1, 2022** - Most sites available, final date to apply to international sites
- **June 1, 2022** - National sites only, limited spots available, final date to apply

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**PLAN NOW FOR THE 2022 YOUTH TRIENNION**

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a gathering for high school age youth from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that occurs every three years. The next Youth Triennium will occur in July 2022. “When did you see me?” is the theme for the event.

Through worship, conversation, Bible study, and active engagement with the Word and Invitation Presbyterian young people will come to SEE their unique place in the faith community. Mission resources for youth and adults who are interested in attending the Triennium are available at presbyterianyouthtriennium.org.
ALL MATERIALS ARE FREE TO HELP YOU PROMOTE THE PENTECOST OFFERING.

If you find you need additional copies of resources...

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