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## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

## MATTHEW 25

The Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) offer the whole Church a way to embody Matthew 25 through the Spirit-inspired stories and gifts which place us in partnership with those who have least. Over the past two years, the Special Offering's work has been informed by the idea that "the Church" is not an institution, but an action. For the church to be the Church it must be enacted in relationship to those in need — an understanding that can readily be drawn from Matthew 25. Through gifts to the Special Offerings, we directly support people experiencing hunger, homelessness, thirst, imprisonment, sickness, and deprivation, as well as welcoming the stranger.



### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

One Great Hour of Sharing is the largest way that Presbyterians come together in mission and ministry to be "repairers of the breach" (Isaiah 58). Its work focuses on material need and their root causes — from direct famine and disaster relief to the implications of systemic racism within the phenomena of mass incarceration.



### PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The Pentecost Offering concentrates on building a life of faith in our young people and creating a foundation of faith as set forth in Psalm 71:17: "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds." This Offering confronts the inequities of our educational system and helps shape the faith of young people so that they might serve those who have least now, as well as persist in a witness to Matthew 25 their whole lives long, with 40 percent fueling the local congregation's initiatives for children, youth, and young adults.





## PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

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#### PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Peace & Global Witness seeks to join in Paul's prayer in 2 Thess. 3:16, "peace at all times in all ways," by equipping the Church with the tools to accompany those who have experienced violence, building awareness and solidarity through educational resources and through relationships with active peacemakers, and expanding to advocacy in support of those who suffer. It is deepened through the 25% mid councils retain and the 25% a local congregation retains and commits to use on the efforts to which God is most strongly calling them in their community or around the world.



## CHRISTMAS JOY

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#### CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Christmas Joy reflects the ministry of "being with," just as Matthew's gospel proclaims that Jesus is "God with us." These efforts bring the whole church together to be with church workers and their families in critical financial need due to illness or a lack of resources. It also equips students of color through leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges to maximize their God-given potential as they become future leaders in our church and in our world. This Offering is our way of being with our brothers and sisters to change lives in dramatic ways.



Giving is a response to God's call and is a response that the Spirit has manifested in believers since the Acts church. Giving for the sake of those in need is an essential component of congregational vitality and Christian identity. In sharing the stories of those who have been assisted or helped through the work of Special Offerings, it is our hope that the presence of Jesus in the lives of those who have least will become visible to every Presbyterian. These real-life stories are intended to develop a relationship of kinship and solidarity, as well as illuminate the image of Jesus in those whom we meet, especially, as Matthew 25 reminds us, those who have least. **Join us.**

To learn more about Special Offerings, visit [presbyterianmission.org/specialofferings](http://presbyterianmission.org/specialofferings).

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



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