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2018 THANK OFFERING
of Presbyterian Women

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A STORY FROM A THANK OFFERING GRANT RECIPIENT

Finding Freedom through Friendship Inspires, Transforms and Sustains the Lives of Women and Children in Egypt

Finding Freedom through Friendship (FFF) is a nonprofit organization established in 2009 to provide women and children shelter, health services, education and economic skills to help them reverse the yoke of poverty. In August 2017, FFF expanded into Egypt. Of the four women enrolled that month, Eman Mahrous especially touched our hearts.

Eman was a member of the local church. A widow, she lived in the slums of Cairo and struggled with inadequate nutrition, poor health and a lack of education for herself and her two young sons. Her small three-room lodging had a hole in the ground that was used for a toilet and a bucket for cold showers. The intense interior heat of the apartment put the family at risk for pathogenic illnesses. On the day we met Eman she was expecting a third child. The child was past due because no hospital would perform a needed C-section delivery because Eman did not have the money to pay for it.

On the spot, FFF paid for the safe delivery of baby Batul—the first Egyptian baby girl in the program. FFF provided monthly food, tutored Eman's other children, paid for medical care and refurbished the apartment. Eman named her new home the Bridal Suite and Eman became our "bridal suite mom." FFF is currently establishing a microbusiness for Eman so that she can sell grains as feed for chickens and other small animals. She will graduate from the program in 2019 with the ability to sustain her own standard of living. Moreover, Eman will have gained freedom, confidence and dignity.

Eman's story is typical of widows in Egypt, Guatemala and other developing countries. The absence of a male intensifies the poverty, lack of education, health care, food scarcity, discrimination and lack of security that widows and their families face. Yet, with the provision of basic needs, widows and their children can overcome the cycle of poverty. Currently FFF supports 34 mothers and 139 youth. We have built or renovated 27 homes. In 2017, we had two graduates from our program: a nurse and a lawyer. As of March 25, 2018, FFF has enrolled eight additional Egyptian widows.

Eman is well on the way to being able to support her family. The Thank Offering grant from Presbyterian Women will enable a similar journey of hope for several more women and their children. In Christ, we will walk together to inspire, empower and sustain these families.

THE PURPOSE OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace,
- and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

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Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank to learn more, give online and download resources.



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OFRENDA DE GRATITUD DEL 2018

de Mujeres Presbiterianas

Dear Friends,

Please join us in being thankful!

Since 1888, Presbyterian women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessings by sharing their blessings with those in need at home and around the world. The Thank Offering funds programs that provide education, safe housing, clean water, health care, help for prisoners, justice for women, and so much more.

Please encourage Presbyterian women in your area to promote and celebrate the 16 life-changing ministries chosen this year and funded by 2017 giving.

We enthusiastically share this 2018 Thank Offering promotional booklet with you! Inside, you will find the information and resources you need to celebrate the Thank Offering at Presbyterian Women gatherings everywhere. A copy of this booklet was sent to the women's group in each PC(USA) congregation. Please share information with any groups that might have missed receiving it.

Inside this booklet, you will find

- an overview of the 2018 recipients,
- a worship service you may use to dedicate your offering,
- suggestions for ways to support the Thank Offering,
- information on how to access PW resources on the Web,
- an 11"x17" promotional poster in English and Spanish, and
- the promotional materials order form.

Additional promotional materials are available. Order placemats, bulletin covers, bulletin inserts, collection envelopes and more using the order form on page 12. You can also visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank for more downloads and information.

Horizons, the magazine for Presbyterian Women, publishes the Thank Offering grant recipients and dedication service in the July/August issue. The inside back cover of the magazine lists related promotional materials, plus information on how to order them. Call 866/802-3635 to subscribe to the print edition (includes the annual Bible study and access to the online edition of the magazine), or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org to subscribe to the online-only edition of the magazine.

You are encouraged to hold your Thank Offering celebration in the fall; please send gifts received to the PW treasurer in your presbytery by December 10, 2018.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the Thank Offering and for Presbyterian Women.

Blessings,

Creative Ministries Offering Committee

Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc.

P.S.: If you would like more information about the Thank Offering, including how to help a project in your community apply for a grant, contact PW's mission associate at 844/PW-PCUSA (844/797-2872), ext. 5402.

Queridas Amigas,

¡Únanse a nuestra expresión de gratitud!

Desde 1888 las mujeres presbiterianas han expresado gozosamente su gratitud por las bendiciones de Dios compartiendo sus propias bendiciones con quienes sufren necesidad en nuestro país y alrededor del mundo. La Ofrenda de Gratitud sostiene programas que proveen educación, vivienda segura, agua potable, cuidado de salud, apoyo a prisioneros y prisioneras, justicia para las mujeres y mucho más.

Por favor, animen a las mujeres presbiterianas de su área a promover y celebrar los 16 ministerios transformadores que fueron elegidos este año y subsidiados con los donativos del 2017.

¡Con gran entusiasmo compartimos con ustedes este folleto promocional de la Ofrenda de Gratitud del 2018. Dentro del mismo hallarán la información y los recursos necesarios para celebrar la Ofrenda de Gratitud en reuniones de Mujeres Presbiterianas (PW, siglas en inglés) en cualquier lugar. Una copia de este folleto fue enviada al grupo de mujeres de cada congregación de la IP(EUA). Favor de compartir la información con cualquier grupo que no lo haya recibido.

Dentro de este folleto hallarán

- un vistazo a proyectos subsidiados en el 2018,
- un servicio de adoración que pueden usar para dedicar la ofrenda,
- sugerencias sobre maneras en que pueden apoyar la Ofrenda de Gratitud,
- información sobre como acceder a los recursos de PW en la red,
- un póster promocional tamaño 11" x 17" en inglés y español, y
- la hoja de pedido de los materiales promocionales.

Tenemos disponibles materiales de promoción adicionales. Pidan manteles individuales, portadas de boletín, encartes de boletín, sobres de colecta y otros recursos usando la hoja de pedidos de la página 12. También pueden visitar www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank y hallarán más recursos descargables e información.

Horizons, la revista de Mujeres Presbiterianas, publica la lista de los proyectos subsidiados por la Ofrenda de Gratitud y el servicio de dedicación en su edición de Julio/Agosto. La portada trasera de la revista tiene un listado de materiales adicionales de promoción, además de información sobre como ordenarlos. Llamen al 866/802-3635 para suscribirse a la edición impresa de la revista (incluye el estudio bíblico anual en inglés y acceso a la edición electrónica de la revista), o visiten www.presbyterianwomen.org para suscribirse exclusivamente a la edición electrónica de la revista.

Las animamos a que programen la celebración de la Ofrenda de Gratitud para el otoño; envíen las ofrendas a la tesorera de PW en su presbiterio antes del 10 de diciembre de 2018.

Gracias por sus continuas oraciones y por su apoyo a la Ofrenda de Gratitud y Mujeres Presbiterianas.

Bendiciones,

Comité de la Ofrenda para Ministerios Creativos

Mujeres Presbiterianas en la IP(EUA), Inc.

P.S.: Si desea obtener más información sobre la Oferta de Gracias, incluyendo cómo ayudar a un proyecto de su comunidad a solicitar una subvención, póngase en contacto con el asociado de la misión de PW en 844 / PW-PCUSA (844 / 797-2872), ext. 5402.

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For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us . . .

—Romans 12:4–6a, NRSV

LIST OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

In 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to her Lord," women responded and the Thank Offering was born. Women gave sacrificially and were credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church at that time. Since then, Presbyterian women have granted support to thousands of ministries worldwide, and raised tens of millions of dollars for mission.

In March 2018, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met to review 83 applications submitted for grants from the 2017 Thank Offering. Sixteen of the projects were chosen for funding. Twelve of the projects are ministries serving people in need in the United States. Four of the projects are international. More than 40 percent of the projects funded are health ministries. Your gifts will aid the following ministries in 2018:



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NATIONAL

SYNOD OF ALASKA-NORTHWEST

Inland Northwest Presbytery Security for Stabilizing Families

Transitional Programs for Women—Transitions

Spokane, Washington
\$32,000

Twenty-four Home Yard Cottages (HYC) will serve households of women and children who have experienced the chaos of abuse, trauma, danger, poverty and homelessness. The grant will be used to provide security systems to this HYC community of very low-income families. Security cameras, lights and a monitoring system throughout the two-acre community will help provide physical and emotional protection from further abuse.

www.help4women.org

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT Presbytery of the Miami Valley

Peer to Peer

Friends of the Castle
Centerville, Ohio

\$15,000

Peer to Peer is a formal peer support program that helps people with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) work toward socialization and recovery through training and development. With the help of a trained and certified peer specialist, people affected by SPMI can reach their recovery goals by sharing their life experiences with someone else who has had similar experiences. Peer relationships can help people focus on strategies and progress toward self-determination, self-advocacy, well-being and independence.

www.friendsatthecastle.com

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS

Transylvania Presbytery

Dining With Dignity

The Lighthouse Ministries, Inc.

Lexington, Kentucky
\$11,000

This grant will be used to purchase a refrigerated food truck so that Lighthouse Ministries (a partner agency with God's Pantry and Feeding America), nonprofit and faith-based, may continue

to transport food from local grocery stores and restaurants safely and efficiently to impact the hunger community. The food transported will be shared with food insecure individuals and people who are homeless.

www.thelighthouseministries.org

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST

New York City Presbytery

The Brightness of Noon:

The Intersect of Faith, Immigration, and Refugees

Lincoln Park Presbyterian

Church—Women's Retreat Group

New York, New York
\$36,000

This grant will fund production costs for a locally filmed documentary, to be aired on ABC-affiliated television stations, that will explore the rights of refugees and immigrants through the lenses of people of faith. The film's creators hope to empower the faith community to work collaboratively with their local refugee and immigrant neighbors.

www.divacommunications.com

SYNOD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Denver Presbytery

Good Neighbor Garage

Hands of the Carpenter

Golden, Colorado

\$5,000

The Good Neighbor Garage (GNG) supports the transportation needs of low-/fixed-income single mothers and widows. Donated cars are repaired and provided to women who do not have a reliable car. To receive a car, women must prove they live on a fixed income and that they can afford licensing, insurance, gas and maintenance. GNG provides maintenance services and holds clinics on car care and ongoing car maintenance. Women are employed as mechanics and serve on the board.

www.handsofthecarpenter.org

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC

Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

Safe Haven at Sea Island

Sea Island Presbyterian Church

Beaufort, South Carolina

\$22,250

These funds will help mothers and children who are homeless and in need of a private, safe shelter during cold weather and/or hurricanes. For a short period, up to five days a week, mothers can rest, take showers, do laundry and receive encouragement. Their children will have tutoring and homework oversight available from volunteers at the same time.

www.seaislandpresbyterian.org

Trinity and Greater Atlanta Presbyteries

Feed My People

Healthy Seminarians–Healthy Church Initiative (HSHC) and Columbia Presbyterian Church (CPC)

Decatur, Georgia

\$26,840

HSHC Initiative and CPC, along with Global Growers Network and Columbia Theological Seminary (CTS), will create six to eight garden plots for refugee families on a half-acre plot of land on the front lawn of Columbia Presbyterian Church. This collaborative venture will provide training and educational opportunities related to food health issues and good gardening practices to nourish God's people. The grant will also be used to establish a seminary intern position for an MDiv student from CTS. This will be a part-time, full-academic-year internship that starts in the fall of 2018.

www.healthyseminarianshealthychurch.org

www.cpcdecatur.org

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII

Presbytery of Santa Barbara

Shower the People

Arroyo Grande, California

\$44,000

Shower the People will provide access to mobile showers for people who are homeless in South San Luis Obispo County. Seventy-nine percent of South County's homeless live on the street, in encampment areas, in cars and in

abandoned buildings. There are no shower facilities available for these individuals. Access to showers promotes a sense of dignity and self-esteem for the individual, as well as conferring the health benefits of cleanliness. This grant will provide funds to purchase the mobile shower unit/transport vehicle and to initiate services.

SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST

Presbytery of Santa Fe

The Hearing Aid Bank

Albuquerque, New Mexico

\$10,000

This needed program will provide new hearing aids and follow-up to 16 low-income seniors who would otherwise be unable to afford this vital medical equipment because their medical insurance plans do not cover hearing aids. Services are free or at a reduced cost, based on a sliding scale that is tied to state and federal poverty guidelines.

www.aslhlc.org

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY

Presbytery of Donegal

Eastminster Cares for Kids

York, Pennsylvania

\$5,220

This grant gives Eastminster Cares for Kids the opportunity to provide backpacks full of nutritionally balanced food for the weekend to students who qualify for free lunch while they are in school. Students use their backpacks Monday through Thursday for school books, then take food home in them each Friday. The grant will aid approximately 60 students.

www.eastminster-york.org

Presbytery of Philadelphia
Freedom House for Women

Chester, Pennsylvania
\$24,000

The grant for this project will be used to renovate a building and turn it into a place that will house a drug rehabilitation program for formerly incarcerated women (and their children) and empower them to be strong parents. Freedom House will be a place where mothers battling addiction are supported and encouraged.
www.tmtchurch.net

Pittsburgh Presbytery
Digital Family Support
Program, Pediatric Palliative
Care Coalition

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
\$44,000

This grant will allow the coalition to develop a digital application for caregivers' smart phones or computers, that will enable caregivers to more easily manage their medically fragile child's health information. With this app, caregivers can manage their child's treatment plans, appointments, care teams and so much more, replacing current health record management systems that use notebooks and binders. By storing all the key information about the child's health care digitally, the Digital Family Support application will also make it possible for caregivers to search for particular items, summarize information from a specific time period, and share this information with others who

need insights into their child's health.

www.ppcc-pa.org

INTERNATIONAL
SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS

Transylvania Presbytery
Finding Freedom Through
Friendship—Expansion
into Egypt

Outskirts of Cairo (Garbage City), Egypt
\$44,000

This program is a health program that seeks to provide hope, dignity and security to women who are the heads of household of destitute families. Health and nutrition education are the primary foci of this grant. Shelter and improved economic skills will provide households with long-term sustainability and improve families' quality of life.
www.finding-freedom-through-friendship.org

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC
Presbytery of Western North
Carolina (PWNC)
Guatemala Microloan Project

PW from Suchitepequez and
Sur Occidente Presbyteries
Santo Domingo, San Felipe,
Guatemala

\$15,815
Continuing a more-than-21-year partnership between PWNC and the Suchitepequez and Sur Occidente Presbyteries of Guatemala, this project will provide microloans to 45 Guatemalan women. New business ventures will provide

opportunities for the women to grow in self-esteem, hope and freedom, and will help them develop economic resources for their families.

www.presbyterywnc.org/microloan-project

Mobilizing a Christian
University to Empower
Villagers Facing Globalization

Yogyakarta, Indonesia
\$46,323

This project will mobilize faculty and students from the Duta Wacana Christian University (a Reformed ecumenical partner with the PC(USA)) to accompany and train Muslim and Christian villagers who have been displaced from their homes by urban development. Former villagers will be helped to learn to respond creatively to globalization and make use of new opportunities to escape poverty.
www.ukdw.ac.id
www.griyajatirasa.com

Pastors' Training Workshop
for Peacemaking and Trauma
Healing

Presbyterian Church of
South Sudan
Khartoum, Sudan
\$18,433

This project will bring together leaders and stakeholders in refugee communities in Khartoum and potentially Kakuma to participate in peacebuilding/trauma healing workshops. The program's goal is to promote healing among victims and reduce tribal/ethnic tension and hatred.

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—Romans 12:4–6a, NRSV.

Dedication Service

by Jo Ann Burrell

Call to Worship

(Based on Romans 12)

- One:** For by the grace given to us, to everyone among us, do not think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but think with sober judgment, according to the measure of faith that God has assigned you.
- Many:** We are many but one in Christ Jesus.
- One:** Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another in mutual affection.
- Many:** We will rejoice in hope and be patient in suffering. We will persevere in prayer and extend hospitality to all. We are many but one in Christ Jesus! Amen.

Message/Meditation

In 1888, Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged the women of her church to give “over and above” their usual giving to the Women’s General Missionary Society of the

United Presbyterian Church of North America. She encouraged the women to give more as a way to thank the Lord for all things. As this challenge was taken up by other women in other churches, the annual PW Thank Offering was born. The love and funds for worldwide mission that have poured out from women (and men) over the past 130 years have left a lasting legacy!

The 2018 Thank Offering grants have been awarded to organizations that will provide opportunities for the people they serve to grow in self-esteem, hope, freedom and economic stability. These grants will help build peace, provide rehabilitation services, and promote self-empowerment in the areas of health, shelter, nutrition, and education. Demonstrating love for others, Thank Offering grant recipients will lend a hand to the displaced, establish gardens to eliminate hunger, provide showers to the homeless, transport food to food banks, provide nutritious food to students over the weekend when school is not in session, and help people with low incomes obtain hearing aids.

God gives us different gifts and, while different, they make us one in Christ. We are called to use our gifts to build relationships and address the needs of God's people. Remember to give generously to the Thank Offering every year, and, just as Eliza Clokey did many years ago, encourage others to do the same. Your support has made, and will continue to make, this world a better place. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law (Rom. 13:10)." In love, we dedicate the funds of the 2018 Thank Offering to accomplish God's work on earth. We pray for continuing success in

the efforts of our grant recipients. We celebrate their work in one body through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for gifts we use to fund grants to nonprofits that help people in need. We thank you for these organizations that design, develop and implement programs that make a positive impact on the lives of others. Thank you for keeping us steadfast to do your work here on earth. It is through your love and grace that we continue to work on global mission and for justice and peace. Dear God, in the name of your precious son, Jesus, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Hymn Suggestions*

"Help Us Accept Each Other" (GtG 745, PH 358), "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" (GtG 203, PH 367), "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian" (GtG 729, PH 372), "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (GtG 708, PH 428)

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* Hymns marked "GtG" are from *Glory to God* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2013); hymns marked "PH" are from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 1990).

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Porque así como en un cuerpo hay muchos miembros, y no todos los miembros tienen la misma función, así también nosotros, aunque somos muchos, formamos un solo cuerpo en Cristo, y cada miembro está unido a los demás. Ya que tenemos diferentes dones, según la gracia que nos ha sido dada...

—Romanos 12:4–6a, RVC.

Servicio de Dedicación

por Jo Ann Burrell

Llamamiento a la adoración

(Basado en Romanos 12)

Una: Por la gracia que nos es dada, digo a cada una de nosotras, que nadie tenga más alto concepto de sí que el que debe tener, sino que piense de sí con sensatez, según la medida de fe que Dios repartió a cada cual.

- Muchas:** Somos muchas, pero somos uno en Cristo Jesús.
- Una:** Si algo demanda diligencia, no seamos perezosas; sirvamos al Señor con espíritu ferviente. Nuestro amor debe ser sincero. Aborrezcamos lo malo y sigamos lo bueno. Amémonos unas a otras con amor fraternal.
- Muchas:** Nos gozaremos en la esperanza y soportaremos el sufrimiento. Seremos constantes en la oración y extenderemos hospitalidad a todo el mundo. ¡Somos muchas, pero somos uno en Cristo Jesús! Amén.

Mensaje/Meditación

En 1888, Eliza Clokey de Springfield, Ohio, instó a las mujeres de su iglesia a dar “por encima” de sus ofrendas habituales a la Sociedad Misionera General de las Mujeres en la Iglesia Presbiteriana Unida de Norteamérica. Animó a las mujeres a dar más como una manera de agradecer al Señor por todas las cosas. A medida las mujeres de otras iglesias asumieron este reto nació la Ofrenda de Gratitud de PW (siglas en inglés de Mujeres Presbiterianas). ¡El amor y los fondos para la misión mundial que han sido derramados por mujeres (y hombres) durante los pasados 130 años han dejado un legado perdurable!

Las subvenciones de la Ofrenda de Gratitud del 2018 han sido otorgadas a organizaciones que proveerán oportunidades para que las personas a quienes sirven crezcan en autoestima, esperanza, libertad y estabilidad económica. Estas subvenciones ayudarán a construir la paz, proveerán servicios de rehabilitación y promoverán el empoderamiento en áreas tales como salud, refugio, nutrición y educación. Demostrando el amor por los demás, las entidades receptoras de la Ofrenda de Gratitud darán una mano a las personas desplazadas, establecerán huertos para eliminar el hambre, proveerán duchas para las personas desamparadas, transportarán comida a los bancos de alimentos, proveerán comidas nutritivas para estudiantes durante los fines de semana cuando cesan las clases, y ayudarán a personas de ingresos bajos a obtener aparatos de corrección auditiva.

Dios nos da diferentes dones y, aunque son diferentes, nos hacen uno en Cristo. Estamos llamadas a usar nuestros dones para construir relaciones y responder a las necesidades del pueblo de Dios. Recuerden dar generosamente a la Ofrenda de Gratitud cada año y, tal y como hizo Eliza Clokey hace muchos años, animen a otras personas a hacer lo mismo. El apoyo de ustedes ha hecho, y continuará haciendo, de este mundo un mejor lugar. Amén.

Oración de dedicación

“El amor no hace daño a nadie. De modo que el amor es el cumplimiento de la ley (Rom. 13:10)”. En amor, dedicamos los fondos de la Ofrenda de Gratitud del 2018 para cumplir con la obra de Dios en la tierra. Oramos por el éxito continuo de quienes reciben nuestras subvenciones. Celebramos su labor en un cuerpo por medio de Jesucristo. Amén.

Oración de clausura

Dios de gracia, te agradecemos por los donativos con los que financiamos las subvenciones para entidades sin fines de lucro que ayudan a la gente con necesidad. Te damos gracias por estas organizaciones que diseñan, desarrollan e implementan programas que tienen un impacto positivo en las vidas de los demás. Gracias por mantenernos firmes para hacer tu obra aquí en la tierra. Es por medio de tu amor y tu gracia que continuamos trabajando en la misión global y a favor de la justicia y la paz. Amado Dios, en el nombre de tu precioso hijo, Jesús, y por el poder del Espíritu Santo, oramos. Amén.

Himnos sugeridos*

“Grandes y maravillosas son tus obras” (EHP 14), “Jesús, Jesús” (EHP 138), “Te ofrecemos nuestros dones” (EHP 307), “Danos un corazón” (EHP 379)

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Traducido por Magdalena I. García

* Los himnos sugeridos son de El Himnario Presbiteriano (Louisville, KY: Geneva Press, 1999).

PROMOTING THE THANK OFFERING

In your PW group

- Be sure to order the materials you need, including the bulletin insert, placemats and individual or group offering envelopes (see page 12 for order form).
- Set a goal to challenge the members of your PW group.
- Show the Thank Offering promotional video, available on the PW YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen), and talk about the offering in each of your circles.
- Distribute group and/or individual offering envelopes in your circles.
- If you do not have regular gatherings, ask each circle to receive the offering once a year in November, around Thanksgiving!
- Make a presentation at your fall gathering.

In your church

- Consider promoting the Thank Offering to the entire congregation.
 - o Get session approval.
 - o Make the Thank Offering the topic for a Minute for Mission during worship. Ask for everyone's support and ask them to put their gifts in a basket at the back of the sanctuary following the service.
 - o Use the Thank Offering bulletin cover as the cover of your church bulletin and include the Thank Offering bulletin insert.
 - o Include an announcement in your church newsletter about the Thank Offering and how it helps change lives. Use an example from your area, from this booklet or from PW's Creative Ministries blog (see www.presbyterianwomen.org for a link to the blog).
 - o Display the Thank Offering poster in a prominent place.
 - o Hold a special event at which you receive and dedicate the Thank Offering (maybe a Thanksgiving meal!).
 - o Use Thank Offering placemats at an all-church function sometime during the year.
 - o Distribute individual and/or group giving offering envelopes to the congregation.
 - o Distribute copies of page 10 of this booklet so that everyone is aware of how they can give.

In your presbytery and synod

- Include information about the Thank Offering in your newsletter.
- Send a special email encouraging local PWs to participate.
- Give a presentation about the Thank Offering at your fall gathering.
- Host a speaker from an organization in your area that has received a Thank Offering grant (contact PW's mission associate at 844/PW-PCUSA (844/797-2872), ext. 5402).
- Use the Thank Offering placemats on the luncheon table at a synod or presbytery gathering.

We don't want to miss anyone!

Help us keep our contacts up to date. When leadership (including treasurers, moderators and Celebration Giving representatives) in your congregation, presbytery and/or synod changes, please let us know. Download a database change form at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/database-change-form/> and send it to Patricia Longfellow by email (patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org) or via the postal service (see the form for the address).

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE THANK OFFERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle or group gift



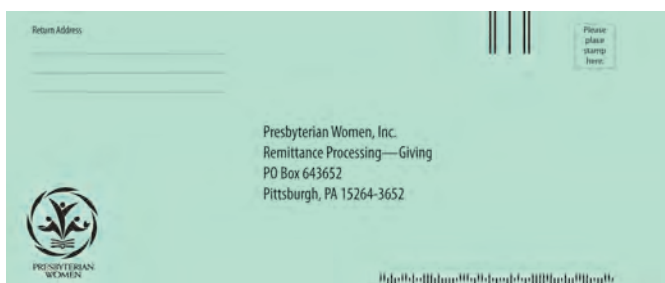
Circle members and other PW group members traditionally support the mission of the Thank Offering by cash or check in the PW group setting. Envelopes to receive these gifts are available free of charge in packs of 25 from the Presbyterian Women Shop (www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop) or the PC(USA) Store (800/533-4371). Order item PWR16479.

Tip: Distribute these envelopes to your congregation for even wider support of the Thank Offering.

PW in the Congregation treasurers, please receive your circles'/congregation's Thank Offering gifts and send to your PW in the Presbytery treasurer by **December 10, 2018**.

PW in the Presbytery treasurers, please send your PWCs' Thank Offering gifts with your presbytery's other quarterly contributions to Presbyterian Women Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652, by **December 15, 2018**. Please contact Rhonda Martin at rhonda.martin@pcusa.org for a remittance form.

Individual gift



If you are giving outside a PW circle, or making an additional gift beyond your circle giving, use the individual giving envelope available for free in packs of 10. You may give by check or credit card with this envelope, and will receive a tax receipt for your gift. Be sure to fill out the envelope completely, including your presbytery and synod so they will receive credit for your gift. To order

these envelopes, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800/533-4371; ask for item PWR16456.

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Online Giving

Make a Donation →

Make a secure online gift at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

Additional giving opportunities

Learn more about making an estate gift to the Thank Offering by checking the box under your contact information on the individual giving envelope and drop it in the mail. PW staff will contact you to discuss options and opportunities.

Make sure everyone you know (even if they are not involved in PW) has the opportunity to give. If you know of someone who should have received a booklet and did not, let them know that they can request one by visiting www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop (ask for item PWR18475), by calling the PC(USA) Store at 800/533-4371, or they can download the booklet at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

Please give as generously as you have been blessed. Thank you for your support!



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Diverse, yet one in Christ

For as in one body we have many members,
and not all the members have the same function,
so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members one of another.
We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us . . .

—Romans 12:4–6a, NRSV

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Resource Materials for Promoting and Interpreting the Thank Offering

| QUANTITY | PDS# | ITEM | PRICE | REMITTANCE |
|----------|----------|--|-------------|------------|
| _____ | PWR07482 | Sale! Coin/bill box (pkg. of 10) | \$3.50/pkg. | _____ |
| _____ | PWR18473 | Placemat (English and Spanish; pkg. of 25) | \$4/pkg. | _____ |
| _____ | PWR18480 | Bulletin insert (pkg. of 25) | \$3/pkg. | _____ |
| _____ | HZN18230 | July/August Horizons magazine Publicizes grant recipients, includes dedication service and lists resources | \$4/copy | _____ |
| _____ | PWR18488 | Promotional materials order form | Free | _____ |
| _____ | Online | Promotional video (English and Spanish) View on the PW YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen | Online | _____ |
| _____ | PWR18484 | Poster (English and Spanish; 11" x 17") | Free | _____ |
| _____ | PWR18476 | Bulletin cover (English; 8½" x 14"; pkg. of 25) | Free | _____ |
| _____ | PWR16479 | Group giving envelope (pkg. of 25) Traditionally used in PW circles and congregations | Free | _____ |
| _____ | PWR16456 | Individual giving envelope (pkg. of 10) For those outside PW circles, those who want to give over and above their normal offering, those who wish to give with a credit card and those who need a receipt for their gift | Free | _____ |
| _____ | PWR18475 | Promotional booklet** Contains information and resources you'll need to celebrate the Thank Offering at PW gatherings in the congregation, presbytery and synod. Booklet includes a poster, invitation letter, dedication service (all English and Spanish), recipient list, a summary of ways to support the Thank Offering, how to access PW resources on the Internet, the order form and more. | Free | _____ |

DIVERSE, YET ONE IN CHRIST

Romans 12:4-6a, NRSV

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**Mailed to all PC(USA) congregations, as well as PW moderators in the presbyteries and synods, PW leadership coordinators, members of PW's churchwide board of directors, presbytery and synod resource centers, Celebration Giving representatives, PW treasurers and members of the Creative Ministries Offering Committee.

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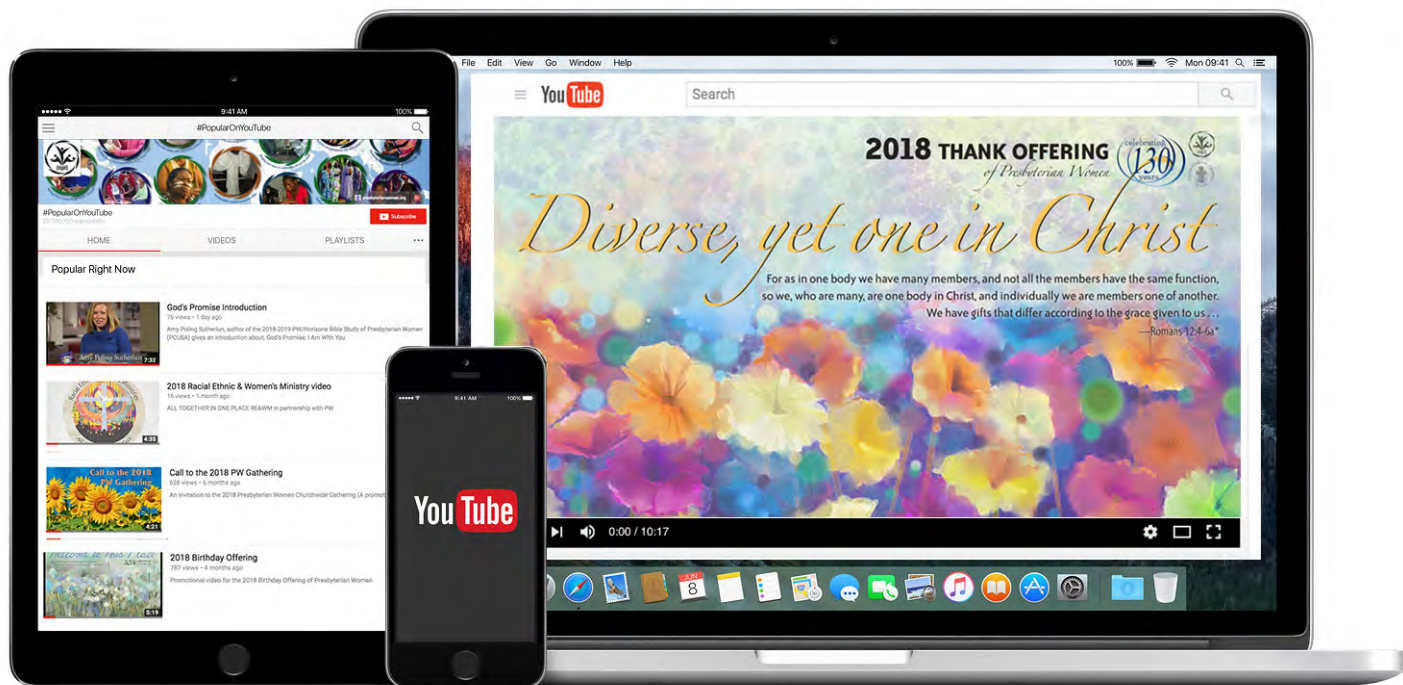
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1. By mail: Complete this form, make check payable to **Presbyterian Women** and mail to:

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Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3674

2. By phone: Call 800/533-4371.

3. Online: Go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop
(type "Thank Offering" in the search box).



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