



2019 *Thank Offering* OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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Give or learn more about the
Thank Offering by visiting
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Cameroon; Making Blood Available for Transfusion in Obstetric Units



Cancer Association of Anderson, Food for Thought



Ghana and Synod of the Northeast; Ghana Maternity Ward Partnership



Iowa WINS, Immigrant Neighbors in Need



Madagascar; Mamonjy Project



Firelands Presbyterian Church, Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep



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Dear Friends,

Please join us in being thankful!

Since 1888, Presbyterian women have expressed their deep sense of gratitude for God's blessings in their lives by giving back to people in their communities and around the world. Through the Thank Offering, we can help fund programs that provide education, safe housing, food, clean water, health care and so much more.

Please encourage Presbyterian women in your area to promote and celebrate the 18 ministries chosen this year for the Thank Offering.

Inside this booklet, you will find

- an overview of the 2019 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" x 17" page for use as a promotional poster or a placemat, and
- the promotional materials flier.



Additional promotional materials are available. Please visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank for downloadable bulletin covers, bulletin inserts and videos. You can also order collection envelopes, the poster/placemat, and more!

Horizons, the magazine for Presbyterian Women, publishes the Thank Offering grant recipients and dedication service in the July/August issue. Call 866/802-3635 to subscribe to the print edition or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe/ to subscribe to the online-only edition of the magazine.

Please send your Thank Offering gifts to the PW treasurer in your presbytery by December 10, 2019. Individuals can give online at any time at www.presbyterianwomen.org/give. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Thank Offering and Presbyterian Women.

Blessings,

Creative Ministries Offering Committee

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Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc.



Green Lantern Lunch Program, Summer Lunch Program

Fit-2-Serve, Community Bridges: Access for All



2019 *Thank Offering* OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GRANT RECIPIENTS



*E*liza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, planted the seed for Presbyterian Women’s Thank Offering in 1888 when she 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. Year after year, women have responded to Clokey’s call to give a “thank offering to her Lord,” and have raised tens of millions of dollars for mission at home and around the world.

In February 2019, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met by video conference to discuss grant applications that they had been reading over several months. Of the 75 applicants, 18 were chosen for funding. Twelve of the projects serve people in the United States and six are international. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries.

National

SYNOD OF ALASKA-NORTHWEST
Olympia Presbytery
Green Lantern Lunch Program
Summer Lunch Program
\$30,000

www.greenlanternlunches.org
The lumber and fishing industries that were once the heart of the North Beach area have disappeared and only service jobs remain. Parents work several jobs and still struggle to meet minimal costs of living and feed their children. The offering will be used to pay for the delivery of meals to children when they are at home during the summer and cannot get lunch at school.

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT
Maumee Valley Presbytery
Firelands Presbyterian Church
Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep
\$20,000

www.firelandschurch.org
This ministry provides an average of 10 beds per month to children from

disadvantaged families of Ottawa County who have been identified by local caseworkers as sleeping on the floor, or using blankets or lawn chairs. Complete beds, bedding and special pillowcases, as well as books and bookbags, are provided.

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRES
East Iowa Presbytery
Iowa WINS
Immigrant Neighbors in Need
\$20,000

www.firstpresbyonline.org/iowawins
Iowa WINS has been financially assisting families directly impacted by the recent ICE raids in Mount Pleasant. This assistance has been a lifeline to families suffering financially while also struggling with the threat of deportation. The Thank Offering will be used for 32 families in need, helping them pay for critical expenses such as rent, utilities and legal fees, and allowing them some measure of relief as they fight to remain together.

SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS
Southeastern Illinois Presbytery



Arab Christian Fellowship, Walking Together



Loving Food Resources, Food Pantry Renovation

Fit-2-Serve
Community Bridges: Access for All
\$25,000

www.fit-2-serve.net

Fit-2-Serve provides intergenerational, experiential learning experiences between children and seniors with a goal to deepen relationships and equip people to serve each other and the community as a whole. The offering will provide an accessible bathroom, lift, and an ADA compliant front entrance so that all may participate in their programs.

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS
Mid-Kentucky Presbytery
Center for Women and Gender Studies
Katie Geneva Cannon Legacy
Memorial Conference
\$16,200

The Center for Women and Gender Studies raises a critical voice against systemic oppression and marginalization of women, and networks to lift up disenfranchised groups of every race, class and gender. This grant will be used for a conference that reflects on the life and works of Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon and brings together women clergy and lay leaders who have benefited from her groundbreaking work.

SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA
Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery
Room at the Inn
Homeless Client Safety Upgrades
\$24,250

www.roomstl.org

Room at the Inn serves families who had been living in their car, spending nights in a park, or squatting in an abandoned building. They stay for up to 30 days and get assistance in identifying needs, setting goals, accessing services, finding housing, securing employment and becoming more self-sufficient. The Thank Offering will help replace outdated equipment that is essential for serving Room at the Inn's homeless clientele.

SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA
Heartland Presbytery
Arab Christian Fellowship
Walking Together
\$25,000

www.arabchurchkc.org

Many immigrant and refugee families struggle in their new American community with learning the language, finding a job and suffering from homesickness. Walking Together helps newly arrived families, primarily Syrian refugees, who are seeking safety and a new home. This grant will be

used to fulfill some of their primary needs like food, clothing, utility bills, learning English and finding employment.

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC
Western North Carolina Presbytery
Loving Food Resources
Food Pantry Renovation
\$31,500

<https://lovingfood.org/>

Loving Food Resources is a food pantry that provides food, health and personal care items to Appalachian residents living with HIV/AIDS or to patients in home hospice care with any diagnosis. Loving Food's current loading dock is inefficient and hazardous to volunteers who handle boxes of supplies. This grant will help construct a new dock that is safe and will allow the pantry to expand the items they can provide.

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC
Cascades Presbytery
Kenilworth Community Preschool
Outlast Outdoor Block Set
\$8,125

www.kenilworthcps.org

This cooperative preschool uses play and self-led exploration for learning. The Thank Offering will purchase



Kenilworth Community Preschool, Outlast Outdoor Block Set



Agape Fish Fund, Food as Medicine

Outlast Blocks. Made for durable use, the blocks will extend learning to the outdoor classroom, with child-directed, open-ended activities that encourage cooperation, language building, large muscle development, and experimentation with mathematical and scientific principles.

SYNOD OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS
Glacier Presbytery
 Missoula Food Bank and
 Community Center
 Nutrition for Healthier Futures:
 Kids EmPower Pack
 \$20,000

www.missoulafoodbank.org
 The health and emotional well-being of children who live in low food security can be directly improved by providing regular access to nutritious food. Kids EmPower Pack provides meals for children in Montana who experience chronic hunger while away from school. The offering will allow the food bank to enroll every child on the wait list and support four newly enrolled rural schools for the entire 2019–2020 academic year.

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
Foothills Presbytery

Cancer Association of Anderson
Food for Thought
 \$8,750
www.cancerassociationofanderson.org

This new program provides family-friendly, fun and interactive ways to educate participants about leading healthy lifestyles and preventing cancer. With grant funding, they will offer senior exercise classes and chair yoga for health, mindfulness and breathing for stress relief, healthy eating with recipes and taste-testing, and a Mobile Mammogram Coach that will be on site.

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII
Los Ranchos Presbytery
Agape Fish Fund
Food as Medicine
 \$10,000

www.agapefish.org
 This project enhances the physical and spiritual well-being of low income, food insecure Vietnamese families in Westminster, California, who suffer from unmanaged diabetes. The grant will help teach self-sufficiency through diabetes management

training and cooking demonstrations, improve blood sugar levels with healthier food, and provide accountability and community through follow-up with local Vietnamese church volunteers.

International

CAMEROON
Presbyterian Church in Cameroon
Making Blood Available for
Transfusion in Obstetric Units
 \$21,600

www.pcc.cm
 Maternity units in rural health facilities in Cameroon are often not sufficiently equipped with devices, supplies and emergency delivery kits to cater to pregnant and postpartum clients. This grant will set up modern blood banks, provide a two-day training workshop for laboratory staffs, nurses, midwives, gynecologists and general practitioners, and purchase a standby generator.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF CONGO
Institut Médical Chrétien du Kasai
Well for PAX Clinic
 \$20,000
www.imck.org



Democratic Republic of Congo, Well for PAX Clinic

PAX is a medical center for women that operates under a collaborative mission between the Congo Presbyterian Church and the Congo Mennonite Church. To reduce the scarcity of drinkable water for the center, the Thank Offering will fund a drill-hole well. Pregnant women and newborns, as well as the surrounding populations, will benefit from the prevention of waterborne diseases, improved hospital hygiene and the saved cost of buying water.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
**National Association of Women
of the Evangelical Dominican
Church**
**Improvement of the National
Camp**
\$21,500

This national camp hosts assemblies as well as Christian education events such as workshops, retreats and summer camps. The funds received will be used to purchase new equipment and furniture, repair leaks in the walls and ceilings of the buildings and allow improvements in the services offered by the camp.



Zambia, Cervical Cancer Prevention

**GHANA AND SYNOD OF
THE NORTHEAST**
**Evangelical Presbyterian
Church of Ghana and
First Presbyterian
Church of Fairfield,
Connecticut**

Ghana Maternity Ward Partnership
\$40,000

www.epchurchghana.org

Local leaders have identified the need for a maternity ward in their Dzemeni Medical Clinic to serve more women, decongest the outpatient area, reduce the possibility of infection, decrease mortality rates and create an environment conducive to healing. Because perinatal and maternal mortality is a serious problem in Ghana, the new maternity ward will save the lives of infants and mothers, and improve health for thousands in Dzemeni and beyond, for decades to come.

MADAGASCAR
**The Church of Jesus Christ
in Madagascar Chaplaincy to
Marginalized People**

Mamonjy Project

\$9,887

<http://www.fjkm.mg>

This project works to prevent human trafficking by educating people to recognize warning signs and avoid risky offers of employment. The grant will allow the program to develop and distribute informational resources and training materials. Initially, this information will be shared through the church radio station, newspapers, and presentations at meetings in regions most affected by trafficking.

ZAMBIA
**Church of Central Africa
Presbyterian, Synod of Zambia
Health Department**

Cervical Cancer Prevention
\$40,000

<http://ccapzambia.org>

In Lundazi District in the Eastern Province of Zambia at least 90,000 women are of child bearing age, but only 7,070 women have been screened for cervical cancer. Fear caused by inaccurate information and distance to the clinic prevent women from screening. Through the Thank Offering grant, nurses will travel quarterly to provide education and alleviate fears of women in rural health centers and to the thousands of women in the CCAP congregations across Zambia.

God Heeds Our Call

DEDICATION SERVICE

by Toni Spieth



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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: As we light this Christ Candle, let us call Jesus, the light of the world, into our presence. (*Light the Christ Candle.*)

Call to Worship

(Based on Isaiah 12:4–6)

One: Holy One, on this day we give thanks as we call upon your name.

Many: **We will make known your deeds among the nations.**

One: We will sing your praises, for you have done glorious things in all the earth.

Many: **Today we will shout aloud and sing for joy. We declare how great thou art.**

Hymn*

“O Lord My God” (“How Great Thou Art”)
(GtG 625)

Meditation

This reading from Jeremiah is part of a letter that the prophet sent to the ancient Israelites who had been exiled to Babylon. Jeremiah is telling the exiles to settle down in their new home in this new land because God has said that they will be there for 70 years. The exiles will call on God and God will listen to them. God will give them a future of hope and well-being. However, this good outcome will not be instantaneous. Jeremiah is telling the exiles that they can plead with God and inquire about their future, and God will listen and take care of them, but they need to take the long view and understand that while the people will eventually flourish, the immediate community may not witness restoration in their lifetimes.

After many hours studying grant requests, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met in February 2019 and agreed on funding for 18 projects. We chose this Jeremiah text as our theme because it teaches all of us that we must serve and care now while holding on to our faith in God who listens to our prayers for a future of hope and healing.

The troubles of this world are so deep and so great, we know that our individual gifts to the Thank Offering cannot address every need. But we have faith that God heeds our call and brings us together to accomplish significant ministry to people in need. Though we may not see the end of hunger, homelessness, fear and pain in our lifetimes, we can work together to provide God’s care to people now.

Hymn

Sung to the tune *Bunessan* or “Morning Has Broken” (GtG 664); words by Jane Parker Huber (1988)

Gratefully offer talents and service,
Meeting the challenge of this new day,
Partners in mission,
Working with vision,
Strengthen Christ’s Body in a new way.
Faithfully serving all of God’s children,
Telling our stories, listening to theirs,
Teaching, upholding,
With love enfolding,
Sharing each other’s burdens and cares.
Joyfully praising, learning, supporting,
Finding new paths of service and prayer,
Led by the Spirit,
Life we inherit,
Giving God glory now everywhere.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we give you thanks for providing for our every need: food, shelter, knowledge, skill, friendship, affection. We remember that they are your gifts and not our own by right. Creator, Giver, for all of this, we thank you.

Bless the children for whom nutrition, safety and love will be provided. Bless the women for whom these offerings make possible medical care, job training and safe housing. Bless these Thank Offering gifts as they touch the lives of others with home care, transportation, gardens and feelings of worth. For all of this, we thank you.

Closing Prayer

We call upon you, O God,
and trust that you hear us.
We come and pray to you, O God,
and have faith that you will answer.
We search for you, O God,
and know that we will find you.
We seek you with all our hearts, O God,
and hope in your loving presence.
Go with us now, O God,
as we offer your hope and
healing to this world. Amen.

(Extinguish the Christ Candle.)

Toni Spieth is the representative from the Synod of Mid-America to the Churchwide Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women.

* Hymns marked "GtG" are from *Glory to God* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2013)

PROMOTING THE THANK OFFERING

In your PW group

- Download and print materials such as bulletin covers and inserts for free at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank
- Order poster/placemats and offering envelopes at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank
- Show the Thank Offering promotional video, available on the PW YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen)
- Make a presentation at your fall gathering.
- If you do not have regular gatherings, ask each circle to receive the offering once a year around Thanksgiving.

In your church

- Promoting the Thank Offering to the entire congregation!
 - o Get session approval.
 - o Make the Thank Offering announcement during worship and ask givers to put money in a basket specifically for the offering or give online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/give
 - o Use the Thank Offering bulletin cover for worship 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 this booklet.
 - o Display the Thank Offering poster in a prominent place.
 - o Hold a special event, like a Thanksgiving meal, where you receive the offering. Use Thank Offering poster/placemats at the tables.

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 cheri.harper@pcusa.org).
- Use the Thank Offering poster/placemats at a synod or presbytery meal.

We don't want to miss anyone!

Help us keep contact information current. When leadership, such as treasurers and moderators, in your congregation, presbytery and/or synod change, please let us know. Email changes to patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org.

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE THANK OFFERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle or group gift

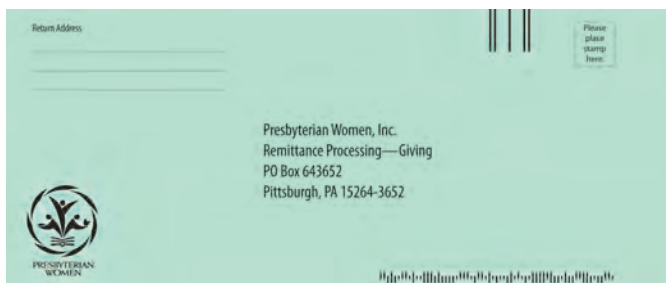


Circle members and other PW group members traditionally support the mission of the Thank Offering by cash or check in the PW group setting. Envelopes to receive these gifts are available free of charge in packs of 25 from the PW Shop. Order online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800/533-4371 to order; ask for item PWR16479.

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, 2019**.

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, 2019**. 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. 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, call 800/533-4371; ask for item PWR16456.

Tip: Distribute these envelopes to your congregation for even wider support of the Thank Offering. You may also give online (see below).

Online Giving

[Make a Donation →](#)

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

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. You can also email PW's Mission Associate at cheri.harper@pcusa.org.

If you know of someone who should have received a booklet and did not, they can download the booklet at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank, order online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800/533-4371 to place an order for item PWR19475.

Please give as generously as you have been blessed. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Presbyterian Women!

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Resources for Promoting the Thank Offering

ITEM #	ITEM	PRICE
PWR19230	July/August <i>Horizons</i> magazine	\$4/COPY**
PWR19475	Promotional booklet* Booklet includes a poster/placemat, invitation letter, dedication service, recipients list, ideas to support the Thank Offering, and more.	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
PWR19473	Poster/Placemat (11" x 17") One side is a poster, the other side is a placemat	FREE
PWR07482	Coin/bill boxes (pkg. of 10)	FREE
DOWNLOAD	Promotional booklet (Spanish and Korean) Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank .	FREE
DOWNLOAD	Resource flier Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank .	FREE
DOWNLOAD	Bulletin cover (8 1/2" x 14"; pkg. of 20) Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank .	FREE
DOWNLOAD	Bulletin insert (one design; two per page) Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank .	FREE
AVAILABLE ONLINE	Promotional video (English, Spanish, and Korean) View on PW's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen .	FREE

Two Ways to Order from the PW Shop

1. Online: Go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop (type "Thank Offering" in the search box).
2. By phone: Call 800/533-4371.

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

**Prices do not include shipping and handling (based on weight of order; \$5.91 minimum). There are no shipping charges for free/promotional offering materials. Order online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800/533-4371, Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM EST.



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