

OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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-Psalm 71:14\*

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## 2020 Birthday Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Dear Friends,

The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women was born in 1922 when Hallie Paxson Winsborough challenged each member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to give a penny for each year of her life as a "birthday gift" for Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Japan. Since then, Presbyterian Women, through the Birthday Offering have contributed more than \$36 million to help improve lives at home and around the world. While the projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment to caring for others has not. We hope you will join us in supporting the Birthday Offering so that we can continue Hallie's legacy of giving, hoping and praising.

This year's Birthday Offering recipients are:

#### Center for Social Assistance to the Disabled, Family, and Children—PREOBRAZHENIYE

Assisted Living Facility Davydovo, Russia

#### GAP Ministries of Augusta, Georgia

Expand Access and Service Space Northeast Georgia Presbytery

#### Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center in Payson, Arizona

Childcare and Pre-kindergarten Facility Presbytery of the Grand Canyon

#### Liberty Community Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota

Northside Healing Space Expansion Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

Please send your Birthday Offering to the PW treasurer in your presbytery by June 15, 2020.

Thank you for giving faithfully.

Blessings all,

Barbara Clark, Chair

Jo Ann Burrell

Kate Duffert

Jo-Ann Estella

Molly McCarthy

Sue Mummert

Roxann Porter

Marilyn Stone

#### Creative Ministries Offering Committee

Creative Ministries Offering Committee Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc.



# Continual Hope and Praise

#### **Dedication Service**

BY KATE DUFFERT

#### Call to Worship

One: When the world is unjust and cruel,

Many: we gather in hope.

One: In moments when it is easy to see God's

presence,

Many: we gather in hope.

One: We gather together as God's people, doing

God's work in God's world.

Many: We gather in hope!

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Infinite God, there is no shortage of pain in your world. We are surrounded by unjust systems that separate your creation as though some are more deserving than others. Yet, we fall in line, too

scared of the risks you may call us to take.
We see communities that are forgotten and, instead of turning our attention to them, we hoard our own resources and pretend not to know what is happening outside our own doors. We know the weight of trauma that rests in the hearts of many and demand that people "get over it" so that we don't have to worry any more. Be with us. Stir us from our settled ways. Give us hope so that we may continually praise you by caring for one another.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Our continual hope is met by God's continual grace, calling us in through the generosity of the Spirit so that we may find in Jesus Christ a forgiveness that moves us to action. Let us be moved! Let us act! Let us give thanks! Amen.

#### Scripture

Responsive Reading of Psalm 71:1–16 In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge,

a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

#### My praise is continually of you.

I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.

#### My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.

Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

#### For my enemies speak concerning me, and those who watch for my life consult together.

They say, 'Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken, for there is no one to deliver.'

#### O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek to hurt me be covered with scorn and disgrace.

#### But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past my knowledge.

I will come praising the mighty deeds of the LORD GOD, I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

is met with the relief of tired parents. We give today, so that we may

God, you have emboldened us to find your presence throughout your creation. We hear your voice in an elevator in GAP Ministries of Atlanta as voices join to ease pain and provide resources urgently needed. We see your hands in the Center for Social Assistance in Russia, relieving pain and finding play for disabled persons who have been too long ignored. We recognize your face in the Northside Healing Space in Minneapolis as it looks forward with expectation in a neighborhood that has been told there is no hope. We feel your love at Community

Presbyterian Child Learning

Center in Arizona where the laughter of children

celebrate these gifts of your creation and those who do your work in the world. May this offering be but a small part of the generosity and hope you have stirred in our hearts. Amen.

#### **Charge and Sending**

May your heart be turned to love. May your breath be stirred to action. May your life become a vessel of generosity. And in all things, may we seek hope continually and praise God more and more.

#### **Discussion Ideas**

When is hope hard to find? How does hope fit into the narrative of your story? Of your circle? Of your congregation? Where do you see hope today?

#### Suggested Hymns\*

"May the God of Hope Go with Us" (GtG 765)
"Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (GtG 761)

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" (GtG 23)

"Live into Hope" (GtG 772)

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#### **NOTES**

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

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#### **GRANT RECIPIENTS**

Launched in 1922 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Birthday Offering celebrates Presbyterian women's history of giving. Now the Birthday Offering is an annual tradition and has funded more than 200 mission projects that touch the lives of women and children. We need your support to fund more projects like the ones selected for 2020. We ask that you give as you have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit. Give through your PW group or give online at www.presbyterian women.org/give.



## Center for Social Assistance to the Disabled, Family, and Children PREOBRAZHENIYE

**Assisted Living Facility** 

www.davydovo-hram.ru/osobye-lyudi
Davydovo, Russia
\$100,000

In Russia, facilities for adults with disabilities are state nursing homes that are inadequate to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of their patients. The goal for PREOBRAZHENIYE is to create a Christian model of housing and community. The Birthday Offering grant will help construct a new home that provides suitable living conditions, constant medical support, and an environment in which the residents can realize their rights to freedom of religion and work.



## GAP Ministries of Augusta, Georgia Expand Access and Service Space

www.gapministriesaugusta.org
Northeast Georgia Presbytery
\$135,000

For 40 years GAP Ministries has served a community on the margins of society, helping with food, clothing, toiletries, prescription assistance, photo IDs and storage bins for homeless persons. By renovating the second floor of their historic church building and adding an elevator, GAP can address other needs such as a Saturday service for the working poor, expanded health assistance and meeting spaces for partner ministries.



#### Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center in Payson, Arizona Childcare and Prekindergarten Facility

www.cpcpayson.org
Presbytery of the Grand Canyon
\$75,000

Established in 1979, the Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center provides day care and prekindergarten programs for children in Payson, Arizona; the Tonto Apache Tribe; and neighboring communities. The center currently uses two historic buildings and a modular structure that is small and not well suited for child care. This grant will help build a modern facility that will increase the number of children served and provide infant care that is currently not available in Payson.



#### Liberty Community Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota Northside Healing Space Expansion

www.libertychurchmpls.org
Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area
\$75,000

The Northside Healing Space is part of Liberty Community Church, the first and only African American-led Presbyterian congregation in Minnesota. This community-driven "healing homeplace" provides supportive housing, workforce development, access to healthy food, K–12 school initiatives, and care for survivors of trauma and commercial sexual exploitation. The Birthday Offering grant will help renovate their historic building and expand programming based on the expressed needs of the community.

#### IDEAS TO PROMOTE THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING

- Host a churchwide birthday celebration with lunch and birthday cake. Decorate tables for each month of the year and list all the birthdays that fall in that month. Scatter PW Birthday Offering envelopes on the tables along with information about the grant recipients.
- At a spring carnival or church school party, host a cake walk that benefits the Birthday Offering.
- Throw a birthday party for everyone with cake, games, silly songs, hats and balloons. Give a short presentation about Birthday Offering recipients over the years.
- During a spring Gathering, offer a trivia contest with questions about
   Presbyterian Women, the Birthday Offering and important women in your local community.
- As a Minute for Mission, put on a skit that celebrates Hallie Paxson Winsborough and the first Birthday Offering in 1922.
- Host a luncheon featuring a spring fashion show and makeup tips. Use the Birthday Offering materials as your table decorations.
- Take up the offering by putting up twelve birthday baskets with a theme for each month. See which month has the most offering dollars given!
- Involve your whole congregation by using the Birthday Offering bulletin cover and insert in worship. Collect the offering in coffee cans covered in birthday gift wrap. After church services, serve cupcakes and decorate with birthday party decor.
- Gather a group to put on a Spring Tea with a fun theme. Ask each table hostess to decorate her table to fit the theme. Have a contest for the winning table!
- Encourage everyone in your church to make a gift to the offering in their own birth month, either online or in an individual giving envelope.

#### SUPPORT THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING

#### Circle or group gift



Circle members and other PW group members can support the Birthday Offering by donating cash or checks in the PW group setting. Envelopes to receive these gifts are available free of charge in packs of 25 from the PW Shop (www. presbyterianwomen.org/shop; item PWR12501) or the PC(USA) Store (800/533-4371).

PW in the Congregation treasurers, please receive your Birthday Offering gifts and send to your PW in the Presbytery treasurer by June 10, 2020.

PW in the Presbytery treasurers, please send your Birthday Offering gifts with your presbytery's other quarterly contributions to Presbyterian Women Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652, by June 15, 2020. If you need a remittance form, contact Rhonda Martin at rhonda.martin@pcusa.org or 844/PW-PCUSA (844/797-2872), ext. 5596.

#### Individual gift



If you are giving outside a PW circle, use the individual giving envelope. You may give by check or credit card with this envelope and will receive a tax receipt for your gift. Fill out the envelope completely, including your presbytery and synod so they will receive credit for your gift. Envelopes to receive these gifts are available free

of charge in packs of 10 from the PW Shop (www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop; item PWR20456) or the PC(USA) Store (800/533-4371).

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

#### Online Giving



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

#### We don't want to miss anyone!

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



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Ofrenda de Cumpleaños del 2020 de mujeres presbiterianas

2020년 장로교 여성 생일 헌금

But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more

(Psalm 71:14)\*

Mas yo espe<mark>raré sie</mark>mpre, y te alabaré más y más

(Salmo 71:14)\*\*

나는 항상 소망을 품고 주를 더욱더욱 찬송하리이다

(시편 71:14)\*\*\*

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#### Resources to Promote the 2020 Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

Essentials

Available as a download, as well! The 2020 Birthday Offering promotional booklet, which is routinely mailed to all PCUSA congregations and PW leaders, includes grant recipient summaries; a dedication service; a greeting from the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women; ideas to promote and support the Birthday Offering; a poster/placemat; and promotional resource flier. Item PWR20451; free.

2020 Birthday Offering Korean- and Spanish-language promotional booklets are available on line. Free.

The 11" x 17" 2020 Birthday Offering poster/placemat is versatile: use side one as a poster suitable for bulletin boards and trifolds; use side two as a placemat for dinners and tabletops. Available as singles so order as needed (limit 150)! Item PWR20453; free.

Receiving the Offering

**Birthday Offering group giving envelopes**, traditionally used in PW circles and congregations, are available in packs of 25. Item PWR12501; free.

**Individual giving envelopes** are PW's "multipurpose" envelopes! These #10 green envelopes include an attached slip that allows an individual (or group) to choose where to direct her gifts as well as an area for credit card information. Available in packs of 10; item PWR20456; free.

**2020 Birthday Offering bulletin insert** (one design)—Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday; free.

**2020 Birthday Offering bulletin cover** (8½" x 11")— Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday; free.

**2020 Birthday Offering promotional video** (English, Spanish and Korean)—Available on PW's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.

More to Explore!

The January/February 2020 issue of *Horizons* magazine includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Available to order January 2020; item HZN20200, \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons to subscribe!)

Messages of Reconciliation and Hope: 75 Years of Birthday Offerings, 1922-1997, by Catherine Stewart Vaughn, item PWR00507, \$12.00

Ordering is Easy!

- Shop on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop.
- Or call 800/533-4371, Monday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM EST.

**Note**: Prices do not include shipping and handling (based on weight of order; \$5.91 minimum). International orders and orders to Puerto Rico may incur additional shipping charges. Prices and availability may change without notice.

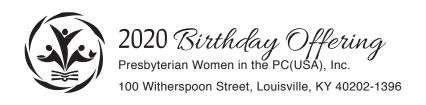


To view the free 2020 Birthday Offering promotional video, visit the PW YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.

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