



Thank Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2020

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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, relief from disasters, safe housing, cooking instruction, training for justice and advocacy work, and so much more.

Please encourage Presbyterian women in your area to promote and celebrate the 15 ministries chosen this year for the Thank Offering.

Inside this booklet, you will find

- an overview of the 2020 recipients,
- an offering dedication service for your group,
- 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. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe or call 866/802-3635 to subscribe! Print subscribers receive the annual Bible study as part of their subscription (see online for details).

Please send your Thank Offering gifts to the PW treasurer in your presbytery by December 10, 2020. Individuals can give online 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

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

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GRANT RECIPIENTS

National

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT

Presbytery of Cincinnati

Contact Center

Health Care Empowerment Project

\$15,000

www.contactcentercincinnati.com

The Contact Center has an overall mission to organize low- and moderate-income people to work for positive social change. This project focuses on training women to be key advocates for beneficial Medicaid policies in Ohio. The Thank Offering grant will support monthly meetings to organize and train 20 to 30 women leaders.

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRES

Presbytery of South Dakota

All About U Adoptions, Inc.

Nevaeh House: A little piece of heaven

\$50,000

www.aauadoptions.org

All About U Adoptions works with expectant mothers who struggle to secure housing due to lack of proper identification, poor credit, no positive rental history and lack of income. The Thank Offering grant will help purchase a home to provide welcoming, safe and healthy transitional housing for expectant mothers as well as counseling and adoption planning.

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

Lifeshouse Maternity Home

Kitchen Renovation


\$27,000

www.lifeshouselouisville.org


The residents of Lifeshouse often arrive with little understanding of cooking or how their own food choices affect their unborn children. This grant will help expand a kitchen to allow space for hands-on cooking classes, daily meal preparation and lessons on essential nutrition, thus improving the mothers' health and further equipping them for independent living.



Crossroads Community Food Network
Community Kitchen Enhancements



Faith 4 Justice
Trauma-informed Ministry



Family Promise of Wayne County, N.Y., Inc.
Day Resource Center Renovations

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC

National Capital Presbytery
Crossroads Community Food Network
Community Kitchen Enhancements
\$25,000

www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org

This community kitchen is a haven for local food production and education. Women who are eager to start a food business receive one-on-one technical assistance, affordable rental space and support to grow their endeavors. This project will expand and enhance the kitchen for primarily low-income and immigrant entrepreneurs.

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC

Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Faith 4 Justice
Trauma-informed Ministry
\$20,000

www.faith4justiceasheville.org

Faith 4 Justice is a bridge between local faith leaders and Black and Latinx community leaders who are committed to racial equity and healing through monthly meetings, trauma-informed materials and discussions led by those directly impacted by racism. The Thank Offering grant will support training for leadership development, community organizing and raising public awareness.

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST

Presbytery of Geneva
Family Promise of Wayne County, N.Y., Inc.
Day Resource Center Renovations
\$22,500

<http://fpwayne.org>

Through community-based efforts, Family Promise helps families affected by homelessness to gain employment and sustainable housing. Local congregations shelter clients in church buildings, provide meals and assist with social services. This grant will help renovate a building for use as a day resource center and emergency overnight facility.

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC

Presbytery of Nevada
Northern Nevada Dream Center
Reach the Hungry
\$25,000

<https://nndreamcenter.org>

With the purchase of a 14-foot box truck, the Thank Offering grant will help provide healthy meals to individuals and families by bringing food directly to outlying localities and neighborhoods where food pantries are not available. By serving these communities more efficiently, Reach the Hungry can increase the number of persons served.



Northern Nevada Dream Center
Reach the Hungry



Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center
Setting a Place for All



Critical Mass Dance Company (CMDC)
Dance Empowerment Programs



Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe
Team Refugee Youth

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
Presbytery of Tampa Bay
Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center
Setting a Place for All
\$27,000
<https://cedarkirk.org/>

Cedarkirk is working to provide more accessible facilities to older adults and people with disabilities. This grant will help construct a fully accessible dining facility, build a new welcome center and administration space, add an additional cottage to increase adult accommodations, and repurpose the current dining hall for new meeting space.



Stillwater Domestic Violence Services, Inc.
Shelter the Children

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII
Presbytery of the Pacific
Critical Mass Dance Company (CMDC)
Dance Empowerment Programs
\$12,500
www.criticalmassdancecompany.org

Since 2010, CDMC has taught Dance from the Heart, a trauma-informed, free-form movement practice to over 1,500 low-income girls and women. This form of healing movement helps people get “unstuck” and travel forward in their lives with greater grace, ease, joy and support. This grant will support training events for local dance teachers to learn how to utilize Dance from the Heart with their own students.

SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST
Presbytery of Santa Fe
Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe
Team Refugee Youth
\$9,000
www.ccasfnm.org

In Albuquerque, many recently resettled refugee middle and high school students experience poor school attendance and academic performance. This grant will help build programs that provide learning helps for refugee youth and equip parents to guide and advocate for their children.



Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
Community Healing Circle

SYNOD OF THE SUN
Cimarron Presbytery
Stillwater Domestic Violence Services, Inc.
Shelter the Children
\$5,000
<https://wingsofhopeok.com>

This grant will support a new initiative to reduce adverse childhood experiences related to violence seen by children in Oklahoma. Art and sports programs will be provided free to children living in the shelter while their moms are looking for work or dealing with legal issues.

SYNOD OF THE SUN

Presbytery of Arkansas
Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center
Transportation for Disaster Kits
\$30,000
<https://ferncliff.org>

Many churches make disaster kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance but there are no collection depots in 12 southern states. Ferncliff is expanding the program by finding churches to serve as depots. The Thank Offering grant will be used to purchase a truck for picking up disaster kits from these new depots in the south, thus helping eliminate shipping costs, raise visibility and grow this hands-on mission program.

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY

The Presbytery of Donegal
Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
Community Healing Circle
\$5,000
www.dvcccpa.org

First-person storytelling should be at the forefront of any healing process. Community healing circles provide a safe space for those impacted by domestic violence to share their stories, hear the group's collective wisdom, learn to take control of their narratives, and rewrite their own stories. The grant will support facilitator and childcare fees as well as healing circle supplies.

International

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Association of Presbyterian Women of Kinshasa—West Synod
Complete the Women's Centre and Training of Women
\$14,813

The Women's Centre in Kinshasa has a goal to enhance the training of women so they can learn to assess local needs, find substantial solutions, and help transform churches and presbyteries of their synod. The Thank Offering grant will provide for the completion of this ongoing building project and offer a place for women to gather and receive leadership training.

ETHIOPIA

Gidada Theological College
Construction of Girls' Dormitory
\$43,650

Gidada Theological College recognizes that educating women is key to development for the whole society. Their goal is to strengthen the quality of their education programs for everyone by increasing the number of women students. Thank Offering funds will be used for the construction of a dormitory for female theological students in Dembi-Dollo.



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DEDICATION SERVICE

by Molly McCarthy

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—Philippians 4:6-7, NRSV

Invocation

One: When you need someone beside you, lift up your prayers to God.

All: Everywhere we go, God is our refuge and strength.

One: Know that you are surrounded with grace, joy, love and peace.

All: We give thanks to God who protects me and you.

Hymn*

“We Gather Together” (GtG 336)

Meditation

Let us give thanks to God for one another as this year is not like any we have seen before!

This tumultuous year can be an invitation for all of us to recognize what “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding” can mean for our lives. As you reread the passage from Philippians, think about what has happened around the world with the pandemic, the economy and the millions of essential workers on the front lines. As we look around at all that has changed, I urge you to turn your hearts to Christ who will “guard your hearts and your minds.” We should pray each day, asking for healing and giving thanks to the Lord—thanks not only for God’s blessings that we can share with others, but also for those who will receive this Thank Offering and use it to continue their important work.

This is a season of gratitude, both for the Thank Offering and for the Thanksgiving holiday! We give thanks for the blessings that we have received, whether it is the harvest of food for our table or the loved ones who are gathered around it. We know in our hearts and minds that we are embraced by God's loving arms, which keep us safe and reassure us that no matter our concerns or cares, we do not need to worry, because God hears our prayers. We all need to give thanks each and every day for the blessings we receive and that we can graciously offer to each other. We are a group of caring Presbyterian Women who commit ourselves to be witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Thanks, not only to ourselves as sisters in Christ, but also thanks be to God who watches over us and surrounds us with love.

Prayer of Dedication

God of the Harvest, we remember that as children we were taught to say "thank you" as we received blessings from you and others. Remembering those early lessons that have stayed with us through adulthood, we now use our good manners and say "thanks." We are reminded that we must do more than simply voice our appreciation; we must show it through our actions. May the recipients of this Thank Offering know that they are receiving the tangible evidence of our gratitude for the gifts of God. We are unique creations, yet we can band together and serve our neighbors at home and around the world through these gifts we give. With thankful hearts and with God's peace within us, we present this offering. Amen.

Hymn*

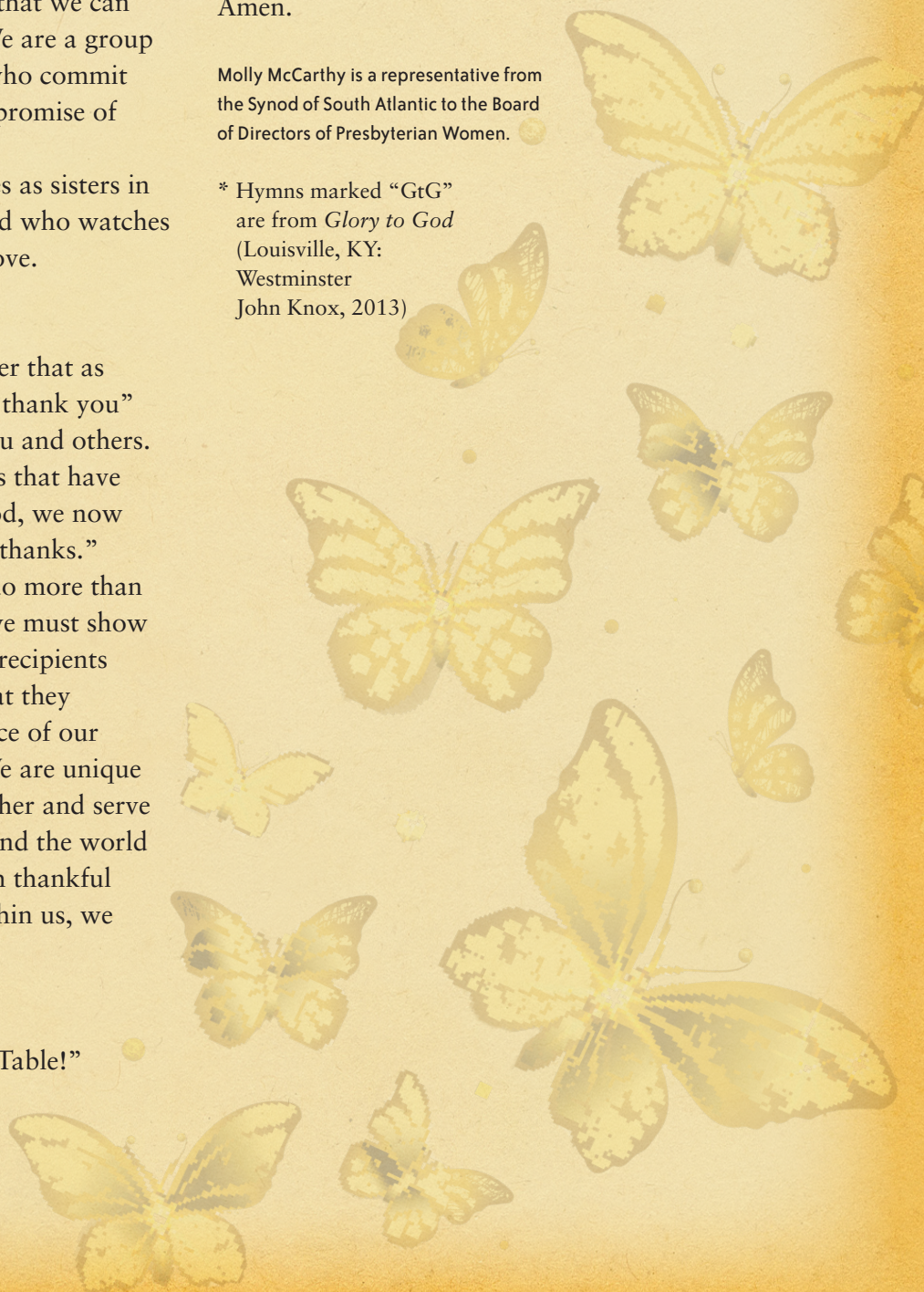
"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!"
(GtG 506)

Closing Prayer

Holy and gracious God, we lift our prayers to you, knowing that you will always hear them. When our days are filled with worry for ourselves and our loved ones, we are reminded that you have promised to guard our hearts and minds always. As a loving parent attends to a child, you keep us safe and blessed. We return our thanks for your love that never forsakes us and for your glorious works that continually surround us! Amen.

Molly McCarthy is a representative from the Synod of South Atlantic to the 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

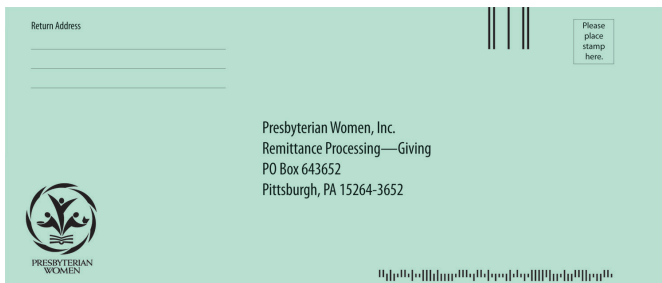


Circle members and other PW group members traditionally support the mission of the Thank Offering by cash or check in the PW group setting. Envelopes to receive these gifts are available free of charge in packs of 25 from the PW Shop. Order online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800/533-4371 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, 2020**.

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, 2020**. 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 PWR20456.

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 PWR20475.

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

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In February 2020, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met to review applications for Thank Offering grants. Fifteen of the projects were chosen for funding. More than 40 percent of the projects funded are health ministries. See page 26 for a list of this year's recipients. Please give so that more Thank Offering grants can be awarded next year, and promote the 2020 offering using the available resources.

Resources for Promoting the Thank Offering

Essentials

Available as a download, as well! The **2020 Thank Offering promotional booklet**, which is routinely mailed to all PC(USA) 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 Thank Offering; a poster/placemat; and promotional resource flier. Item PWR20475; free.

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

The 11" x 17" **2020 Thank 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 PWR20473; free.

Receiving the Offering

Thank Offering group giving envelopes, traditionally used in PW circles and congregations, are available in packs of 25. Item PWR16479; 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 Thank Offering bulletin insert (one design)—Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

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

2020 Thank Offering resource flier—Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

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

More to Explore!

The **July/August 2020 issue of Horizons magazine** includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Available to order July 2020; item HZN20230, \$4.00.

(Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons to subscribe!)

Coin/bill boxes, available in packs of 10. Item PWR07482; free

Ordering is Easy!

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

Note: Thank Offering promotional materials are shipped free of charge. Shipping charges for other resources are 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 Thank Offering* promotional video, go to PW's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.

To order additional copies of the booklet or poster/placemat, call 800/533-4371 or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop.

To download copies of the flier, bulletin cover and bulletin insert, go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

Learn more about the Thank Offering at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

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