

2025



# Thank Offering

of Presbyterian Women



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Dear Friends,

As members of the PW Creative Ministries Offering Committee, we are happy to share with you the inspiring recipients of the 2025 Thank Offering grants. We hope that you will help promote and celebrate the projects chosen this year.

When the whole of Presbyterian Women acts with hope and generosity, our funds provide life-changing grants to projects that educate, feed and provide shelter to our neighbors. Together we demonstrate how God makes a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert—and how we are an integral part of God's work in this world (Is 43:19).

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

Blessings,

*Creative Ministries Offering Committee*

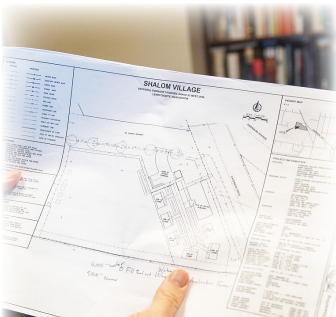
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**Albany Presbytery**  
St Peter's Presbyterian Church



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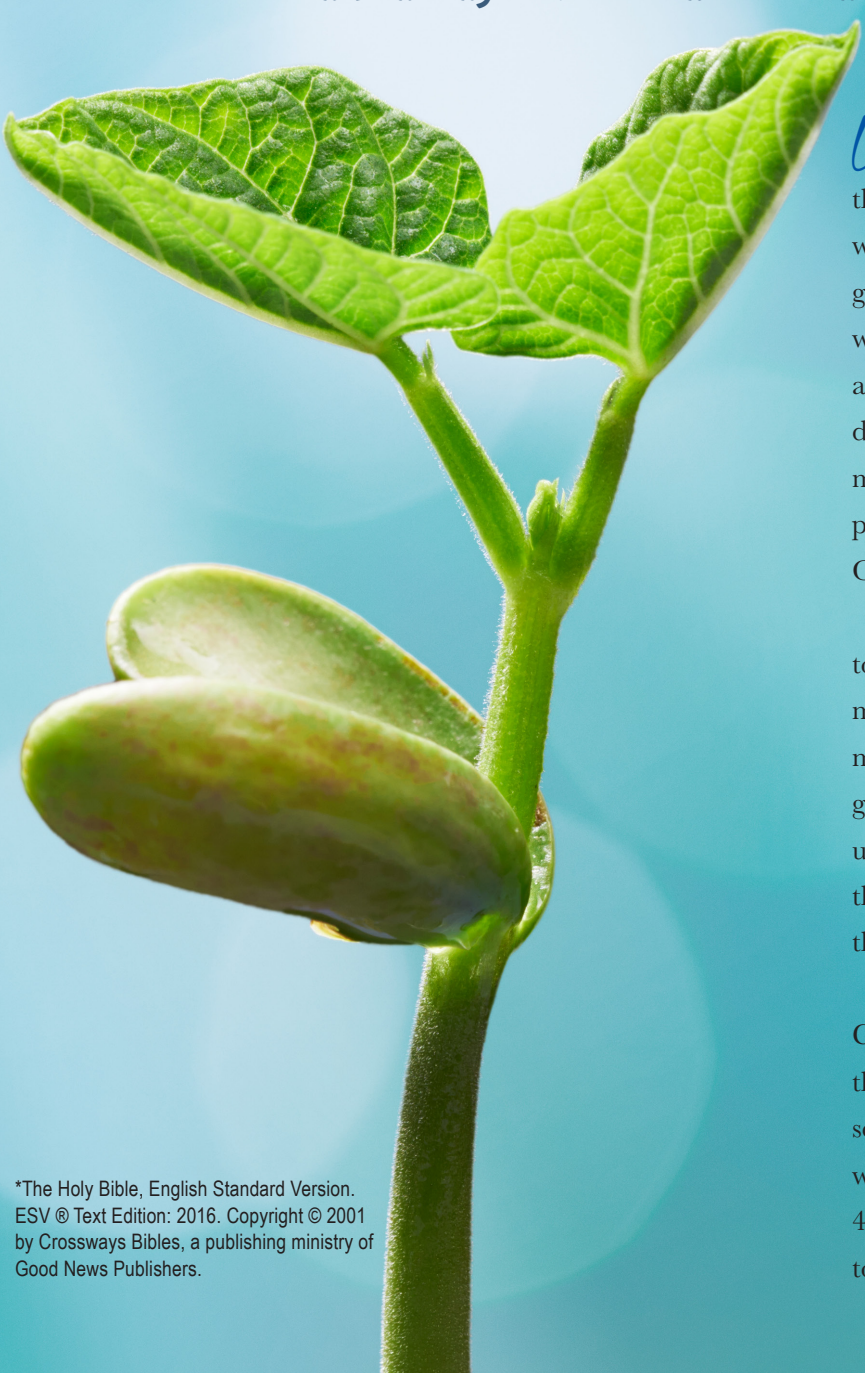


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When we faithfully and joyfully give to the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women, we participate in a program with roots that go back to 1888. It was in Springfield, Ohio, where Eliza Clokey called upon women to give a “thank offering to her Lord” by offering one dollar in addition to their usual contribution to mission. Today thousands of people benefit from programs that receive support through Thank Offering grants from Presbyterian Women.

We celebrate Eliza’s vision and her willingness to do “a new thing” by asking her friends to give more than they had before, and we continue her mission of making a way for others through our generosity today. The Thank Offering connects us to the leaders who came before us, setting the example of how to show gratitude to God through our giving to one another.

In 2025 the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women reviewed thirty-seven Thank Offering applications and selected ten projects for funding. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries.

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## SYNOD OF ALASKA-NORTHWEST

### Olympia Presbytery

Hope Housing Collaborative of Lewis County  
Shalom Village Tiny Home Duplexes  
Centralia, Washington  
[hopehousinglc.com](http://hopehousinglc.com)  
\$50,000

Shalom Village is the result of conversations and planning by a group of churches who asked the question, “What does it look like to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community today?” This transitional housing village will include six micro-duplexes and a community building with a kitchen, laundry facilities and common space. Guests of Shalom Village will know that they belong and that they are loved.

Approximately 2–3 percent of children in the U.S. do not sleep in their own bed. Sleep In Heavenly Peace works to end this problem by building and delivering beds to children in need. This grant will have a tangible and lasting impact by helping purchase supplies and cover delivery costs for over 300 beds in the Lincoln community. Volunteers will live up to their motto: No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!



## SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS

### Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky

Buckhorn Children and Family Services  
Play Area Fencing at Dessie Scott Campus  
Campton, Kentucky  
[buckhorn.org](http://buckhorn.org)  
\$33,935

Buckhorn Children and Family Services offers healing, acceptance and hope. Their Dessie Scott campus, located near two major highways, cares for developmentally and intellectually delayed teen boys who have been abused, abandoned or neglected. This grant will provide fencing around outdoor areas, creating a safer perimeter. With these enhanced boundaries, caregivers will feel more assured, residents will feel independence, and the campus will be a more nurturing space.



## SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES

### Homestead Presbytery

Sleep in Heavenly Peace  
Building a Better Future: Providing Beds for Kids in Need  
Omaha, Nebraska  
[shpbeds.org](http://shpbeds.org)  
\$5,000





# Grant Recipients



## SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

### Presbytery of the Peaks

Lynchburg Daily Bread  
Safe, Healthy Foods for All  
Lynchburg, Virginia  
[lynchburgdailybread.com](http://lynchburgdailybread.com)  
\$22,800

Lynchburg Daily Bread serves 800 hot, nutritious, delicious meals every day with respect—and without condition. The Thank Offering grant will provide a generator to sustain their daily meal program and provide uninterrupted service even during emergencies. This investment safeguards the resilience of the food program and ensures that guests will always find nourishment, warmth and a community of dignity and care.



## SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST

### Albany Presbytery

St. Peter's Presbyterian Church  
Church and Community Kitchen  
Spencertown, New York  
[stpetersspencertown.org](http://stpetersspencertown.org)  
\$50,000

St. Peter's is a gathering place for people of diverse backgrounds, races and socioeconomic circumstances. The Thank Offering grant will help renovate the kitchen that has outlived its current functionality. The kitchen project will be multidirectional, with the congregation extending a welcome broadly and members of the community actively participating. With an updated kitchen, outreach and hospitality will be enhanced and community programs can be expanded.



### Presbytery of the Peaks

Roanoke Justice Ministries  
Leadership Development for Racial Equity  
Lexington, Virginia  
[roanokejusticeministries.org](http://roanokejusticeministries.org)  
\$25,000

Roanoke Justice Ministries is comprised of 15 congregations working to end poverty and racism through leadership development and social change. The Thank Offering grant will send 20 volunteers to national training events where they will learn the core tenets and practices of faith-based community organizing. The four-day training will help these leaders in fostering skills to collectively seek justice and work towards solutions for issues such as affordable housing and safe streets.



### Presbytery of New York City

First Jamaica Community and Urban Development Corporation  
Enhance Our Technology Infrastructure  
Jamaica, New York  
[firstchurchjamaica.org](http://firstchurchjamaica.org)  
\$6,000



# Grant Recipients (cont.)

When First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, Queens, considered how a congregation could address the challenges of individuals and families in their area, the First Jamaica Community and Urban Development Corporation was born. This grant will purchase upgraded technology that will help realize the project's vision to provide training and social support for neighbors in need, and instill in every human being that they are deserving of respect and dignity.



## SYNOD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

### Presbytery of Wyoming

Lagniappe Ministries  
Leadership and Vocational Skills Lab  
Sheridan, Wyoming  
lagniappesheridan.org  
\$14,362

Lagniappe Ministries empowers low-income parents through paid vocational training and mentorship. Trainees master skills in commercial sewing, gain financial literacy, learn how to search for jobs and overcome barriers such as needing a GED or a driver's license. The Thank Offering grant will help provide coaching, transportation and life-skills resources. As parents build sustainable careers, they break cycles of poverty and create brighter futures for their children.



## SYNOD OF THE SUN

### Grace Presbytery

Community Garden Kitchen of Collin County  
Empowering Futures: CGK Training Program for  
Foster Care Youth  
McKinney, Texas  
CommunityGardenKitchen.org  
\$45,800

Community Garden Kitchen is a free meal restaurant providing nutritious foods in a community setting. Their new culinary program is tailored to meet the unique needs of youth who are aging out of foster care through paid internships, vocational training and job placement assistance in the restaurant industry. The Thank Offering grant will fund the training for ten youth and will increase the number of hungry individuals served while honoring the dignity of every person.



### Presbytery of South Louisiana

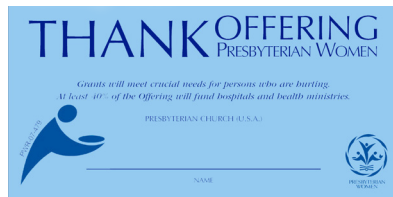
First Presbyterian Church of Hammond, Louisiana  
Shower Ministry  
Hammond, Louisiana  
fpchammond.org  
\$5,000

First Presbyterian Church of Hammond, Louisiana, welcomes in their neighbors who need a warm shower each Friday. The church offers two shower units and provides linens, soap, hygiene products, snack bags and a clean set of clothes. If the guest wishes to pray, volunteers join them, and social service contacts are made when requested. The Thank Offering grant will provide cleaning supplies, food and clothing that are always needed but not donated regularly.



## SUPPORT THE THANK OFFERING

### Group Gift

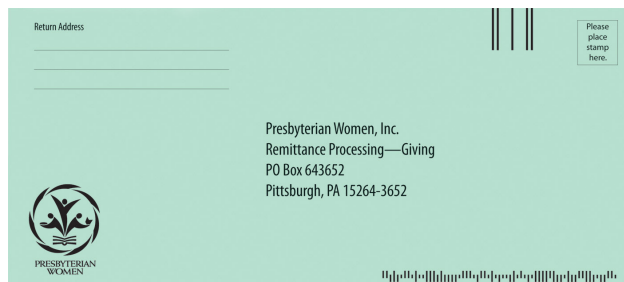


PW group members can support the Thank Offering with cash or checks. Envelopes to receive gifts from a group are available free of charge in packs of 25 from the PW Shop ([presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop); item PWR16479) or the PC(USA) Store (800/533-4371).

**PW in the Congregation treasurers**, please receive your Thank Offering gifts and send to your PW in the Presbytery treasurer.

**PW in the Presbytery treasurers**, send your Thank Offering gifts with your presbytery's other quarterly contributions to Presbyterian Women Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. Visit [presbyterianwomen.org](http://presbyterianwomen.org) to download a remittance form. Has your treasurer changed? Let us know by contacting Rhonda Martin at [rhonda.martin@pcusa.org](mailto:rhonda.martin@pcusa.org) or 844/PW-PCUSA (844/797-2872), ext. 5596.

### Individual gift



If you are giving outside a PW group, use the individual giving envelope. Envelopes to receive these gifts are available free of charge in packs of 10 from the PW Shop ([presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop); item PWR20456) or the PC(USA) Store (800/533-4371). Give by check or credit card with the individual giving envelope and 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.

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

**Note:** Prefer using your own envelope? Mail your check to Presbyterian Women, Inc., Remittance Processing—Giving, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652. Include “Thank Offering” on the memo line of your check and note your presbytery or synod.

### Online Giving

Make a Donation →

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

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# Behold, I Am Doing a New Thing

2025 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women Dedication Service

BY ANITA BETTS

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행하리라

*Go voy a hacer  
algo nuevo*





## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: As we light this candle, let us call upon the one who makes a new way for us, the light of all the world, to come into our presence.

*(Light the Christ candle.)*

## Call to Worship

(Adapted from Psalm 66:16–20)

One: Come and hear, all you who fear God.

**All: Let us learn what God has done for us all.**

One: We have cried out to God and given praise with our tongues.

**All: Truly, God has listened and paid attention to our prayers.**

One: God has not rejected our prayers or withheld any love.

**All: Praise be to God, the source of steadfast love for all.**

## Hymn Suggestion

“Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm” (GtG 731)

“We all Are One in Mission” (GtG 733)

## Scripture

“Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
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## Meditation

This year’s Thank Offering scripture highlights how God brings hope and renewal to the people, even in the midst of seemingly impossible situations. Following the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple in 587 (BCE), the people of Israel were forced into exile in Babylon. In this verse from Isaiah, we encounter the prophet as he paints a hopeful and joyous picture of returning to the land of Israel. To this new generation returning home after five decades in a foreign land, Isaiah says that a “new and improved” exodus is promised by God for the people.

Presbyterian women’s gifts to the Thank Offering also offer hope and renewal. Our grant recipients have a plan, and work to improve the lives of those they serve—the “least of these” (Matt. 25:45). PW’s Thank Offering grants enable and empower them to do just that.

A variety of ministries that serve the needs of our siblings in Christ will receive grants this year with gifts received through the Thank Offering. Beds will be built for children in Nebraska, and tiny home duplexes will be constructed in Washington. Buckhorn Children and Family Services will put up fencing to keep children safe in Kentucky, and Community Garden Kitchen will create a restaurant training program for foster care youth in Texas. In New York, grants will fund technology upgrades in Queens and a kitchen renovation in Spencertown. The Thank Offering will help feed people in Virginia and provide showers for those who need them in Louisiana. Leadership training will be possible for youth and adults in Sheridan, Wyoming, and across the country in Roanoke, Virginia.

All these gifts will improve the lives of those receiving them. Your generosity to the Thank Offering bears witness to God’s work in the world.

## Prayer of Dedication

Holy, generous, and merciful Lord, we give you thanks for the Thank Offering grants that are bestowed upon our sisters and brothers in Christ. May these gifts enrich their lives and point us all towards your unending goodness and mercy. **Amen.**

## Closing Prayer

We have cried out to you, O God,  
and have trusted that you hear us.  
We have prayed for renewal,  
and have found assurance that you offer it.  
We have longed for hope,  
and have learned that it springs forth from you.  
We have sought your path, and  
have seen that you make a way through the wilderness.  
You are doing a new thing, O God.  
Help us bring your vision of hope to all the world.  
**Amen.** *(Extinguish the Christ candle.)*

Anita Betts serves as the Synod of the Covenant representative to the Churchwide Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women.

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

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## Resources to Promote and Receive the 2025 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

### *Essentials*

The **2025 Thank Offering promotional booklet**, which is mailed to PW leaders, includes grant recipient summaries; dedication service; promotional resource flier; instructions for giving. Available as a download in English, Korean and Spanish as well! Item **PWR25475**; free.

The 11" x 17" **2025 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 group meals and tabletops. Available as singles so order as many (or as few) as needed! Item **PWR25473**; free.

**2025 Thank Offering promotional flier** Download only; item **PWR25474**; free.

### *Receiving the Offering*

**Thank Offering group giving envelopes**, traditionally used in PW groups and congregations, 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 gifts as well as an area for credit card information. Available in packs of 10; item **PWR20456**; free.

**2025 Thank Offering bulletin insert** Download only; item **PWR25480**; free

**2025 Thank Offering bulletin cover** (8½" x 11")  
Download only; item **PWR25476**; free.

**2025 Thank Offering promotional video** (English, Spanish and Korean) Available on PW's YouTube channel: [youtube.com/presbyterianwomen](https://youtube.com/presbyterianwomen).

### *More to Explore!*

The **Summer 2025 issue of Horizons magazine** includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service; Item HZN25220, \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit [presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe](https://presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe) to subscribe!)

### *Two Ways to Order*

- Call 800/533-4371, Monday–Friday, 10 AM–5 PM ET.
- Shop online at [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](https://presbyterianwomen.org/shop) (type "Thank Offering" in the search box or search by item number).

**Note:** Prices do not include shipping and handling (based on weight of order; \$6.25 minimum). International orders and orders to Puerto Rico will incur additional shipping charges. There are no shipping charges for free/promotional offering materials.

### **Help us keep contact information current.**

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## Promotional Video Online!

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