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Dear Friends,

As members of the PW Creative Ministries Offering Committee, we are excited about the projects chosen for 2024 Thank Offering grants and are happy to present them to you. We ask that you share the stories of these recipients with PW groups, congregations, Sunday school classes, outreach committees and everyone you know with a heart for mission. We appreciate your continued prayers for the work of our committee and the support of these Thank Offering grant recipients.

Let's continue our long PW tradition of sharing through the Thank Offering. Please give generously, overflowing with many thanksgivings to God!

Blessings,

Creative Ministries Offering Committee

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Each year participants in Presbyterian Women (and friends!) heed the call of Paul to “supply the needs of the saints” through giving to the PW Thank Offering. This grant making program originated in 1888 with one generous woman, Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, who urged everyone to give one dollar over and above their usual contribution to the Women’s General Missionary Society. Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) adopted the Thank Offering in 1988 as one of the two national grant making programs. Since then, organizations in the United States and around the world have benefited from the overflowing of thanksgiving to God shown by Presbyterian women through their offerings.

Eliza called upon women to give a “thank offering to her Lord” and support mission initiatives at home and abroad. Today we continue to answer that call through support of the PW Thank Offering. When we come together to pool our money as Presbyterian Women, we can make a much greater impact than we can on our own. With the help from this year’s grants, babies receive a warm welcome into the world, children and youth are cared for, and vulnerable people encounter the love of God through people who accompany and advocate for them.

In 2024 the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women read, prayed over and selected eight projects for funding. Six of the projects serve people in the United States and two are international. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than forty percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries.





2024 THANK OFFERING

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES

Dakota Presbytery

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Waniyetu Consulting

Welcoming of the Child

\$18,000

Waniyetu Consulting empowers young mothers by providing teaching and direction for their role as a parent. This grant will fund a program to bring back the Welcoming of the Baby ceremony, one of the oldest and most significant ceremonies in Lakota culture. During the Oglala Lakota ceremony, new mothers are taught the traditions of protecting the baby's fontanel (soft spot) from harm or sickness and the sacred connection to walking in balance. This ceremony celebrates the birth and provides an opportunity to teach parenting skills such as nutrition, nurturing baby care and healthy relationships. A Lakota elder is invited to speak about their traditions, which connects the generations and provides important lessons on motherhood and the sacredness of caring for the child.



SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

Presbytery of the James

Voices of Jubilee

Crossing Borders Accompaniment

\$37,160

voicesofjubilee.org

Voices of Jubilee brings together incarcerated youth and their families with mentors who have experienced incarceration and others who want to help. They provide pastoral care for youth and advocate for a judicial system that responds to harm and violence with accountability and restoration. This project provides support for youth who are in detention and in prison in Virginia, along with their families. The Thank Offering grant will provide essential mentors, restorative justice training and hospitality dinners to create communities that transform lives and embody the hope of the Gospel, even in a harmful judicial system.

PW GRANT RECIPIENTS



SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

Presbytery of New Hope

SAFEchild

Technology at SAFEchild Advocacy Center

\$50,000

safechildnc.org

SAFEchild (Stop Abuse for Every Child) is the leading voice for child abuse prevention through evaluation, intervention and treatment in Wake County, North Carolina. Specialized interviews are often a turning point in children's lives, placing them on a path to recovery. The Thank Offering grant will provide for the purchase of discrete cameras and microphones to record interviews at SAFEchild's advocacy center. Through prevention and intervention services, this program offers children and families a safer future, where they can find support and live into their true capabilities and callings.



SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC

Central Florida Presbytery

Forward Paths Foundation, Inc.

Homes to Independence

—Housing for Homeless Youth

\$50,000

forwardpaths.org

Forward Paths Foundation works to positively influence at-risk youth in Lake County, Florida, with the support needed to complete high school, attain a consistent work history and learn financial management skills. The Thank Offering grant will help expand their services to homeless, unaccompanied youth and those who have reached the age of 18 and are no longer eligible for foster care. By providing housing and a personalized plan for each youth, this program makes possible a future for them to have meaningful work and relationships, and to live independently by the time they are age 25.

PW GRANT RECIPIENTS (CONT.)

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY

Presbytery of Carlisle

Peace Promise

Kitchen Renovation

\$25,000

peacepromise.org

Peace Promise offers advocacy, education and economic empowerment to survivors of sexual exploitation and human trafficking in the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, area. The Thank Offering grant will help equip and renovate a kitchen that will serve as a central location for two new social enterprises, Ruby Coffee + Co. and Soaps By Survivors. These programs will employ survivors and offer mentoring, education and on-the-job training, giving them the opportunity to find peace and experience the hope of a new tomorrow.



OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Office of Immigration Issues

Public Affairs Software

Platform for Grassroots Advocacy

\$15,000

pcusa.org/immigration

The Office of Immigration Issues helps PC(USA) churches by providing advice and resources towards a more just immigration system. Advocacy work within the denomination is decentralized so that local needs are addressed. As a result, the church's voice often is not organized to speak out effectively and powerfully. The Thank Offering grant will help purchase software that tracks legislation and gives users a deep understanding of the issues and the ability to contact their lawmakers directly. With the advocacy software, Presbyterians can follow concerns unique to their location and also organize to offer a group voice working for justice and fairness.

International



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)

Presbyterian Church in Congo (CPC)

Presbyterian Ministries with Vulnerable Children
Protecting Children in Greater Kasai

\$50,000

youtube.com/watch?v=oP6B9G3O4hw

Presbyterian Ministries with Vulnerable Children protects and cares for at-risk children in the DRC through outreach programs in congregations, neighborhoods and schools. The Thank Offering grant will provide training for a project that moves away from centralized programs that rely on physical structures and instead builds local social safety nets. Care of homeless children is offered by host families in CPC congregations, and prevention of child neglect, abuse and abandonment is coordinated by church committees. By building the organizational structure of this community-based effort, this ministry to vulnerable children will become more effective and sustainable for years to come.



HAITI AND SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA

Heartland Presbytery

Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope
Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village,

Kansas, fiscal sponsor

Surgicenter Ambulance

\$25,000

higginsbrotherssurgicenter.org

The Higgins Brothers Surgicenter provides the only 24/7 trauma and surgical care available in Fond Parisien, a rural region near the Haitian-Dominican border. Funds from this grant will be used to purchase an ambulance to transport rural patients to the Surgicenter for life-saving emergency care and to safely move stabilized patients to major medical centers. Additionally, the ambulance will enable medical practitioners to visit distant villages where they can treat children, pregnant women and people with chronic conditions or acute illnesses.



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Dedication Service

BY REV. SHONDA GALLOWAY

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 118)

One: O give thanks to the LORD. Our God is good.

All: The steadfast love of the LORD endures forever!

One: The Holy One is my strength and my might;

All: and has become my salvation.

One: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

Hymn Suggestion

“Give Thanks” (GtG 647)

Scripture

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Meditation

This scripture passage from Paul to the people of Corinth provides us with a helpful guide to giving generously. We must give in a way that honors God, plain and simple.

Thanks-giving is directed to God. Always. Everything belongs to God first. God is Provider, Supplier, Creator and Giver of every good and perfect gift—and Paul believes this to be true. Paul prays for God’s blessing upon the Christians in Corinth who give. He prays for the people and hopes that as they receive, they are more able to give. And all of this is done to glorify and honor God!

As siblings in Christ, we believe in prayer. We also believe in giving and gratitude. We cherish opportunities to encourage one another, and to supply the needs of the saints, don’t we? Obviously we do because last year Presbyterian women gave \$270,160 to provide for Thank Offering “saints”! This speaks of the generosity of hearts this day. A tangible, genuine example of people everywhere seeking to express our many thanks to God.

My Mom used to say to her ornery teenagers, “the more you have the more you want!” Whereas Paul affirms that the more we have, the more we have to give, the more evidence of a right standing with God. God gives us a Spirit of loving-kindness, of generosity and thankfulness. That is true. God’s very nature is love, pure and simple. Truly we are blessed to be a blessing!

Thankfulness expresses itself in generosity, helping others in need. Responding in gratitude restores faith in people, and shows that loving-kindness is alive, not dead. Kindness is contagious and catching, and points people to God.

What we really need in this life is more connection with our sisters and brothers versus more division—and generosity is an essential step to this unity! Friends, we have so many opportunities to bless each other. Expressions of gratitude may appear as helping others, volunteering our time and talents, a few kind words and blessed assurance that love and kindness and manners are still alive and well. Our prayers and financial support of PW’s Thank Offering is an expression of thanksgiving to God and a blessing to the ministries and programs that build up communities and transform lives.

Affirming and restoring faith in the One who is the inventor of thanksgiving, working together for God’s goodness; we do all this for God’s glory. As we read in the Westminster Shorter Catechism, the chief end of everyone is to glorify God and enjoy God forever! Our prayers, our thanksgivings go up to God. And God is glorified.

May the 2024 PW Thank Offering inspire us as we continue to encourage one another to do good work. Thanks be to God!

Hymn Suggestion
“Seek Ye First” (GtG 175)



"WHAT WE REALLY NEED IN THIS LIFE IS MORE CONNECTION WITH OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS VERSUS MORE DIVISION...—UNITY!"

Prayer of Dedication

Glorious and awesome God, we desire to be good stewards of your generosity. Help us to be faithful and wise with your abundant grace. We yearn to serve you with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. We seek to glorify and honor you. Always! Please, bless these Thank Offerings and as you utilize the gifts, utilize also the givers as well as the recipients. We dedicate all we have and all we are, asking that these small acts of a big faith continue to encourage, to do the good work you have for us to do. We are blessed to be a blessing, in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Hymn Suggestions

“In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)” (GtG 468)

Benediction

Holy and gracious God, loving in all your ways, teach us to be more like you in all we say and do.

Friends, go forth this day overflowing with many thanksgivings to God. And all of God’s people say,
Amen.

Shonda Galloway serves as the Synod of Mid-America representative to the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women.

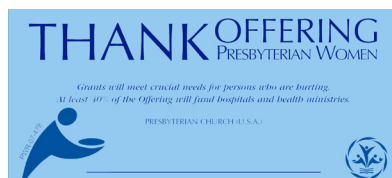
Hymns marked “GtG” are from *Glory to God* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2013)

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SUPPORT THE THANK OFFERING

PW group gift

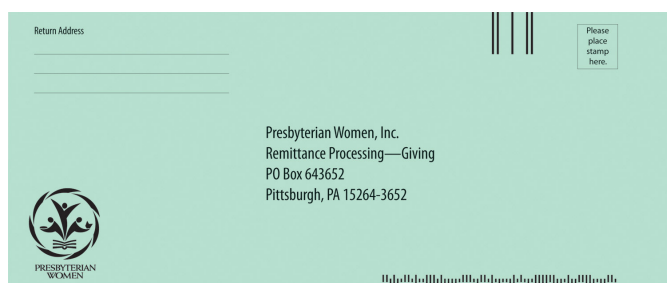


PW group members can support the Thank Offering with cash or checks. Envelopes to receive gifts from a group are available free of charge in packs of 25 from the PW Shop (presbyterianwomen.org/shop; item PWR16479) or the PC(USA) Store (800/533-4371).

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, please send your Thank Offering gifts with your presbytery's other quarterly contributions to Presbyterian Women Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. 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 group, use the individual giving envelope. You may give by check or credit card with this envelope, and you 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 are available free of

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

Online Giving

Make a Donation →

Make a secure online gift at 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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Resources to Promote the 2024 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

Essentials

The **2024 Thank Offering promotional booklet** is mailed to PW leaders and includes grant recipient summaries; a dedication service; a poster/placemat; and a promotional resource flier. Item PWR24475; Also available as a download in English, Korean and Spanish at presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

The 11" x 17" **2024 Thank Offering poster/placemat** is versatile; use side one as a poster to promote the offering; use side two as a placemat for celebrations and meals. Available as singles, so order as many (or as few) as needed! Item PWR24473; free.

The **Summer issue of Horizons magazine** includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Item HZN24220, \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe to subscribe.)

2024 Thank Offering bulletin cover (8½" x 11")
Download only; item PWR24476. Download at presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

2024 Thank Offering bulletin insert
Download only; item PWR24480. Download at presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

2024 Thank Offering resource flier Download only; item PWR24474. Download at presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

2024 Thank Offering promotional video (English, Spanish and Korean) Available on PW's YouTube channel: youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.

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.

Two Ways to Order

- Call 800/533-4371, Monday–Friday, 10 AM–5 PM ET.
- Shop online at 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.

Have a PW leadership change?

If so, contact patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org (or call 844/797-2872, ext. 8015) to ensure PW resources are mailed to the "proper" PW!





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