

Now You Know!

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*O*n the first page of the December 2024 edition of the Presbyterian Women of the Peaks newsletter, Janet Rakes and Shelda Wills shared

Do you know how important it is to support our national Presbyterian Women through the Annual Mission Fund each year?

Do you know that your support makes possible PW's continued ministry to children, women, youth, older adults, new immigrants and all populations across the U.S. and around the world?

Do you know that just as our congregation's PW depends on pledges to make up its budget, so does our national PW?

Presbyterian Women remains vital, and our ministries continue to transform lives. But giving is no longer a "given." Taking Janet and Shelda's lead, teaching and learning about the importance of supporting PW's Annual Mission Fund (Mission Pledge) is vital to ensuring the financial wellbeing of our organization. "*Do you know?*" indeed!

These two pages provide a sampling of the many life-changing mission programs and relationships that the Annual Mission Fund makes possible. When you tell others what PW means to you or what the Annual Mission Fund does in your congregation, presbytery or synod, you are growing PW!

Do you know that the Annual Mission Fund supports, in whole or in part, . . .



This very magazine you are reading! Communication is key in strengthening our networks and deepening our faith.



The annual PW/*Horizons* Bible study, a rarity in today's world as it is of, by and for women of the Reformed tradition, bringing PW together in a shared study experience.



A strengthened denomination—with Presbyterian Women eager to support mission, advocacy and faithful Bible study, the impact on the whole of the PC(USA) is deep- and far-reaching.



PW's Thank and Birthday Offering grant programs, Together in Service and mission experiences. These outreach programs impact many lives (including our own).



Ecumenical partnerships such as Fellowship of the Least Coin, World Day of Prayer and Bread for the World that connect us all in our faithful, shared purpose.



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PW's presence as an NGO (non-governmental organization) at the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women that inspires and enables powerful advocacy across the globe.

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Eradicating racism and increasing cultural proficiency through PW's Racial Equity Dialog (RED) teams; resources (including *Etchings in Diversity*, books 1 and 2) and more.

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A full range of justice and peace advocacy and awareness-building initiatives, addressing such injustices as human trafficking, racism, poverty and violence.

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Gatherings—local and churchwide—that bring the PW community together for inspiration, rest, study, advocacy, worship and fun!

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Administration for the organization by staff and the Churchwide Board of Directors ensuring that the voice of women continues to contribute to decisions made throughout the PC(USA).

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Ways to Give

Giving through Your Group

Traditionally, PWs make commitments (or pledges) to the Annual Mission Fund in their church groups and their leader informs the presbytery treasurer of the commitment. In this model, participants in Presbyterian Women fund all levels of their organization through gifts received by PW in the congregations. In turn, a portion goes to the PW in the presbytery, then synod, and finally, churchwide (national). The commitments made in one year are honored with gifts made the next year.

Giving as an Individual

There are many reasons to give directly to PW Churchwide! Some Presbyterian women choose to give beyond what they pledge or give in their groups. Others participate in groups where giving isn't emphasized. Still others don't have an active PW group nearby. And many choose to support PW during life celebrations or in response to a particular campaign.

Online

Whether it's a recurring donation or a one-time event, the PW website makes giving easy and secure. Visit presbyterianwomen.org/give and find a selection of PW giving opportunities, including the Annual Mission Fund.

By mail

Presbyterian Women, Inc.

PO Box 643652

Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652 is the address for

- Checks
- Third party gifts (gifts from a financial institution or donor-advised fund)
- Employer Match Donations

Include your contact information and designate "PW Annual Mission Fund"

Gifts of Stock, Endowments and Estate Planning
Contact the Presbyterian Foundation, 800/858-6127, or client.services@presbyterianfoundation.org.

Now that you know the whys and hows of giving to PW's Annual Fund, when will you make your gift to support PW?