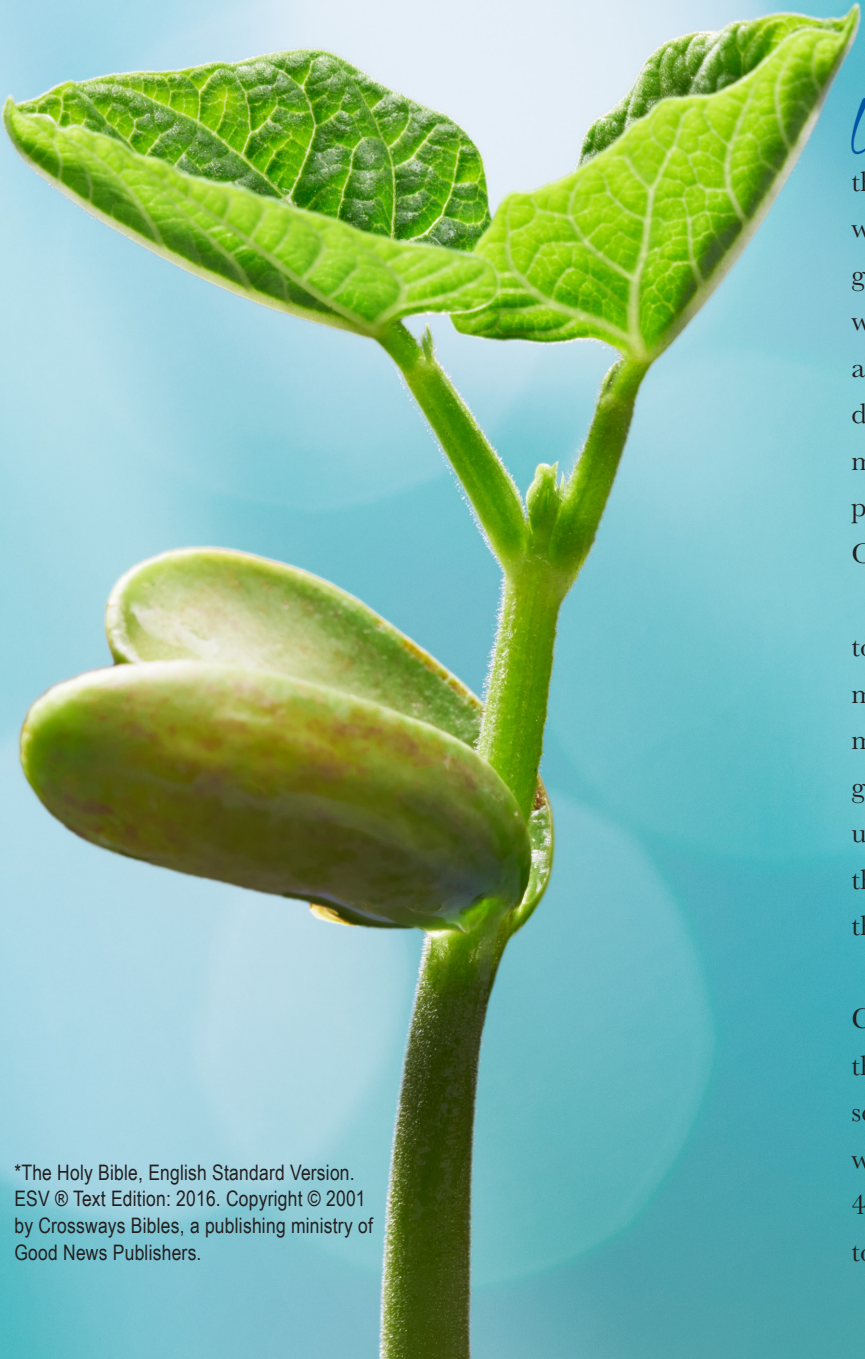


2025 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

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

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

—Isaiah 43:19 (ESV)*



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
\$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
\$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
\$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
\$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
\$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
\$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
\$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.