

Celebration of Believers

A number of programs honor commitments of both women and men to PW and/or the PC(USA). Income from these programs funds leadership development.

- **Honorary Life Memberships** honor individuals for outstanding service in the church, commemorated with either a silver or gold pin.
- **Memorial gifts** pay tribute to the deceased.
- **Recognition gifts** provide special acknowledgement of an achievement or are given in lieu of an honorarium.
- The **leadership endowment fund** allows individuals to make financial commitments to developing PW leadership.
- **PW Endowments** (Anna H. Bedford Endowment Fund, Susan Jackson Dowd Endowment Fund, Widening the Circle) support Bible study; nurturing connections among women of faith worldwide; and equipping women for leadership roles in the church, respectively. PWs can build upon PW endowments, touching lives well into the future.

Celebration of Christian Community

Presbyterian Women works to build community through various ecumenical partnerships. Two of the most widely supported initiatives are World Day of Prayer and Fellowship of the Least Coin.

The **Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC)** is a global, ecumenical women's prayer movement. Prayers are offered for peace, justice and reconciliation in families, communities and worldwide. Each time a woman prays, she sets aside the least coin of her local currency as a symbol of the prayer. Collectively, the "least coins" support projects for women and children around the world.

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide, ecumenical observance of an annual common day of prayer, on the first Friday of March. Women in more than 170 countries pray collectively, beginning with the first sunrise in the Pacific and ending at the last sunset. WDP's motto, "informed prayer leads to prayerful action," affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and immeasurably powerful. Offerings from WDP prayer services support women's and children's programs throughout the world.

Together in Service

In addition to offering monetary gifts and prayer, Presbyterian Women does mission in partnership—based in mutual respect. With our vast array of talents and resources, we make a difference.

From assembling hygiene kits to lending a hand at local food banks, we all can find a meaningful place to contribute our gifts. Whether it is through PC(USA) programs (such as the Presbyterian Hunger Program or Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) or through ecumenical initiatives (Habitat for Humanity, Bread for the World or Church World Service), PW groups are "together in service" to improve the lives of others.



The PW Purpose guides us in our work, as individuals and as a community. Visit presbyterianwomen.org for information and inspiration! While you are there, download and share a copy of *PW Essentials* (English and Spanish), too!

PW Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.



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Celebration Giving PW's Purpose in Action



Presbyterian Women





Voices of Jubilee, Crossing Borders Accompaniment
(2024 Thank Offering recipient)

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Presbyterian women celebrate God's love by doing mission the PW way—that is, responding in love to the needs of God's creation. PW's Celebration Giving program consists of the various creative and compassionate ways that individuals put PW's Purpose into action. Whether we give a prayer of thanksgiving, extend a kind hand or offer a monetary gift, we are engaging God's world, and simultaneously giving and receiving.

Each component of the Celebration Giving program meets vital needs in the world and witnesses to the promise of God's realm. All are modeled on Jesus' own ministry, where he always gave his best, freely and abundantly.

PW Celebration Giving, PW's Purpose in action, is made up of five components:

- Celebration of Mission Through Women's Pledges (PW's Annual Mission Fund)
- Celebration of Creative Ministries (offerings and grants)
- Celebration of Believers (honorary/recognition gifts)
- Celebration of Christian Community (ecumenical giving)
- Together in Service (hands-on mission service)

Presbyterian Women's Celebration Giving

Celebration of Mission Through Women's Pledges—PW's Annual Mission Fund

Presbyterian Women has always cared about the mission of our church. From our predecessor organizations' beginnings as "missionary societies" to our long-standing support of hospitals and schools worldwide, to our current work as advocates and community-builders, our caring is tangible.

Individuals, groups/circles and (where churches have a unified budget) congregations give to PW's Annual Mission Fund. PW's Annual Mission Fund supports in whole or in part the work of PW at all levels of the organization.

- PW groups at all levels
- Developing and delivering national PW programming, including justice and peace work, antiracism training, leadership development and Racial Equity Dialogue
- PW's USA Mission Experience
- Publishing and communications ministry—*Horizons* magazine and Bible study, PW publications, digital and social media engagement
- PC(USA) A Corporation service and lease agreement
- National PC(USA) mission and program support
- PW Churchwide Gatherings
- PW administration and staff support
- Giving to the PC(USA)
- Presence and participation at denominational events, such as General Assembly
- Developing denominational and ecumenical relationships



2024 PW Churchwide Gathering



Red Cloud Renewable, Lakota Thiyuha Dome Home Project
(2025 Birthday Offering recipient)

The Annual Mission Fund supports

Celebration of Creative Ministries

PW's two historic grant programs—the Birthday and Thank Offering—have supported thousands of mission projects worldwide and continue to make available an important funding source for worthwhile programs and ministries.

The **Birthday Offering** is received in the spring of each year. These projects address such needs as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, economic justice, elder care, employment training, literacy and needs of particular concern to women. Up to five projects may be selected for funding (in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000), thereby helping to make major capital investments.

The **Thank Offering** is received in the fall each year. The projects are awarded smaller grants (\$5,000 to \$50,000) to help hospitals, schools, health programs, domestic violence shelters, child and youth development programs, hunger programs, homeless shelters and more. At least 40 percent of the offering supports health ministries.