

**2016 BIRTHDAY OFFERING**  
*of Presbyterian Women*



**LET**  
*Justice*  
**ROLL DOWN**

like waters,  
and righteousness like  
an ever-flowing stream. —Amos 5:24\*

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# Justice ROLLS ON

The Women's Crisis Center of Taney County in southwest Missouri, received a Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering Grant in 2000. Read on to learn how they put their grant to good use.

In 2000, the Women's Crisis Center of Taney County received a grant through Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering. Established in 1990 in southwest Missouri, the Center provides shelter, support and advocacy for victims of domestic violence. Executive Director Becky Vermiere reports that by 1997, it had become obvious that they needed to expand their services to provide support to victims of sexual assault.

In 2000, Becky applied for a Birthday Offering grant to help the Crisis Center build transitional housing. At the time, the area lacked affordable transitional housing. So when people who had experienced domestic violence needed to leave emergency housing, many had nowhere to go but back to abusive situations.

Thanks in part to a \$200,000 grant from PW's Birthday Offering, the Crisis Center now has five transitional cottages (in addition to their 14 emergency shelter cottages). These residences provide shelter for up to 24 months for victims and families, as they work with the court system and social services to gain independence.

Today, the Crisis Center provides quality residential and non-residential services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. It serves both women and men who are caught in abusive domestic situations, providing sexual assault crisis intervention and emergency shelter. Staff members work as advocates for people who have experienced domestic violence, standing with them as they work their way through the courts, support groups and legal assistance. Multilingual interpreters are available. They do all of this work on what Becky calls their "shoe-string budget"—that did not include funding specifically dedicated for victims of sexual assault until 2014.

Last year, the Crisis Center provided emergency shelter (stays of less than 90 days) for 192 women, 2 men and 97 children; non-residential treatment for 252 women, 18 men and 183 children; and transitional housing for 6 women, 1 man and 6 children. Additionally, 433 victims participated in non-residential support groups. Becky lamented that for every one victim aided by the Crisis Center, two victims must be turned away due to limited shelter and funding.

The Center operates with eight staff members and close to 200 volunteers (who provided an incredible 4200 hours of service in 2014). In addition to ongoing funding, Becky said the shelter continues to need items that are found in any home—from food and personal hygiene supplies to clothing and linens, appliances and furniture. She welcomes the support of area Presbyterian Women's groups and cites receiving the Birthday Offering as a huge boost to their ability to serve the women, men and children in the community.

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This article originally appeared in the January/February 2016 issue of *Horizons*, the magazine for Presbyterian Women. Each issue of *Horizons* includes "After the Offering," a department that highlights how a past recipient of the Birthday or Thank Offerings put the grant money to work to strengthen their ministries. To subscribe to *Horizons* (for this and many other features!), call 866/802-3635.

## THE PURPOSE OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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.

## 2016 BIRTHDAY OFFERING

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women thanks you for opening your hearts to the Women's Crisis Center of Taney County in 2000 and asks that you continue to help justice roll on by supporting the four projects chosen for the 2016 Birthday Offering—Heartland 180, a core values and life-skills training program for at-risk youth in Overland Park, Kansas; Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley, for repair of manufactured homes in the area in and near Oakland, California; Direct Action and Research Training Center (DART)'s Closing Off the School-to-prison Pipeline Program in Mid-Kentucky, Scioto Valley, The James, Charleston and Greater Atlanta presbyteries; and Building Minds in South Sudan, Pittsford, New York. These projects provide programs to support the critical needs for education and healthy environments in the areas they serve.

Grant amounts will depend on gifts contributed during 2016. **The goal for the 2016 Birthday Offering is \$500,000.** Please give as you have been blessed and support these life-changing projects. Visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) to give, download additional copies of promotional materials or learn more about the offering.

# 2016 BIRTHDAY OFFERING

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Dear Friends,

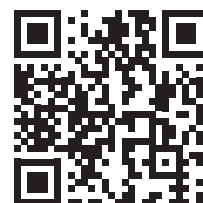
Presbyterian women have a long tradition of caring for others and helping those in need. Ever since Hallie Paxson Winsborough, in 1922, challenged each member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the PCUS to give a penny for each year of her life as a "birthday gift" for Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Japan, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve the lives of women and children around the world. While the projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment to improving the lives of others has not. We continue to need broad, consistent support from Presbyterian women and others in order to continue funding mission projects like the ones selected for 2016. Our goal for 2016 is \$500,000.

In 2016, we will answer the call to show Jesus' love to the world by offering our prayers and financial support to four projects that support the critical need for education and healthy environments in the areas they serve:

- a school for girls by Building Minds in South Sudan;
- Heartland 180, a core values and life skills training program for at-risk youth in Overland Park, Kansas;
- Habitat for Humanity's repair of manufactured homes in the East Bay and Silicon Valley of California;
- DART's Closing Off the School-to-prison Pipeline Program in Mid-Kentucky, Scioto Valley, The James, Charleston and Greater Atlanta presbyteries.

In this packet, you will find

- Profiles of the recipients
- A dedication service in English and Spanish
- Suggestions for ways to support and promote the Birthday Offering
- An order form with information on additional promotional materials
- A promotional poster (one side in English, the other in Spanish)



You can also find Birthday Offering materials online and in *Horizons* magazine.

- Download the packet and watch the promotional video at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org).
- Order additional promotional materials—including placemats, bulletin covers, bulletin inserts and a DVD—at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org), or use the order form on page 12.
- Look in the January/February 2016 issue of *Horizons* for Birthday Offering information and the dedication service. Call 866/802-3635 to subscribe.
- Visit the Creative Ministries Offering blog, which shares updates on past Birthday (and Thank) Offering recipients. Find the blog at [pwpcusa.typepad.com/cmoc](http://pwpcusa.typepad.com/cmoc).

Please hold your Birthday Offering celebration in the spring, and send gifts received to the PW treasurer in your presbytery by June 15, 2016.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and for your faithfulness in giving to support programs that promote education and healthy environments. As you have been blessed, so may you bless others.

Shalom,

*Creative Ministries Offering Committee*  
Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA)

# OFRENDA DE CUMPLEAÑOS DEL 2016

*de Mujeres Presbiterianas*



Dear Friends,

En el 2016, vamos a responder al llamado para mostrar el amor de Jesús al mundo, ofreciendo nuestras oraciones y apoyo financiero para cuatro proyectos que apoyan la necesidad crítica de educación y ambientes saludables en las áreas que atienden:

- una escuela para niñas por *Building Minds* en Sudán del Sur;
- *Heartland 180*, un programa de formación de valores y habilidades para la vida, para jóvenes en riesgo en Overland Park, Kansas;
- reparaciones de *Habitat for Humanity* de casas manufacturadas en el East Bay y el Silicon Valley de California;
- *DART*, cerrando el programa de “ruta” de la escuela a la prisión en los Presbiterios de Mid-Kentucky, Scioto Valley, The James, Charleston y Greater Atlanta.

También puede encontrar materiales de la Ofrenda de Cumpleaños en el internet y en la revista *Horizons*.

- Descarga el paquete y ve el video promocional en [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org).
- Ordena material promocional adicional—incluyendo hojas para las mesas, cubiertas de boletín, hojas sueltas para insertar en boletines y un DVD, en [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org), o utilice el formulario de pedido en la página 12.
- Busque en la edición de enero/febrero de 2016 de *Horizons* para información sobre la Ofrenda de Cumpleaños y el servicio de dedicación. Llame al 866/802-3635 para suscribirse.
- Visite el blog *Creative Ministries Offering*, que comparte actualizaciones sobre los últimos destinatarios de la Ofrenda de Cumpleaños (y Gracitud). Encuentre el blog en <http://pwpcusa.typepad.com/cmoc>.



Gracias por su fidelidad en dar y por sus continuas oraciones para buscar educación y ambientes saludables. Como has sido bendecida, así puedas bendecir a otras.

Shalom,

*Creative Ministries Offering Committee*  
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## 2016 RECIPIENTS

# LET *Justice* ROLL DOWN

When Hallie Paxson Winsborough, superintendent of the Woman's Auxiliary in the PCUS, visited Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan, in 1922, and saw the great need, she challenged members of the auxiliary to give one penny for each year of their lives (or a dollar if a woman preferred not to reveal her age) to the school. Though this offering was to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the auxiliary, the idea of giving to a specific mission project each year caught on. Since then, the Birthday Offering has helped launch nearly 100

major mission projects that continue to improve the lives of women and children around the world today.

While the projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment to improving the lives of others has not. We continue to need broad, consistent support from Presbyterian women and others in order to continue funding mission projects like the ones selected for 2016. The actual grant amounts for these worthwhile programs will depend on gifts received in 2016. We ask that you give as you have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit. **Our goal is \$500,000.**

Give through your PW group, or give online at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org). Contact Cindy Goodman for additional information ([cindy.goodman@pcusa.org](mailto:cindy.goodman@pcusa.org) or 844/797-2872, ext. 5387) or visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org). Your gifts make a difference!



### *Heartland 180* Overland Park, Kansas

Heartland 180—a new program in the Kansas City, Kansas area—serves boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 17 who have been a part of the criminal justice system. Heartland 180 conducts intensive training sessions on character building, core values and life skills for these at-risk youth. Funds from the Birthday Offering will allow Heartland 180 to purchase a dedicated space and computers that will enable the program to maintain confidential information about participants and donors. These investments will help Heartland 180 continue their important work and increase the number of youth served.



## *Direct Action and Research Training Center*

Miami, Florida

Direct Action and Research Training (or DART) Center trains individuals to build powerful local justice ministries. With funds from the Birthday Offering, DART will train clergy and lay leaders in more than 20 communities on how to stop the flow of children into the school-to-prison pipeline. High illiteracy rates and zero-tolerance discipline policies within school districts have led to high numbers of youth being suspended or expelled. DART's training will help communities advocate for restorative behavioral practices for these students, facilitating their development and education rather than pushing them into the juvenile or criminal justice systems.

## *Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley*

Oakland, California

Housing costs in the East Bay and Silicon Valley areas of California are among the highest in the country. Manufactured or mobile homes are often the only affordable option for individuals and families with low-incomes, many of whom are elderly or disabled. Nearly two-thirds of the manufactured homes in East Bay and Silicon Valley were built before 1980 and need significant repairs. Your gift to the Birthday Offering will allow Habitat for Humanity to partner with more than 100 individuals and families to repair their manufactured homes, ensuring safety and stability for these households.



## *Building Minds in South Sudan*

Pittsford, New York

Building Minds in South Sudan increases access to education for girls in the Republic of South Sudan. The literacy rate in this country is among the lowest in the world, and the rate for females is significantly lower than for males. Your gift to the Birthday Offering will fund the construction of a girls' primary school, for levels one through eight, in Majok-Keen, a village in Warrap State, South Sudan. With six classrooms, a large multipurpose building and two blocks of latrines, the school will serve approximately 600 girls. Investing in girls' education produces benefits for the girls, their community, their future families and their country.



# DEDICATION SERVICE

BY LAURA MARIKO CHEIFETZ

## LET *Justice* ROLL DOWN

### Call to Worship

One: The God of justice seeks us out.

**Many: We who are God's people respond, "Here I am!"**

One: The God of righteousness invites us.

**Many: We who are faithful say "thank you."**

One: The God who calls us "beloved" welcomes us with open arms. Let us worship God.

### Hymn Suggestions

"For the Healing of the Nations" (GtG 346)

"O God of Every Nation" (GtG 756 and PH 289)

### Scripture: Amos 5:24

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

### Meditation

We are a people who long for justice, but it seems so overwhelming. Wages are stagnant, while the cost of housing in many markets is skyrocketing. Children born poor face a life with statistically limited educational opportunities and the increased likelihood of being shuttled into the prison system at younger and younger ages, thanks to no-tolerance school discipline policies. Girls born into agrarian homes in South Sudan find it difficult to gain access to education.

Biblical scholar James Limburg, in his Amos Interpretation commentary, says that the text indicates God is displeased when people worship for its own sake, with no impact on the other days of the week.<sup>2</sup> Chapter five contains many verses focusing on the negative impact of an unjust economic system.

The witness of the prophets demands that the people advocate on behalf of those who are most vulnerable in society. Over and over again in the Old Testament, we read pleas for justice on behalf of widows, orphans, the poor and immigrants. Here in Amos 5:24, righteousness is not a neat little box of tidy solutions. It is a vigorous body of water, flowing without end.

Justice and righteousness don't march or sit or get written down once on a piece of paper. Justice and righteousness roll, rush, gurgle, surge, sweep away.

If we are to take the witness of the prophets to heart, we hear that it is not just showing up to Sunday services or to our circle meetings, but how we live our faith everyday

that matters to God. Presbyterian Women's commitment to living faith in the world means doing the work of justice.

We cannot fix economic injustice with the power of a good thought or a wish, but in response to God's love for us, we can be tireless advocates working for righteousness to flow.

This year's Birthday Offering supports:

- Critical repairs to manufactured homes for those with extremely limited incomes in the East Bay and Silicon Valley so they are safe
- Growing the capacity to help high-risk youth find alternatives to ongoing involvement with the juvenile justice system in the Kansas City, Kansas, area while improving rates of academic achievement and civic engagement
- Training leaders in 21 Midwestern and Southern communities who will stop the school-to-prison pipeline by organizing for change of school policies
- Increasing access to education for girls in South Sudan by funding the construction of a girls' school in Majok-Keen, a village in Warrap State

Our Birthday Offering gifts are one way we advocate for the most vulnerable in our world today: people with low incomes who need help making their homes safe, youth in the juvenile justice system who need alternatives and support, schoolchildren shuffled from school toward the prison system, and girls too poor and isolated to gain the education they need. These gifts are how we live our faith in response to God's love. We worship on Sunday, and, on the other six days of the week, we advocate, work, give and speak out. May it be so.

### Prayer of Dedication

One: Holy One, tireless advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable, we pray for people seeking safe and secure homes in a place that is increasingly unaffordable. Bless those who are served through Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley.

**Many: May the God of justice hear our prayer.**

One: Loving One, we pray for vulnerable children caught up in the spiral of the prison industrial complex, who will now see a way out thanks to the work of DART, Inc. and Heartland 180, Inc.

**Many: May the God of righteousness hear our prayer.**

One: Joyful One, we pray for girls who will now have the opportunity for an accessible education thanks to Building Minds in South Sudan.

**Many: May the God who calls us to be advocates hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for justice to roll down like waters. Bless our Birthday Offering contributions, and bless the work of those advocates who see the possibility of a world in which your people are housed, educated and freed to their own potential.

**Many: Alleluia! Amen.**

### Hymn Suggestions

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

(GtG 757 and PH 434)

"Come! Live in the Light!" (GtG 749)

### Closing Prayer (GtG 765)

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call. Amen.

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### Notes

1. PH indicates *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 1990); GtG indicates *Glory to God* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2013).
2. James Limburg, "Hosea-Micah," *Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2011).

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# SERVICIO DE DEDICACIÓN

POR LAURA MARIKO CHEIFETZ

## CORRA LA *Justicia* COMO LAS AGUAS

### Llamamiento a la Adoración

Una: El Dios de la justicia nos busca.

**Todas: Nosotras que somos el pueblo de Dios respondemos, “¡Heme Aquí!”**

Una: El Dios de la justicia nos invita.

**Todas: Nosotras que somos fieles decimos “gracias”.**

Una: El Dios que nos llama “amadas” nos recibe con los brazos abiertos.  
Adoremos a Dios.

### Himnos Sugeridos<sup>1</sup>

Danos un Corazón (EHP #379)

El mundo es de Dios (EHP #373)

### Escritura: Amós 5:24

Pero que fluya como agua la justicia,  
y la honradez como un manantial inagotable.

### Meditación

Somos un pueblo que anhela justicia, pero parece tan abrumador. Los salarios están estancados, mientras que el costo de la vivienda en muchos mercados se está disparando. La niñez que nace en pobreza se enfrenta a una vida con oportunidades educativas estadísticamente limitadas y debido a las políticas de disciplina escolares de la no tolerancia, a un aumento de la probabilidad de ser enviados al sistema penitenciario en las edades más jóvenes. A las niñas nacidas en hogares agrarios en Sudán del Sur se les hace difícil acceder a la educación.

El académico bíblico James Limburg, en su comentario interpretativo Amos, dice que el texto indica que Dios está disgustado cuando las personas adoran para su propio bienestar, sin ningún impacto en los demás días de la semana<sup>2</sup>. El capítulo cinco contiene muchos versículos centrándose en el impacto negativo de un sistema económico injusto.

El testimonio de los profetas exige que las personas aboguen en nombre de quienes son más vulnerables en la sociedad. Una y otra vez leemos en el Antiguo Testamento las peticiones por justicia en nombre de las viudas, huérfanos, los pobres y los inmigrantes. Aquí en Amós 5:24, la justicia no es una cajita reluciente de soluciones ordenadas. Es un vigoroso cuerpo de agua, que fluye sin fin. La justicia y la rectitud no marchan o se sientan o son escritas una vez en un pedazo de papel. La justicia y la rectitud, corren, avanzan, en borbotones, en oleada, arrasan todo.

Si vamos a atesorar el testimonio de los profetas en nuestro corazón, escuchamos que no es sólo aparecer los domingos en los servicios o ir a nuestros círculos de reuniones lo que le importa a Dios, sino cómo vivimos nuestra fe día a día. El compromiso de las mujeres presbiterianas de vivir la fe en el mundo significa hacer el trabajo de la justicia.

No podemos solucionar las injusticias económicas con el poder de un buen pensamiento o un deseo, pero en respuesta al amor de Dios para nosotras, podemos ser defensoras inagotables para que la justicia fluya.

La ofrenda de cumpleaños de este año apoya:

- Reparaciones críticas de casas prefabricadas para personas con ingresos muy limitados en East Bay y Silicon Valley para que estén seguros/as
- El aumento de la capacidad para ayudar a jóvenes de alto riesgo a encontrar alternativas al involucramiento constante en el sistema de justicia juvenil en el área de la Ciudad de Kansas, Kansas, mejorando las tasas de rendimiento académico y compromiso cívico
- Entrenando líderes en Midwestern 21 y las comunidades del sur que han de detener la “ruta” de la escuela a la cárcel al organizarse para efectuar cambios en las políticas de la escuela
- Aumentar el acceso a la educación de las niñas en Sudán del Sur mediante la financiación de la construcción de una escuela de niñas en Majok Keen, un pueblo en el estado de Warrap

Nuestros donativos a la Ofrenda de Cumpleaños son una de las formas en que abogamos por los más vulnerables en nuestro mundo hoy en día: personas con bajos ingresos que necesitan ayuda para hacer sus casas más seguras, jóvenes en el sistema de justicia juvenil que necesitan alternativas y apoyo, los/as alumnos/as de las escuelas que van de allí hacia el sistema penitenciario y las niñas demasiado pobres y aisladas como para obtener la educación que necesitan. Estos donativos son expresiones de cómo vivimos nuestra fe en la respuesta al amor de Dios. Adoramos el domingo, y en los otros seis días de la semana, abogamos, trabajamos, damos y hablamos. Que así sea.

### Oración de Dedicación

Una: Santo Dios, defensor incansable de los más vulnerables, oramos por las personas que buscan casas seguras en un lugar que es cada vez más inasequible. Bendice a los que reciben servicios a través de Habitat for Humanity en East Bay/Silicon Valley.

**Todas: Que el Dios de justicia escuche nuestra oración.**

Una: Amoroso Dios, rogamos por la niñez vulnerable, atrapada en la espiral del complejo industrial de prisiones, que ahora verán una forma de salir gracias al trabajo de DART, Inc. y Heartland 180, Inc.

**Todas: Que el Dios de la rectitud escuche nuestra oración.**

Una: Dios de la alegría, oramos por las niñas que ahora tendrán la oportunidad de una educación accesible gracias a Building Minds en Sudán del Sur.

**Todas: Que el Dios que nos llama a abogar escuche nuestra oración.**

Una: Oramos porque la justicia fluya y corra como las aguas. Bendice nuestra Ofrenda de Cumpleaños y bendice el trabajo de las que abogan, que ven la posibilidad de un mundo en el que tu pueblo tiene su hogar, es educado y libre para alcanzar su propio potencial.

**Todas: ¡Aleluya! Amén.**

### Sugerencias de Himnos

Enviado(a) Soy De Dios (EHP #319)

Hazme Un Instrumento De Tu Paz (EHP #383)

### Oración de Cierre (Traducido del GtG 765)<sup>3</sup>

Que el Dios de esperanza vaya con nosotras cada día,  
llenando nuestras vidas de amor, gozo y paz.

Que el Dios de justicia nos aliente en el camino,  
llevando luz y esperanza a cada tierra y raza.

Orando, trabajemos por la paz;

cantando, compartiendo nuestra alegría con todos;

trabajando por un mundo nuevo,

fieles cuando escuchamos el llamado de Cristo. Amén.

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### Notes

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3. GtG indica Glory to God (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2013).

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# PROMOTING THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING

## **In your PW group**

- Be sure to order the materials you need, including the DVD, bulletin insert, placemats and individual or group offering envelopes (see page 12 for order form).
- Set a goal to challenge the members of your PW group.
- Show the DVD and talk about the offering with each circle.
- Distribute group and/or individual offering envelopes in your circle.
- If you do not have regular gatherings, ask each circle to receive the offering once a year or ask members to make a contribution to the offering in their own birth month.
- Make a presentation at your spring gathering.

## **In your church**

- Consider promoting the Birthday Offering to the entire congregation.
  - Get session approval.
  - Make the Birthday Offering the topic for the Minute for Mission on Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday. Ask for everyone's support and ask them to put their gifts in a basket at the back of the sanctuary following the service.
  - Be sure to use the Birthday Offering bulletin cover as the cover of your church bulletin and include the Birthday Offering bulletin inserts.
  - Include an announcement in your church newsletter about the Birthday Offering and how it helps change lives.
  - Display the Birthday Offering poster in a prominent place.
  - Hold a special event at which you receive and dedicate the Birthday Offering (maybe a birthday party!).
  - Use Birthday Offering placemats at an all-church function sometime during the year.
  - Distribute individual and/or group giving offering envelopes to the congregation.
  - Distribute copies of page 8 of this booklet so that everyone is aware of how they can give.

## **In your presbytery and synod**

- Include information about the Birthday Offering in your newsletter.
- Send a special email encouraging local PWs to participate.
- Show the Birthday Offering video at your spring gathering.
- Host a speaker from an organization in your area that has received a Birthday Offering grant (contact Cindy Goodman for more information, 844/PW-PCUSA (844/797-2872, ext. 5387).
- Use the Birthday Offering placemats on the luncheon table at a synod or presbytery gathering.

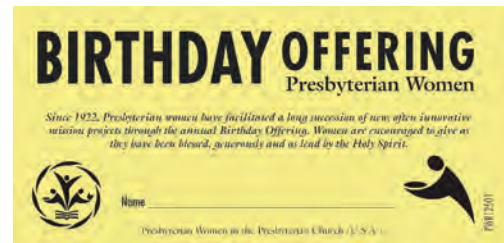
## **We don't want to miss anyone!**

Help us keep our contacts up to date. When your leadership changes (including treasurers, moderators and Celebration Giving representatives in congregations, presbyteries and synods), please contact [patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org](mailto:patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org) with the changes.

# WAYS TO SUPPORT THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## Circle or group gift

Circle members and other PW group members traditionally support the mission of the Birthday Offering by cash or check in the PW group setting. Envelopes to receive these gifts are available free of charge in packs of 25 from Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS). Call 800/524-2612 to order; ask for item PWR12501.



**Tip:** Use these envelopes in your congregation for even wider support of the Birthday Offering.

**PW in the Congregation treasurers,** please receive your circles'/congregation's Birthday Offering gifts and send to your PW in the Presbytery treasurer by **June 10, 2016**.

**PW in the Presbytery treasurers,** please send your PWCs' Birthday Offering gifts with your presbytery's other quarterly contributions to Presbyterian Women Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652, by **June 15, 2016**. If you need a remittance form contact Rhonda Martin at Rhonda.Martin@pcusa.org or 844/PW-PCUSA (844/797-2872).

## Individual gift

If you are giving outside a PW circle, or making an additional gift beyond your circle giving, use the individual giving envelope available for free in packs of 10 from PDS. You may give by check or credit card with this envelope, and will receive a tax receipt for your gift. Be sure to fill out the envelope completely, including your presbytery and synod so they will receive credit for your gift. To order these envelopes, call 800/524-2612; ask for item PWR16456.



You also can make a secure donation online at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org).

**Tip:** Use these envelopes in your congregation for even wider support of the Birthday Offering.

## Additional giving opportunities

Learn more about making an estate gift to benefit the Birthday Offering by checking the box under your contact information on the individual giving envelope and drop it in the mail. Staff will contact you to discuss options and opportunities.

Please give as generously as you have been blessed. Thank you for your support!

# CREATIVE MINISTRIES OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## *Birthday or Thank Offering Grant Application*

**Deadlines for applications:** May 15—Birthday Offering; September 15—Thank Offering

**Request ranges:** \$100,000–\$400,000—Birthday Offering; \$5,000–\$50,000—Thank Offering

**This is an application for a** (check one)     Birthday Offering grant     Thank Offering grant

Organization name \_\_\_\_\_

Project name \_\_\_\_\_

Project address \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_ Church/council (outside U.S.) \_\_\_\_\_

Start-up date \_\_\_\_\_

Project must be underway within 12 months of receiving first payment. Please attach a budget.

### **PART I—Project information**

1. Purpose of the project you are submitting for funding (50 words or less) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Please describe how you will achieve the goal or purpose stated above. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Describe the population or issue served by this project and how many people will be served. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Is this a new program or an expansion of an existing program? If an expansion, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Specifically, how will this grant be used? (Explain which budgeted item(s) will be funded through this grant from Presbyterian Women and which line items will be funded through other sources.)

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6. How will the project continue after this one-year grant? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total cost of project** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount requested** \_\_\_\_\_

7. How will you know whether your project has achieved its goal or purpose? \_\_\_\_\_

8. If funding is granted, would you be willing to host site visits or present your program as requested by local Presbyterian Women groups?

**PART II—Funding for this project**

1. List other sources of funding being requested for this project.

FUNDING SOURCE SECURED	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT GRANTED	DATE OF DECISION
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OUTSTANDING REQUESTS	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT GRANTED	DATE OF DECISION
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Other potential sources of funding being considered

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2. If your organization has previously received grants through the Birthday or Thank Offering for another project, please identify the date(s) of funding and the amount of the award.

DATE	AMOUNT OF AWARD	NAME OF PROJECT	BIRTHDAY OR THANK?
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**PART III—Organizational Information**

1. Organization's mission statement

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2. Annual organizational budget (attach copy of your organizational budget, in U.S. dollars, from previous year showing projected and actual expenses and income for the fiscal year).

3. Do you have an annual audit? (Applicants for Birthday Offering, attach a copy of the last audit).  Yes  No

4. Population served by this project. (Check all applicable.)

- Infants  Children  Youth  Adults  Seniors  Families  Disabled
- Veterans  Racial/ethnic minorities  Domestic violence survivors  Homeless  Overseas
- Immigrants  Trafficking survivors  Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Focus of program to be funded. (Check the *most* applicable.)

- Shelter  Agricultural development  Affordable housing  Social services  Criminal justice
- Health  Hunger/food programs  Leadership development  Legal services  Social services
- Education  Maternal/child nutrition  Clean water  Community organizing
- Hospitality  Economic development  Immigration services  Other \_\_\_\_\_

# BIRTHDAY AND THANK OFFERING

## *Grant Criteria*

**B**irthday Offering grants primarily fund capital improvement projects, so they are larger and awarded to just one or two agencies per year. Thank Offering grants are smaller so that more projects may be funded. Grants awarded are one-time grants. Although the project does not have to be completed in a single year, the project must be underway within one year of receiving the funds. Grants may not be used for payment of current debt, creating or maintaining revolving loan funds, funding a permanent endowment or to offset the ongoing operating budget. Requests for funds predominantly for salaries will not be given high consideration, nor will applications from organizations previously awarded Birthday or Thank Offering grants.

To qualify, a program must

- have a clearly defined purpose that meets basic human needs and is in accordance with mission goals and policies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.);
- provide a form of aid that has been requested or identified to meet the needs of the people served; and
- be a creative project less than three years old or an existing project moving in a new direction.
- Priority will be given to applicants not previously funded by PW's Creative Ministries Offerings.

A proposal must

- describe how the project will improve the lives of people served and how they will be involved;
- indicate how the project will work with women, children, youth, young adults, persons of diverse races and/or ethnicities, and/or persons with disabilities, to enhance their quality of life;
- list all other sources of money being requested and/or already awarded for this project; describe how the program will continue after the grant (if awarded) is spent;
- explain how the project's progress will be reported and success measured;
- provide an endorsement from a PW group of a local church, PW in the Presbytery coordinating team or PW in the Synod coordinating team. A letter from the presytery or synod is desirable, but not necessary. If outside the United States, a written endorsement from an indigneous church that is in relationship with the PC(USA) must be provided. Please allow six weeks to obtain an endorsement;

- be signed by the proposal writer and another person responsible for the project (board chair preferred).

Grant applicants must notify PW staff mission specialist Cindy Goodman (cindy.goodman@pcusa.org) of any change in the proposal, whether funding, leadership or location, since submission of the proposal. Notification must be received before August 1 for the Birthday Offering and before February 1 for the Thank Offering.

Grant recipients must return an interim report six months after receiving the first payment and all supporting documentation before the second payment will be made; must return one-year and two-year follow-up reports; and must notify PW if there is any change to the project, its leadership or address.

Proposal submissions (two copies) must include

- application form and proposal form checklist
- endorsement letter from a PW group (U.S.) (presbytery or synod) or a church in relationship with the PC(USA) (international)
- budget for proposal submitted for funding
- applicant agency's operating budget showing current expenses and revenues to date
- agency's latest audited financial statements (Birthday Offering applicants only)
- completed W-9 form (for domestic projects)
- completed W-8 form (for international projects)
- completed Statement of Confirmation of Identity by Third Party (for international projects)
- bank letterhead, if requesting a wire transfer

Send proposals by May 15 (Birthday Offering) or September 15 (Thank Offering) to Presbyterian Women, attn: Cindy Goodman, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396. Do not use folders or binders and do not attach the cover letter to the applications. Decisions are made in September of the same year (Birthday Offering) and March of the following year (Thank Offering). The first payment is disbursed approximately one year later (Birthday Offering), three months later (Thank Offering); the second is disbursed six to nine months after the first payment.

# 2016 BIRTHDAY OFFERING

*of Presbyterian Women*



## PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS ORDER FORM

QUANTITY	PDS#	ITEM	PRICE	REMITTANCE
_____	PWR12501	<b>Group giving envelope</b> (pkg. of 25) Traditionally used in PW circles and congregations	free	_____
_____	PWR16546	<b>Individual giving envelope</b> (pkg. of 10) For those outside PW circles, those who want to give over and above their normal offering and those who wish to give with a credit card	free	_____
_____	PWR16452	<b>Bulletin cover</b> (8½"x14"; pkg. of 20)	free	_____
_____	PWR16450	<b>Bulletin insert</b> (pkg. of 20; 5 each of four designs)	\$3/pkg.*	_____
_____	PWR16453	<b>Placemat</b> (English/Spanish; pkg. of 25)	\$4/pkg.*	_____
_____	PWR16454	<b>Poster</b> (English/Spanish; 11"x17")	free	_____
_____	PWR16458	<b>Promotional video</b> (English/Spanish)	free	_____
_____	PWR16457	<b>Promotional materials order form</b> (distribute at all presbytery and synod events)	free	_____
_____	PWR16451	<b>Promotional materials packet</b> Contains information and resources you'll need to celebrate the Birthday Offering at PW gatherings in the congregation, presbytery and synod, including a poster, impact stories, invitation letter, overview of grant recipients, dedication service (in English and Spanish), ways to support the Birthday Offering, the order form and more.	free	_____
_____	PWR00507	<b>Book: Messages of Reconciliation and Hope: 75 Years of Birthday Offerings, 1922-1997</b> by Catherine Stewart Vaughn	\$12*	_____
			SUBTOTAL	_____
			SALES TAX	_____
(APPROPRIATE SALES TAX IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE RESIDENTS OF CA, DC, KY, NY AND PA WHO ARE ORDERING ON PERSONAL ACCOUNTS.)				
			*SHIPPING/HANDLING	_____
(ADD 10% OF ORDER TOTAL, \$5.25 MIN., \$65 MAX.; NO SHIPPING CHARGES FOR FREE/PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS)				
			<b>TOTAL</b>	_____

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To order by mail, complete this form, make check payable to **Presbyterian Women**, and mail to:

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**PDS Prepaid Processing**  
**PO Box 643674**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3674**

To order by phone, call 800/524-2612.

To order online, go to [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store) (type "Birthday Offering" in the search box).

## PROMOTIONAL VIDEO ON LINE!

To order the free 2016 Birthday Offering promotional DVD, request item PWR16458 from Presbyterian Distribution Service, 800/524-2612, or watch the video at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org).

Use this video to

- introduce the Birthday Offering to new and wider audiences,
- reinvigorate your usual presentation,
- interpret the offering and
- inspire support of this life-changing project.

To order offering resources (including additional promotional booklets), use the form on page 12 of this packet, call 800/524-2612, or visit [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store) (type “Birthday Offering” in the search box). Download free offering resources from [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org).



## FIND MORE PW RESOURCES ON LINE!

- PW on the web—[www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org)
- PW videos—[www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen](http://www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen)
- PW on Facebook—[www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa](http://www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa)
- Church store—[www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store)
- Birthday Offering blog—[www.pwpcusa.typepad.com/cmoc](http://www.pwpcusa.typepad.com/cmoc)
- PW on Flickr—[www.flickr.com/presbyterianwomen](http://www.flickr.com/presbyterianwomen)

**Give to the Birthday Offering on line!**

Give to the Birthday Offering at [www.pcusa.org/give/303](http://www.pcusa.org/give/303). **Remember, the goal is \$500,000!**

To learn more about the Birthday Offering, go to [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) or contact Cindy Goodman, 844/797-2872, ext. 5387, or [cindy.goodman@pcusa.org](mailto:cindy.goodman@pcusa.org).

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