



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Repairing the breach

ISAIAH 58

PROVIDING RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS,
FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, AND SUPPORT
FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED.



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Thank you

for promoting and supporting One Great Hour of Sharing,
an Offering that responds directly to the needs

God has called us to fulfill in Isaiah 58.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing
currently supports programs in over 100 countries.

**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

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One Great Hour of Sharing — the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.



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LEADER'S GUIDE
MARCH 5-APRIL 20

THIS TOOL WAS CREATED FOR YOU. YOU PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE.

This guide will walk you through effective ways to promote and celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing. But don't feel limited! Your enthusiasm and creativity are invaluable to this cause. When church leaders encourage their congregations to support initiatives like the Special Offerings, their members give significantly more.

You have likely received a shipment of resources. These are intended to help your church members understand the work funded by their gifts and motivate them to contribute again. Please distribute these resources and help us share this message.

In this Leader's Guide, you'll find:

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Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (March 5 – April 20), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. **In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.**



TEWA WOMEN UNITED

One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

- Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees
- Receives 32% of funds

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

- Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed
- Receives 36% of funds

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

- Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues
- Receives 32% of funds



2 OUR OFFERINGS AT WORK

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It enables our congregations and mission partners to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event. Find an interactive world map with OGHS recipients at pcusa.org/oghsmap.

Matthew 25 continues to be a guiding force in the work of PDA.

- supporting the eradication of poverty through grants to vulnerable populations
- working to end systemic racism through centering Black, indigenous and communities of color and refugees in our grant-making
- promoting congregational vitality through volunteer work teams, Story Ministry, spiritual and emotional care for pastors and grants to help congregations respond in their own communities
- addressing climate change, militarism and other forms of oppression.

- In 2023, PDA granted \$6.1 million in 27 U.S. states and 46 countries.
- 131 National Response Team members were deployed to 46 presbyteries.
- 1,837 work team volunteers served in AR, CA, FL, KY, LA, MS, NC, TX and Puerto Rico, donating 127,755 hours, totaling more than \$4 million in volunteer time.
- PDA provided more than \$256,000 in Migration Accompaniment Ministry grants in the U.S and presented Emotional and Spiritual Care programs to more than 300 participants.
- In partnership with Church World Service, 116,273 Gift of the Heart Kits and blankets were distributed.

PDA's **Migration Accompaniment Ministry** visited partners in Central Europe who minister to and with Ukrainian refugees and those displaced to western Ukraine. Meanwhile, violence in Khartoum sent South Sudanese refugees back to their young homeland, and forcing Sudanese to flee to Egypt and Chad where PDA partners were ready to receive them. In the U.S., attention was given to: legal services and advocacy to allow Afghan refugees to remain here, advocacy for more humane border policies, and grants to support faithful responses to asylum seekers in interior cities.

Counter Stories Productions continued work on the industrial pollution and environmental racism documentary, as well as a new short documentary focused on eviction and homelessness through the voices of children and families in Dayton, OH. Pre-production began for a new documentary focused on gun violence. *Trouble the Water: Conversations to Disrupt Racism and Dominance* is being edited into a feature length documentary for wider distribution across streaming platforms. *Flint: The Poisoning of an American City* reached the Fifteen Million Streaming Milestone since its wide release in 2020.

Due to climate change, natural disasters are intensifying in frequency and scale.

Nationally, initial grants supported recovery from wildfires, tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes and storms in thirteen states. Some grants also addressed public violence, disaster preparedness and church property that was damaged due to disasters. National Recovery grants were given in fifteen states. There are now eleven PDA Volunteer Host Sites and three referral sites for volunteer work teams.

Internationally, grants supported humanitarian response to war/conflict in Ukraine, Israel/Palestine, Myanmar, Sudan, Ethiopia and more; earthquake response in Haiti, Syria, Afghanistan, Indonesia and Nepal; drought and famine in Angola, India, Malawi and Rwanda; flooding, hurricanes and storms in the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Ghana, Malawi and more.

Find out more about the ongoing work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at pcusa.org/pda.

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

In 2023, you helped PHP give 84 grants totaling \$1.1 million, impacting 19 countries and a territory, including the U.S. and Puerto Rico. PHP also partnered with

- 12 Presbytery Hunger Action Advocates,
- 80 Hunger Action Congregations and
- 304 Earth Care Congregations across the U.S.

Our work resourcing Presbyterians and the work of our partners is difficult to quantify within a year; long-term sustainable development, community empowerment and policy change take many years. This snapshot offers just a few examples of work funded in 2023 and how your gifts contribute to a more just world and well-being for all God's people and Creation. We are grateful for the scope of work the One Great Hour of Sharing ministries are able to accomplish together through your generous gifts (OG300000). For more about our grant partners and resources, go to pcusa.org/hunger. Thank you for your financial contributions, time, energy and prayers!

These projects are a few examples of work supported by the Presbyterian Hunger Program in 2023:

ASOFENIX in Nicaragua implemented a solar refrigeration initiative for fish production and was welcomed by the entire community.

The solar refrigeration system allows people like Mercedes del Socorro Mora Ruiz, a 31-year-old fisherwoman and mother, to have access to ice in the community to keep the fish fresh. “It was definitely tiring and tedious having to travel to Menco to look for ice. The entire morning was lost, and sometimes even the entire day, because sometimes due to blackouts we could not find ice,” said Ruiz. In addition to fishing, Ruiz can now preserve fresh fish for longer and market it at a better price due to the quality of the product. This project allows many to increase fish production and economic income to ensure the well-being of families.

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers’ (CIW) Fair Food Program, launched in the tomato fields of Florida, today prevents the very worst human rights abuses — modern-day slavery, sexual assault, child labor and physical violence — not just in tomatoes and not just in Florida, but in a multiplicity of new crops, 10 new states and even three new countries!

CIW has also been working in Scotland and Northern Ireland in collaboration with the International Transport Workers Federation to launch a “Fair Fish Program” pilot in the UK fishing industry — an industry with extremely dangerous working conditions for immigrant fishers from Ghana, the Philippines and Indonesia, many of whom toil at risk of modern-day slavery and other harsh abuses.

Tewa Women United in Santa Cruz, New Mexico, engages in protecting the health and safety of Indigenous and other vulnerable communities residing near extractive projects. Their efforts have led to work with youth, Pueblo Women Farmers and other local community members. Tewa developed a curriculum focused on native plants, which was then taught to third- and fifth-grade kids from Santa Clara Pueblo. As part of the curriculum, students were instructed to cultivate tomatoes, corn, beans and squash in the spiral garden located at the Espanola Healing Foods Oasis. Additionally, Tewa engaged in discussions with young residents of the Española Valley and attentively considered their apprehensions about the catastrophic ecological consequences of Los Alamos National Laboratory and the ongoing nuclear colonialism that deeply impacts the soil and air in communities downwind of Los Alamos.

Tewa organized a Pueblo Women in Farming panel discussion, which revitalized the profound spirit of self-sufficiency among individuals who play a crucial role in sustaining their communities through seed cultivation. They devised a plan to sustainably assist individuals involved in food production and promote the movements advocating for Indigenous food and seed sovereignty resources across Indian Country.

BOLD Justice in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, prioritized expanding the tree canopy in low-income neighborhoods that lack trees. The community felt this work was important because low-income neighborhoods have the lowest rate of tree canopy, making them the most susceptible to heat-related problems like heat stroke and high cooling bills.

BOLD Justice was able to get a commitment from the county to provide funding for 500 trees to be given away. The tree giveaways are being hosted at BOLD Justice congregations.

ACREST in the Bamboutos Mountains of Cameroon distributed 250 improved stoves and 50 water filters, bettering health in 26 villages. The stoves consume less wood, reducing deforestation, and the water filters increase access to clean water for drinking, cooking and bathing, reducing the incidence of waterborne illnesses.

RELUFA mobilized communities in Batouri, Eastern Cameroon, to stand up for their rights in the face of

the failure of mining companies to safely close mining operations and reclaim lands that have been mined. Communities are literally hanging over the edge of open pits, and every year, children, families and animals fall into the pits and die. There are also detrimental public health impacts from the contamination.

Find an interactive world map with OGHS recipients at pcusa.org/oghsmap.

Find out more about the ongoing work of Presbyterian Hunger Program at pcusa.org/hunger.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People works with low-income communities to overcome oppression and injustice. In 2023 National SDOP entered into partnership with the projects below. Projects focus on advocacy; youth-led initiatives; skills development; farming; refugee issues and capacity building. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, projects in economically poor communities around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges. An interactive map with OGHS recipients is at pcusa.org/oghsmap.

2023 Partners:

Domestic Partners Funded by National SDOP Committee

- Pima County Interfaith Council, Tucson, AZ
- ARISE Adelante, Alamo, TX
- Payson Homeless and Homeless Veterans initiative (PHHVI), Payson, AZ
- Newark Water Coalition, Newark, NJ
- Gullah Farmers' Cooperative Association, St. Helena Island, SC
- West Georgia Farmers' Cooperative, Hamilton, GA
- Greenmount West Community Center Foundation, Baltimore, MD
- Mentoring Mentors, Reisterstown, MD
- Bridge to Freedom, Chicago, IL
- Quad Cities Interfaith, Davenport, IA
- Direct Action for Rights and Equality, Inc. (DARE), Providence, RI

- Beyond the Bars/Decarcerate Miami, Miami, FL
- Coalition of Concerned Medical Professionals, Sacramento, CA
- Fideicomiso de la Tierra del Cano Martin Pena, San Juan, PR. Funds from SDOP, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will help the land trust install a water tank at a community center that is also the headquarters of G-8, Inc. (group of eight communities) that make up the community land trust and to install solar systems.
- Center Pole, Garryowen, MT. The group members' mission is to promote justice, sovereignty, opportunity, and economic empowerment in reservation communities and to protect and preserve indigenous ways and beliefs. They are focused on attaining food sovereignty/sustainability, environmental justice, and community development and are based on the Crow Indian Reservation in southeastern Montana. They seek to improve their livelihood and that of other families living in poverty that are part of the reservation community.

Mid Council SDOP Committee Funded Partners

- The Price Project/The Price of Financial Literacy, Detroit, MI
- Griffin Gardens/Community and Wellness Space, Detroit, MI
- Today Is the Day/Urban Garden, Detroit, MI
- Sandy's Land/Butterfly Garden and Black Doll Museum, Detroit, MI
- Arise Chicago/Domestic Workers Academy, Chicago, IL
- Alliance for Community Services, Chicago, IL
- YWCA Duluth/Gender Equity Project, Duluth, MN
- New Roots Farm Incubator Cooperative/Hatching-out Fund, Moorhead, MN
- Align Minneapolis/Street Voices of Change, Minneapolis, MN
- Burnsville High School (BHS)/Student Affinity Groups / Diversity - Inclusion - Belonging Council (DIBC), Burnsville, MN
- Cornerstone Christian Fellowship / New Neighbors Bakers & Makers, Hilliard, OH
- Regent Community Garden/Making Connections in Regent Community Garden, Cleveland, OH
- Royal Priesthood lifestyle brand/Cultivated Soil Learning Co-Op, Cleveland, OH
- Fairview Community Watch/Dorothy N. Johnson Community Center Launch: Strengthening the Fairview Community, Hillsborough, NC
- Lowcountry Food Bank/Backpack Buddies Weekend Hunger Relief Program, North Charleston, SC
- Into the Mouths of Babes/The Filling Station/Weekend Snack Bags, Orangeburg, SC
- Wallingford Presbyterian Church/ Senior Ministry's Stock the Pantry mission, Charleston, SC
- Rams In the Bush/Precious Memories, Pittsburgh, PA
- Pittsburgh Presbytery SDOP Committee, (Administrative Funds)
- United to Empower (UTE)/Empowering Young Leaders (Sussex County), Surry, VA
- New Hope International/Farming, Louisville, KY
- Centro del Pueblo Movimiento Indigena Migrante/Sanctuary Gardens, Arcata, CA
- Southern California Community Empowerment Corporation/Mothers Organized for Peace and Healing: Winter P.R.O.M. (Parents Restoring, Overcoming & Maintaining), Los Angeles, CA

- WeX Voter Outreach/WeX Community Building Circle, Warm Springs, OR
- Gabrieleno (Tongva) Band of Mission Indians/Federal Recognition Preparation, San Gabriel, CA

International Partners Funded by National SDOP Committee

- The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA), Guatemala City, Guatemala
- The Small School/Uniting dreams, Chame, Panama
- Women Group of Boca La Caja/Sowing Hope, Panama City, Panama
- Buena Vista Women Group/Forging Future, Colon, Panama, received a \$15,000 grant to impact the economic mobility of group members in their efforts to achieve economic self-sufficiency. It is a business that can be passed down through generations, thereby helping people overcome poverty and build generational wealth.
- The Blessing, Las Tablas, Panama
- Nuevo Belen Community/Sustainable energy for the Wounaan community, Darien Province, Panama
- Boca de Tucue Agro-Entrepreneurs, Boca de Tucue, Panama
- Civil Society Coalition for Poverty Eradication (CISCOPE), Abuja, Nigeria, received funds from SDOP, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The project aims to strengthen the livelihood of two hundred affected farmers and vulnerable female-headed households, and the elderly with food and non-food items. The farmers will obtain recovery and livelihood starter packs and agricultural processing machines to add value to their farm produce, thus increasing their income and reducing labor costs within the local farmer cooperative groups.
- JAAR of Nazareth, Darien, Panama
- JAAR of Boca de Tigre, Darien, Panama
- Peasant coordinator for life and land, Colon, Panama
- CINEP, Chilibre, Panama
- CIEETS, Managua, Nicaragua

Find out more about the ongoing work of Self-Development of People (SDOP) at pcusa.org/sdop

3 PROMOTING OGHS: BEFORE THE OFFERING

PLAN

Life is easier when a plan is in place. If you make arrangements ahead of time, promotion will go more smoothly, be less stressful, and you'll make the most of every opportunity to motivate your congregation to share and support OGHS.

- **Set dates** to receive the OGHS Offering with your session. Congregations commonly receive the Offering on Palm Sunday (April 13) and/or Easter Sunday (April 20), though any date is appropriate.
- **Aim for a higher goal** than the sum raised last year.
- **Unpack your shipment** of materials and review the next page to find other tools and resources to help you develop your plan.
- Call Customer Service at 800-541-5113 or email customer_service@presbypub.com to order any **additional materials** you may want or need.
- **Recruit a church member** to read a Minute for Mission or use the videos found online.
- **Distribute the fish banks** and use the children's Sunday school curriculum during lent for a fresh approach to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing. You can download a children's Sermon, lessons with activities, and ideas to connect worship and the congregation.
- Use the **Gracie the Fish** story with your Sunday School class.
- **Visit our website**, pcusa.org/oghs/resources, for recordings of minutes for mission, worship resources and many other helpful resources.

BE CREATIVE

Your creativity and voice are important parts of this process. We'll never know your congregation the way you do. What kind of activities do they love?

- **Make a promotional board or display!** Remember to tag us on Facebook when you post pictures of your congregation's OGHS display.
- **Plan special congregational events**, such as church and school activities. Popular events include dinners or mission fairs highlighting OGHS-supported ministries, and events promoting "PDA Blue Shirt Sunday" on March 9, and "SDOP Sunday" on March 16.
- **Create a plan for involving your children** in promoting the Offering using the Gracie the fish story or the Sharing Calendar. Use items in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog to present to the congregation, sharing how this gift can make a difference for others.
- **Challenge other congregations in your area.** Here is an example of how it can be done. presbyterianmission.org/story/fishing-derby-baits-one-great-hour-of-sharing-participation.
- Think about how you can **integrate all of the worship resources** into your service holistically — rather than as add-ons — to emphasize the central role our witness in the world plays in our own discipleship. These are available in English, Spanish and Korean.

4 RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

Hopefully you'll find this guide answers most of your questions. However, there are other great ways to learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing and stay in touch with the Special Offerings. Your standing order contains the foundational materials you'll need to promote the Offering. Our website has even more. Visit us for the following OGHS materials at pcusa.org/oghs/resources.

OGHS MATERIALS

- Worship resources
- The newest (and all past) Gracie the Fish children's lessons on Christian love, sharing, and compassion
- Sharing Calendar for families with weekly activities
- Downloadable bulletin inserts (2 versions available in English, Spanish and Korean)
Version #1: *Repairing the Breach*
Version #2: *We Are There*
- Downloadable poster
- Sample pastor's letter
- Social Media graphics — Cover photos and posts that can be used on your church's Facebook page throughout Lent
- Minutes for Mission — both written and video
- PowerPoint slides
- Presbyterian Giving Catalog

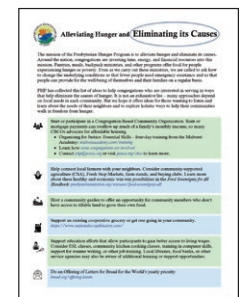
ADDITIONAL PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES:

- **PHP Post:** Download current and previous issues of this hunger-justice journal. Each issue focuses on hunger and poverty related topics and includes updates about PHP programs, reflections, scripture, and activities. You can download the PHP post at pcusa.org/hunger. Email php@pcusa.org to sign up to receive a paper copy of the PHP post.
- **Hunger Action Congregations:** If your congregation is doing hunger-related work in one or more of these areas—hunger alleviation, development assistance, hunger education, lifestyle Integrity, corporate and public policy witness, worship — your church is eligible to be a Hunger Action Congregation. Learn more at pcusa.org/hac.

- **How Congregations Are Increasing Affordable Housing and Addressing Unhoused Populations:** With diminishing affordable housing options across much of the United States, many congregations are considering ways to affect change by utilizing untapped resources such as land. The following are a few examples of congregations and communities of faith thinking creatively about land use and building a more just community for all. presbyterianmission.org/resource/how-congregations-are-increasing-affordable-housing-and-addressing-unhoused-populations



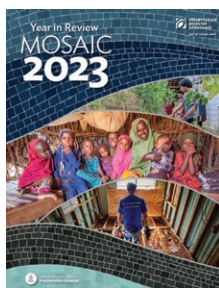
- **Alleviating Hunger and Eliminating the Causes:** PHP has collected this list of ideas to help congregations who are interested in serving in ways that help eliminate root causes of hunger. We hope it offers ideas for those wanting to listen and learn about the needs of their neighbors and to explore holistic ways to help their communities walk in freedom from hunger. presbyterianmission.org/resource/eliminating-the-causes-of-hunger



- **Climate Ambassador Training:** Consider completing the Climate Ambassador training, offered by the Presbyterian Hunger Program's partner, Blessed Tomorrow. Clergy and lay leaders will find this training useful during these unprecedented times of climate change. Sign up using code PCUSABTAmbassador21 at ecoamerica.litmos.com/self-signup
- **Earth Care Congregations:** Is your church active in earth care or interested in becoming more involved in being stewards of God's creation? Take

the “earth care pledge” and become a certified earth care congregation by completing activities and projects in the fields of worship, education, facilities, and outreach. You can learn more and download additional resources at pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations.

- **Joining Hands:** If your congregation/presbytery is ready to engage more deeply whether by addressing U.S. policies that maintain global systems of oppression, reviewing mission network relationships or expanding your knowledge of systemic poverty in a globalized world, then contact Valery Nodem (valery.nodem@pcusa.org) or Eileen Schuhmann (eileen.schuhmann@pcusa.org).
- **Social media:** Follow PDA on Facebook @PDACares so you can be among the first to know where PDA is responding and share posts to keep your congregation informed. Follow @PDAVolunteers on Instagram for volunteer news and resources.
- **pcusa.org/PDA:** The PDA website has resources from prayers and hymns; bulletin inserts and Bible studies; videos and documentaries on immigration detention, public violence and PDA responses, to study guides and supplemental information you can use to dive deeper. This is where you can find volunteer opportunities and information on how to donate.
- **Rapid Information Network (PDA-RIN):** Share in the Presbyterian response to national and international emergencies by signing up for the PDA Rapid Information Network. Subscribe at pcusa.org/subscribe.
- **Mosaic:** Read stories of disaster recovery from around the world. Mosaic is an annual report of PDA responses from the previous year in a magazine-style format sent annually. Visit pcusa.org/mosaic to read online or order a physical copy.
- **PDA Blog:** In this blog you will find stories of hope, action alerts, project updates and more. Read it at pcusa.org/pdablog.






- **Presbyterian Peace and Justice e-newsletter:** a bi-monthly newsletter from the ministry area Compassion Peace and Justice, of which PDA, PHP and SDOP are a part and contributes to the newsletter.
- **Community Brochure/Informational Brochure:** This brochure includes basic information about SDOP. It shares examples and pictures of established partnerships with low-income community groups, and the funding criteria for groups wishing to complete an application. It is written in a simple-to-understand format so, regardless of their familiarity with SDOP, individuals and groups will find it useful for a variety of settings.
- **Church Brochure:** This brochure tailored for the church community shares basic information about SDOP including a brief history of SDOP and ways to engage with the ministry.
- **Mid Council (Local) SDOP Committee Brochure:** a trifold brochure for those interested in starting an SDOP committee. The brochure shares steps to be taken to start a committee and responsibilities of the committee.
- **Sermons and Liturgy:** This is a thematic collection of sermons and liturgical materials celebrating the ministry of SDOP.
- **Sharing Our Blessings:** Watch a video (length: 3:20) expressing thanks to Presbyterians for the lives and communities they have changed through the SDOP ministry. Watch the video at pcusa.org/resource/sharing-our-blessings.
- **SDOP Impact Report:** This resource includes domestic and international projects funded with the support of the One Great Hour of Sharing by SDOP. It gives ideas on how to interpret and support the SDOP ministry and One Great Hour of Sharing.
- **Youtube SDOP channel** youtube.com/user/selfdevelopment/videos for an array of videos sharing and showing the work of SDOP.

5 PROMOTING OGHS: DURING THE OFFERING

- **Hang the Offering poster** in a prominent location, if you have not already created a display.
- **Place a folded insert in the Sunday bulletin** every week. There are two inserts which you can use interchangeably or however you wish. We suggest using the same insert for multiple weeks if you are promoting all month.
- **Put Offering envelopes in pew racks** every week.
- **Present Minutes for Mission**, and encourage your members to give generously, with reminders of the goal you set with the session.
- **Use the worship resources** found on the website.
- **Involve children and youth** and ask them to hand out bulletin inserts as an alternative to placing them in pews.
- **Promote the Offering on your church Facebook page** with the OGHS cover photo. (Can be downloaded at pcusa.org/oghs/resources)
- **Use the downloadable art**, graphics, and copy in your church newsletter, blog, or website.
- **Enclose the brochure/envelope in your church mailing**, along with a letter from the church pastor (surveys show this makes a significant difference in congregant giving) for members who might have missed the Offering collection. (See sample letter on website.)
- **Remind parents to encourage their children to fill up their OGHS fish banks.** Read the Gracie stories and use the OGHS Curriculum found at pcusa.org/oghs/resources.
- **Sign up to receive a weekly email** with a Daily Sharing Calendar/Activity to participate as a family. Email specialofferings@pcusa.org
- **Create a display or bulletin board.** Remember to tag us on Facebook when you post pictures of your congregation's OGHS display.

FOUR WAYS YOUR MEMBERS CAN GIVE

-  *Through your congregation*
-  *Text OGHS to 91999 to give*
-  *pcusa.org/give-oghs*

Or, you can *share this QR code* with your members. Be sure to encourage them to include the identity of your church.



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In addition, members can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making a gift at any time throughout the year.

6 PROMOTING OGHS: AFTER THE OFFERING

THANK YOUR CONGREGATION

for their generous gifts, and share the total raised. Celebrate meeting or exceeding your original goal! Remind them of the causes they have supported: hunger, thirst, disaster recovery, refugee assistance, education, and community development.

SEND IN YOUR CONGREGATION'S FUNDS

You may remit OGHS gifts through your normal receiving agency or send directly to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, with "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the memo line. Gifts can be mailed to:

Mid Council remittance

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PO Box 643751
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3751

Congregation remittance

(through your normal receiving agency, usually the presbytery)
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PO Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

The Agency will record and notify presbyteries of congregational donations.

UPDATE YOUR CONGREGATION

throughout the year on how the money is being used, and remind your members they can contribute to the Offering all year.

SHARE YOUR STORIES WITH US!

We'd love to hear the unique ways you promoted One Great Hour of Sharing. Email specialofferings@pcusa.org.

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON ALL THINGS SPECIAL OFFERINGS

by subscribing to the Special Offerings blog, "liking" the Special Offerings Facebook page, and following Special Offerings on Twitter.

 pcusa.org/blogs/weekly_offerings

 facebook.com/specialofferings

 instagram.com/special_offerings

VALUE FOR VALUES

Looking for ways to interpret the offering and increase your giving?

Here are a few examples of resources for families in need. The prices reflect the approximate/average cost of providing the items to families where most needed. Consider making a donation at one of the levels listed and note the impact your gift can make.



FARMING TOOLS
\$10



EMERGENCY LIFE PACK
\$125



PIGLET
\$40



COMMUNITY IRRIGATION WATER PUMP
\$250

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING — SHARING LOVE HELPS REPAIR THE BREACH

How do you show love?

Jesus calls us to love one another — with the kind of love that is shared freely with all people. This is our calling as Christ’s Church: to love others as Jesus loved us. To love every person we encounter despite the many walls that separate us.

In Isaiah 58, the Scripture that best helps us to understand the ministries supported by One Great Hour of Sharing, we are called to be repairers of the breach. The prophet implores us to see those on the margins, the hungry and afflicted, as those for whom God holds great care. And so should we. Showing our love, sharing our love, is how we repair the breach in so many of our interactions in this world.

In this country and around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing has been a catalyst for love for over 75 years. Your gifts help those who are fighting for basic needs and seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice. Your gifts bring a beacon of love and hope in our world and put the power of healing into the hands of those who need it most.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote, “Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.”¹

As we prepare our hearts today to support One Great Hour of Sharing, we are making the choice to implement love and justice, for they are the only currencies in God’s economy.

Always remember, we are called to repair the breach. We are the Church ... together, and when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

¹ This quote appears in King’s book “Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?”



Let us pray ~

God of Love,
help us show your love
today and every day.

As we prepare to give,
may love bring forth your world
where all people,
known and loved by You,
are loved by all people
around the world.

In Jesus’ name,
Amen.

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHOWING UP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Lyndsay Sullivan knew right away that she had found her people, her community. When her ride didn't show up after a meeting she was attending, she was invited to an ADAPT Chicago meeting. At that meeting, she immediately recognized she had made a life-changing connection.

Today, Lyndsay, who lives with a disability herself, is the co-coordinator of ADAPT Chicago, a 501(c)4 nonprofit that "organizes disability rights activists to engage in nonviolent direct action, including civil disobedience, to assure the civil and human rights of people with disabilities to live in freedom."

ADAPT Chicago is one of nine organizations under the umbrella of the Alliance for Community Services (ACS), a grassroots, member-led organization. ACS was formed when public aid offices were being closed and Medicaid benefits were being cut around the state. ACS works to bring together people with disabilities, low-income families and front-line service workers to resist threats, identify common ground and put the "human" back in human services.

The work of ACS is made possible, in part, through a grant from the PC(USA)'s Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, which is in turn supported by your generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. At the mid council level, the Presbytery of Chicago's Committee on the Self-Development of People is hands-on with ACS.

The presbytery's SDOP Committee co-moderator, Hope Daniels, shares that the Alliance for Community Services looks for ways to get things done politically, because people are having things done to them without being a part of the process.

In 2024, members of ACS met with Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson to address the inequities in the taxi industry. Lyndsay said that able-bodied people could call a cab, and it would arrive in two to three minutes, but people with disabilities were waiting for an hour in certain places, and that wasn't right.

"The mayor agreed, and he said that we need to look for ways to incentivize the cabs to take more wheelchair riders."

Lyndsay added that the reason she stays involved with ACS is that it's an entirely volunteer, grassroots organization, which makes her, if not exactly "excited" to be disabled, then proud.

"Because I am completely disabled, I consider my job to be doing the stuff I do with the Alliance and ADAPT Chicago," Lyndsey said. "We are attacking problems and finding solutions. That's what we do."

What can we do? We can each give as much as we can to One Great Hour of Sharing to help those like Lyndsay and ACS who are working hard to assure the civil and human rights of all people. And when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

*God, you call us to organize ourselves
to ensure that everyone
has the tools they need
to flourish.*

*Thank you for the gift of the Church
where we can do our part
to ensure that justice,
love and peace
are known by all.*

*By your Spirit,
may we be moved to action
in new ways.*

Amen.

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS WOMEN BRING HOPE AND HEALING

When Nathana Bird chose to follow a passion for community organizing, she found a path that led her home to New Mexico.

Raised in Ohkay Owingeh, Nathana was looking for deeper purpose and connection with people from backgrounds like her own.

She was trying to find her story within the narrative of her people, to embody the wisdom that has been passed down to her from the mothers and grandmothers in her life.

Like Nathana, Talavi Denipah Cook, also originally from Ohkay Owingeh, had left to study environmental and conservation biology, but ultimately found the pull of her people to be all but irresistible.

She wanted to help the people know how to connect with the earth, work to combat climate change, and do better for the world.

Both of their journeys led them to Tewa Women United (TWU), a multicultural, multiracial, non-profit organization founded and led by Native women, where Nathana currently serves as interim executive director and Talavi as program manager for Environmental Health & Justice.

Named for the Tewa concept, *wi don gi mu*, which translates to “we are one,” the organization is committed to strengthening leadership for Native women and girls, addressing environmental, social, racial and gender justice concerns, shaping policy, and reclaiming the people’s agricultural legacy.

And it is thanks to a grant from the Presbyterian Hunger Program, made possible by Presbyterians’ generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, that TWU’s life-giving initiatives bring hope and healing to Indigenous women and girls while its food justice programs help connect youth with their elders, their people’s traditions and the land.

TWU began as a group of women from mainly the Tewa-speaking Pueblo communities around a kitchen table to confront systems of oppression and patriarchy. They wanted to create a space for women to uncover their own power and encourage them to use their voice to create change in the community.

TWU supports efforts for environmental health and climate change adaptability by creating community gardens, heirloom seed libraries, non-GMO seed exchanges, traditional agriculture, and bio and mycoremediation practices. They also address the destruction that happens on their ancestral homelands and sacred areas and the violence that has been inflicted on their bodies and their land.

Nathan shared, “This work inspires me because I have three daughters and one son, who know this is their place. But it’s also for all the young girls that come after me — that grow up here and connect back to their Tewa and cultural roots.”

Helping neighbors in need around the world in tangible ways to share God’s love is why we do what we do. And when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

*Lord God, we thank you
for the good earth on which
we live and worship.*

*Help us to nurture and celebrate
the power of families and
communities as together
we strive for a world
where we are truly one in your son,
Jesus Christ.*

Amen.

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

FROM DISASTER TO HOPE

High in the mountains of Nepal, hundreds of remote hill villages dot the landscape in a terrain that is as precarious and vulnerable as the people themselves. People like Dilliram Bhatta [dill-i-ram bot-tah].

The village of Gorkha, where Dilliram and his family live, has historically had no source of clean drinking water. He and the other villagers regularly walked 45 minutes down the hill to get water for their households and livestock and then carried it back up. Water scarcity became even worse for the village when a massive earthquake hit Nepal in April 2015.

The unprecedented disaster caused catastrophic damage, including the destruction of the village's closest water supply, leaving the families no choice but to travel even farther for water. Their appeals to the local government for a solution to their water crisis proved fruitless.

But Juneli Nepal [joon-eh-lee] — a small nonprofit run primarily by women — heard their cries. Under the leadership of its president, Anjila Khadka, the organization works to empower Nepalese communities and individuals by addressing such systemic issues as inadequate infrastructure and lack of access to education, skills training, health-care services, proper hygiene, basic human and women's rights and disaster preparedness.

To address the village of Gorkha's immediate needs, Juneli Nepal worked in collaboration with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and the local government to provide the village with its own water supply. By 2018, 75 households were provided with safe, clean drinking water.

The humanitarian mission of Juneli Nepal is made possible, in part, through a grant from PDA, which is in turn supported by Presbyterians' generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Juneli Nepal aligns with PDA's values of compassion, collaboration and empowerment, working alongside communities to rebuild infrastructure, restore

livelihoods and strengthen resilience against future disasters. The villagers appealed for the drinking water, and thanks to PDA, Juneli Nepal was "happy and lucky to solve the problem," Anjila said. And because of gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, life for the villagers has steadily begun to improve.

This is a very tangible example of how this Offering enables us to provide support in times of crisis as well as work toward long-term development.

Anjila shares an important message with us all when she says, "Giving generously to One Great Hour of Sharing is a way to live out the Christian values of compassion and service. It reflects the call to love and support our neighbors, both locally and globally, without any discrimination, in line with Jesus' teachings."

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we extend God's love to the most vulnerable. Please give what you can — because when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

Holy God, thank you

*for organizations like Juneli Nepal
and their spirit of optimism and
ability to address basic needs
for those in their community.*

*We are grateful to be a small part
in their work.*

Bless this work

*as we partner with
people across the globe
to show Christ's love.*

Amen.

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

WE ARE THERE

In Isaiah 58, we are called to be repairers of the breach. Showing our love and sharing our love are how we repair the breach in many of our interactions in this world. Throughout the Lenten season, we have been inspired by the stories of women who are answering Jesus' call to love one another, and to put that love into life-changing action.

In every time and in every place, women have played this role — diligently, persistently, if often quietly — lovingly. Stop for a moment and think about the women we know — those in our communities and right here in our own church. Let's pause to honor and remember the many faithful women in our lives. (PAUSE BRIEFLY)

But let's not forget, we are the Church ... together, and as the saying goes, it takes a village.

We are there with Lyndsay and the Alliance for Community Services in Chicago, who work for civil and human rights for people with disabilities, low-income families and front-line service workers to, as they say, put the "human" back in human rights. They are supported by the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People — another way that the love we share through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing is making a difference.

With our gifts, we are part of Lyndsay's village.

We are there to empower women like Nathana and Talavi, who are working with Tewa Women United in New Mexico to strengthen leadership for Native women and girls, to advocate for civil rights and to help reclaim the Indigenous people's agricultural legacy. As a partner of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Tewa Women United receives support through gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing from people just like us and congregations just like ours.

With our gifts, we are part of Nathana and Talavi's village.

We are there with Juneli Nepal — a small nonprofit run primarily by women high in the mountains where hundreds of remote villages dot the landscape. These women are working to provide safe, clean drinking water to many families following a devastating earthquake. Their president, Anjila Khadka, said that thanks to a grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, supported by our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, life for the villagers has steadily begun to improve.

With our gifts, we are part of Anjila's village.

We are there. For over 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has been a catalyst for love. Your gifts bring a beacon of love and hope in our world and put the power of healing into the hands of those who need it most.

Please give what you can to One Great Hour of Sharing. For as we always say ... when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

*O God,
grant us the courage to
make our community tables wider,
broader and more encompassing.*

*Help us share your love
with those who need it most
and respond with glad
and generous hearts
to your welcome.*

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

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