
A GIFT OF FAITH. A MESSAGE OF HOPE.

When you give to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor the wondrous gift of Jesus by nurturing the faith we have in God and one another. The Christmas Joy Offering supports the development of the future racial ethnic leadership of our church and aids church workers and their families in times of need, answering a faithful call to enrich lives and ease burdens.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

-  Through your congregation
-  Text JOY to 20222 to give \$10
-  presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy



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A GIFT RECEIVED.

Honor the wondrous gift to the world with a gift of your own. Please support the Christmas Joy Offering.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

THE GIFT OF OPPORTUNITY



Mariposa Duran came into the world under difficult circumstances. Her mother was unable to care for her and as a baby Mariposa was adopted by her grandmother. Her grandmother made a promise to God that she would care for Mariposa and raise her with positive values and opportunities.

As middle school approached, one such opportunity appeared—the chance to attend Menaul School, one of the Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges supported by the Christmas Joy Offering.

Thanks in part to the Christmas Joy Offering, Mariposa can take advantage of all that Menaul School has to offer—studying, playing sports, and dreaming of what she wants to do for a career (she'd like to be a family court judge).

Menaul School also provides a richer experience for Mariposa. She explores her faith and is part of a multicultural student body where she learns much about diversity and inclusion. The Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges supported by the Christmas Joy Offering also prepare students like Mariposa for college. Mariposa is looking to a future where she can apply the lessons of her faith in service to others.

When asked about what other students would think if they had the change to attend Menaul School, Mariposa says, “There’s diversity like they have never experienced in any other school. Overall, it’s wonderful.”

Your gift to the Christmas Joy Offering supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges where students like Mari learn to lead with faith in their lives and work.

DID YOU KNOW...



- One of the best **predictors of college readiness is academic achievement by 8th grade.**¹



- The number of **jobs requiring postsecondary education has doubled** over the last 40 years.²



- People who hold a **bachelor's degree earn 65% more** over the course of their working lives than high school graduates.³ They are also **twice as likely to be employed.**⁴
- College **graduation rates** for Latino, Native American, and African American students have **improved** in the last decade.⁵ But there is still a **14% gap between white and minority students'** graduation rates.⁵

About the institutions supported by the Christmas Joy Offering



Menaul School

- Day and boarding school for grades 6-12
- Offers individualized attention with a student-teacher ratio of just 9:1



Stillman College

- Liberal arts college with rich history of excellence
- 84% of faculty hold terminal degrees



Presbyterian Pan American School

- International college-preparatory boarding school
- 100% of students are accepted into colleges or universities



“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” —Matthew 2:6



Help give young people the opportunity to learn while growing their faith and leadership skills at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. **Please give generously.**