

Water gives and sustains life. For thousands of years, people have come together and built community around their water sources. It's in this spirit that the [Overflowing Generosity](#) activity acts as a community-building experience for your congregation or small group. By gifting water-related items in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, your community can come together to provide access to clean, safe, and life-giving water for those who need it.

MAKE A PLAN WITH DATES AND GOALS.

- Decide when you would like to start and wrap up the [Overflowing Generosity](#) activity. This activity was created for use during Advent, Lent, and/or Vacation Bible School, to support an alternative giving fair, and during other special days of the year that your church may want to promote a message of clean water, such as World Water Day or Earth Day. The activity can be used at a specific event, for a week-long VBS, or any other timeframe up to a month.
- Order the Activation Kit by calling 800-524-2612 (item 12112-16-975)—everything you need is included.
- Set a challenging, but not unrealistic goal for your members to hit through a collective effort. Depending on enthusiasm and ongoing totals, consider bumping up the goal if the congregation has met or exceeded your preliminary goal.
- Create a “commitment form” (great for tracking progress and record-keeping) where you can collect information about who gave what items, with dates and amounts of each gift.

ENCOURAGE GENEROSITY AND INVOLVEMENT!

- Hang the activity poster in a prominent area, and set the sticker cards, catalogs, a receptacle for checks, and the commitment form you created (with pen) close by.
- Announce the [Overflowing Generosity](#) activity with your established goal during a Sunday service, explaining the steps for participating and how to make a gift:

Participation Instructions for Your Church

- » **Select a desired gift** (Jerry Cans, Rainwater Catchment System, Garden Well share, or another gift of their choosing), and pick up one of the corresponding sticker cards.
- » **Make your gift in one of the following ways:**
 - Online through presbyteriangifts.org
 - Write a check through the church
 - Pledge to make the gift after church (online or through the printed catalog)
- » *To help with goal tracking, include your name, gift, and chosen way of making the gift on the commitment form.*
- » **Place your gift sticker** (from the sticker card) on the [Overflowing Generosity](#) poster once the gift or commitment has been made. Stickers should be arranged to create a sloshing stream that falls onto the dry earth.
- » **Wear the second sticker** on your shirt or jacket to express your joy in giving, and to encourage friends and family to participate.

- Announce the activity in your e-newsletter, including language we've provided below, the listed participation steps, and your congregation's goal. Make sure to add details about the specifics of when and how the activity will be taking place.

Example Newsletter Copy

We're excited to announce our church's participation in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog's *Overflowing Generosity* activity during (identify dates or month). To celebrate how water has been bringing people together for centuries, we'll be taking this opportunity to come together in providing clean water for those in need throughout the world. We'll be hanging the activity poster in the (identify location), with sticker cards placed nearby.

- Provide progress updates to your congregation every Sunday. At this time, remind them of the ways lives are changed by the gift of clean, plentiful water, and encourage continued participation. (For a water-related Story of Impact, find *Quenching a Thirst for Health and Equality* at specialofferings.pcusa.org/pgcimpact.)
- Capture photos (groups or individuals) of participants beside the *Overflowing Generosity* poster, and post these images to Facebook - both your church's page and the Special Offerings page.
- Email us at specialofferings@pcusa.org if you run out of sticker cards or need a second poster.

SHARE THE GIFTS AND EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE.

- If you are collecting individual gifts from donors with the intention of writing a collective check from your church, print the downloadable order form found at presbyteriangifts.org/orderform.
 - » Send this form and your check to:
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PO Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
- Alternatively, collective gifts can also be processed via presbyteriangifts.org with a credit card; be sure to include your congregation name.
- After the activity is over, share the collective amount given with your congregation and pass along our humble gratitude.

**Thank you for your help
in making this activity a success!**

