



Igniting a Movement: ENGAGED IN GOD'S MISSION

Together let us be carried by the strong wind of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the gracious love of Jesus Christ, who redeems us for community with God, with one another and with all creatures.

Come,
you that are
blessed...

Matthew 25:34b

MISSION ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

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On the cover:
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*Prayer at the border wall during worship with
The Border Church.*
Credit: Kristi Van Nostrand

"Lord, when did we see you ... ?"

Matthew 25:37 (NIV)



The Rev. Billy Song prays with the homeless encampment ministry team.

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Becoming a Matthew 25 Church

JOIN US IN MEETING JESUS CHRIST IN GOD'S MISSION.

"... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Matthew 25:35–40

Dear Friend in Christ and Colleague in Ministry,

As we look toward a new year, the changing seasons remind us of the hope that is ours every day in Christ Jesus. It is a hope that is sorely needed, given the trials we have just come through in a year tainted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the rise of racial unrest. And yet, through it all, God is at work in and through you, who have been faithful and generous with your gifts, for which we give thanks.

As you prayerfully consider your congregation's financial commitments for 2022, we once again ask for your support for Per Capita, Shared Mission efforts and the four Special Offerings. Every dollar you give supports ongoing ministries at every level of the Church as well as innovations and emergencies.

In the following pages, you will see how your gifts are used to declare the good news of the gospel with those who are marginalized by oppressive systems and unfair and unjust practices. Now is not a time to hold back, but rather to see and respond to Matthew 25, providing food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, a welcome for the refugee, a safe space for victims of violence, a new life for those incarcerated and so much more. All of this happens because of your financial gifts, prayers and the work of the Holy Spirit, who unites us as one body that seeks:

To be the church our faith evokes.

Your unrestricted, Shared Mission gift makes mission possible as it is used for important, emerging and innovative ministries such as making disciples of Jesus Christ, developing new worshiping communities, and strengthening the witness and work of local congregations in diverse settings.

To create a church where the love, justice and mercy of Christ is evident.

Your gifts to our four Special Offerings unite us in following the words of Jesus in Matthew 25, helping us to eradicate systemic poverty, dismantle structural racism and foster vital congregations that can spread the Kin-dom of God to the far corners of the earth.

To be the church that our tradition claims.

Your Per Capita offering provides the means for us to meet as a General Assembly to strengthen the connections of our work, advocate for just policies that align with the gospel, and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry.

We are the Church together, engaging Presbyterians in work that changes and saves lives. We do this with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, and with a commitment to equity as people who want to make a difference in shared, effective, life-changing ministry. Together we believe that God calls us to act boldly and compassionately so that faith comes alive and the world awakens to new possibilities.

As you prayerfully consider your congregation's commitment to mission and your financial commitments for 2022, we ask for your support for Per Capita, Shared Mission efforts and the four Special Offerings.

Thank you for your ministry, your prayers and your financial gifts.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Herbert Nelson, II".

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Moffett".

Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett
President and Executive Director
Presbyterian Mission Agency

To Be the Church That Our Tradition Claims

PER CAPITA

Per Capita is “the tie that binds” — annual giving that unites the entire Church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly and the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Per Capita tradition originated in the denomination’s earliest days, when the Assembly met annually in Philadelphia. As the Church and, with it, the site for its annual meeting expanded into new territories, commissioners began to require help meeting their expenses. To address their need, the Assembly developed the “Commissioner Travel Expense Fund,” which eventually became known as Per Capita, the category of giving that benefits every congregation and mid council ministry and supports a portion of work of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. In 2021 and 2022, the per member assessment, set by the General Assembly for their share of support, is \$8.98.

ENTER INTO THE JOY
OF YOUR LORD

Matthew 25:23

Per Capita provides the Office of the General Assembly with the financial means to strengthen the connections of our work and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God’s love through mission and ministry.

Planning, Administering and Staffing

- General Assembly
- National gatherings of Church leaders
- Church Leadership Connection
- National committees and commissions for the governance of the whole Church
- “Hands and Feet” — coordinating mission teams and other resources to make a lasting difference in the lives of host communities for the biennial General Assembly
- Publishing and distributing the Book of Order and the Book of Confessions
- Maintaining judicial services

Partnering

- with mid councils for leadership training and programs
- with ecumenical bodies worldwide, including the National Council of Churches of Christ, the World Council

of Churches and the World Communion of Reformed Churches

Educating, Advising and Witnessing

- To identify and develop leadership for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- on behalf of the Church on social issues, to promote Christian unity, and to extend the Church’s work for peace and justice far beyond what we can do ourselves
- on issues of inclusion and representation across the Church
- on issues related to immigration
- to build relationships and strengthen bonds across communities

Supporting the administration of mission of the Church through the Presbyterian Mission Agency

Supporting and maintaining the Presbyterian Historical Society

Per Capita

To learn more, go to oga.pcusa.org/percapi

Per Capita is the quintessential way Presbyterians continue our mission and ministry in the world!

Rev. Wilson M. Kennedy



Anyone who has ever crossed a bridge hopes the footings are secure and stable enough to hold them and not collapse. That's what Per Capita is like for the Church — the physical foundation underneath us to hold up all our common work and the plans we carry for the future. No matter how big or small our part, we all deserve to make it across. The more diverse we intend to be, the more secure that foundation needs to be to sustain the full participation of a greater variety of people, experiences and ministries.

Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart

Co-Moderator of the PC(USA) General Assembly and Synod Executive
Synod of Lakes and Prairies, Eagan, Minnesota



We give Per Capita because we believe that we are stronger together. We give Per Capita because we understand that Christ calls us all to work of ministry; therefore, we support one another and trust one another with the proper funds to do our work with glad and generous hearts. We give Per Capita so that the work of Reformation might continue through our hands and feet.

Rev. Wilson M. Kennedy

Covenant Pastor for Discipleship
First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia

In the Synod of the Northeast, Per Capita dollars support the biennial leadership event "Come to the Table." The event focuses on ministry innovation, storytelling and building networks. Participants leave the event inspired and return to their home presbyteries resourced and ready to try new things.

Rev. Dr. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley

Transitional Synod Leader
Synod of the Northeast
Syracuse, New York

Per Capita is the oil for the machine of the church that allows us to meet together as we continue to strengthen old ways and find new ways to bring hope in the name of Jesus.

Rev. Susan D. Krummel

Executive Presbyter
Chicago Presbytery, Chicago

504

commissioners to the
224th General Assembly
representing 1,371,921
Presbyterians

82

the age of the oldest
commissioner; 17: the age
of the youngest Young Adult
Advisory Delegate

60

the number of mid councils
visited by the Co-Moderators
of the 223rd General Assembly
during their two years

Igniting Innovative and Essential Ministry

SHARED MISSION SUPPORT

COME,
YOU THAT ARE
BLESSED...

Matthew 25:34b

Come! God is calling us to be a Matthew 25 people. Our nation and the nations of the world will be judged by our response to those who are pressed to the edge of their humanity by unjust and unrighteous systems.

Come! As we reflect on the year of devastation caused by COVID-19 and the rise of white supremacy and racism that the pandemic has exposed, it is high time for us as people of faith to make clear the spiritual, moral and ethical principles of Christ. It is past time for us to bear down on our call to be a Matthew 25 church — to dismantle structural racism, eradicate systemic poverty and build congregational vitality.

The Matthew 25 vision of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) began with an overture to the 222nd General Assembly (2016), which challenged the PC(USA) to embrace Jesus' call in Matthew 25:31–46 to take our living faith into our communities and the world. The 223rd General Assembly (2018) reaffirmed this commitment, further calling us to live out true discipleship by acting boldly, compassionately and fearlessly serving people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. Since that time, we have accepted the charge, begun the work and now seek to further devote ourselves to God's people with the compassion, love and justice of Jesus Christ.

We are the Church, together living out the call of Christ in Matthew 25 in local, regional, national and international ways. Your gifts to Shared Mission, given without restrictions, allow for the Church's timely response when and where it is needed most. Because these funds are fully flexible, every dollar contributed to Shared Mission support undergirds the Matthew 25 vision, allows support for all ministries, and fosters

innovation at every level of the Church to serve needs that arise suddenly — in times of pandemic, injustice and disaster.

Since our earliest days as a denomination, we have joined together in support of the mission of the whole Church. As Presbyterians, we live and engage in ministry as members of a connectional system, professing by our actions — and with our gifts — that we can accomplish far more together than any one of us can do alone.

Come! Embrace the call of Matthew 25! And let us offer our gifts to Shared Mission, empowering the Church to further the love and justice of Christ and spread the good news of the Kin-dom of God to the farthest corners of the earth.



To learn more, go to
presbyterianmission.org/sharedmission



ALIKA GALLOWAY

880

Matthew 25
congregations
and groups

68

Matthew 25
presbyteries

9

Matthew 25
synods

74

mission
co-workers in
80 countries

260

staff devoted to
mission in partnerships
connecting more than
100 countries

In order to encourage stewardship, our presbytery each year sends a contribution to the Presbyterian Mission Agency. We have a long and proud history of general mission support.

Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes

Executive Presbyter, The Presbytery of Donegal, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

I have a friend who's known to say, "All of us is a whole lot smarter than one of us." When it comes to Shared Mission, all of us is a whole lot stronger together than any single one of us. Your dollars combined with mine, your presbytery's dollars combined with ours, can go so much further to advance the Matthew 25 mission to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty across our country and around the world. Together we can go places and serve people that we could never serve alone. I hope you'll join Mission Presbytery in giving to Shared Mission.

Rev. Dr. Sallie Sampsell Watson

General Presbyter, Mission Presbytery, San Antonio, Texas

Matthew 25 undergirds and supports our affirmation of Shared Mission as one of the primary reasons for the Church's existence. I was a young Christian when the Confession of '67 was adopted and added to our confessional heritage. It spoke to that particular era of the civil rights movement and the call to eradicate racism, injustice of every kind, violence, and hunger and poverty. This is just as relevant to the Church's marching orders today as it was back then. It was a clear call to the Church to partner with God's mission to change the world.

Rev. Dr. Donnie R. Woods

General Presbyter, Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, Charleston, South Carolina

To Create a Church Where the Love, Justice and Mercy of Christ is Evident

SPECIAL OFFERINGS



LAURIE MACGREGOR



BLACK WOMEN'S BLUEPRINT



DAVID P. YOUNG

The Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) bring the whole Church together to embody Matthew 25 through the Spirit-inspired stories and gifts that place us in partnership with those who have least.

The four Offerings unite us in the mission of sharing God's love, peace and generosity with those in greatest need around our local communities, our nation and our world.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.



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



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS



ADAMS

THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING enables the Church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice wherever they occur.

 **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



PRESBYTERIAN PAN AMERICAN SCHOOL

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING provides assistance to current and retired Church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

 **CHRISTMAS JOY**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



Let's Go Four for Four

By participating in all the Special Offerings, Four for Four congregations declare their commitment to causes that Presbyterians care deeply about and touch every phase of life.



WE GO
FOUR
FOR
FOUR

Learn more at
specialofferings.pcusa.org

873

Four for Four
Congregations

4,612

Congregations giving
to at least one of the four
Special Offerings

PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG

If you have a cause that is close to your heart, you can find a way to help in the Giving Catalog.

Explore a wide variety of gifts that provide real and positive impact around the world — including aid for refugees, access to clean water and helping to end hunger.

The purchase and distribution of animals, the building of wells to provide life-giving clean water to entire communities, funds to support community gardens, fishing equipment, heating fuel for refugees and many more options are among the many ways your gift is filling a basic human need.

The Giving Catalog facilitates something very special and life-changing. Your gifts are making an impact and providing hope to those here in our nation and around the globe.

PRESBYTERIAN
GIVING CATALOG

To learn more, go to presbyteriangifts.org



DAN TURK/MISSION CO-WORKER
PAUL JEFFREY/ACT



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13,540

links added
to the virtual
Links of Love
paper chain
during
2020

The Presbyterian Giving Catalog's activity, Links of Love, is helping the whole Church come together and see the power of our shared ministry.

People across the country are connecting their generous actions, together, and reaching out to join with one another and people in need all over the world. Each decision to give results in a virtual paper link joining with others in an illustration of how we are connected.

Visit presbyteriangifts.org/links-of-love and order your free Links of Love activity kit.

Give a link virtually at linksoflove.gives.

I WAS HUNGRY
AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD.

I WAS THIRSTY
AND YOU GAVE ME
SOMETHING TO DRINK.

I WAS A STRANGER
AND YOU WELCOMED ME.

I WAS NAKED AND
YOU GAVE ME CLOTHING.

I WAS SICK AND
YOU TOOK CARE OF ME.

I WAS IN PRISON
AND YOU VISITED ME.

Matthew 25:35–36

Engaging for Generous Giving

JOIN US IN MEETING JESUS CHRIST IN GOD'S MISSION.

Mathew 25 shows us where we find Jesus in the world — in our relationships with those who have least. Your financial support of Presbyterian Mission is one way we live out our call to become a Matthew 25 Church, together, by partnering with impacted communities throughout the Church and in the world, to eradicate systemic poverty, dismantle structural racism and foster congregational vitality.

WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER.



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MISSION ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT, or any of our giving programs, please contact the Mission Engagement Advisor serving your region. Not sure what region you are in? Find a map and learn more about our team at presbyterianmission.org/who-we-are/gifts-financial-support/our-team.



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MISSION ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

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Walking with you

Your congregation, your ministry, your church — these are central to your life and your community. We understand, and we can help. You can turn to us when you have questions about the viability of your ministry, or want help with stewardship — or when you have any other financial questions. You can receive help and advice from our experienced, professional field staff. Reach out to us — and we'll be here to walk with you.

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