

First Presbyterian Church
2020-2021 Presbyterian Woman Website Information
Other Special Mission Supported Projects

[Circles](#)

- **High School Graduates Assigned to Circles**

Each year the Local Missions Communicator obtains the names of all recent FPC high school graduates from the Director of Youth and Christian Education and assigns recent graduates to Circles. The purpose for this outreach is to let the recent graduates know their church family loves them, is praying for them and is supporting them as they start a new journey in life. Circles identify ways to maintain contact with recent graduates throughout the year such as send cards and circle gifts (e.g., food coupons or other types of gift card).

- **At Home Members**

Each year FPC At Home members from the congregation are assigned to Circles for special remembrances throughout the year. Circle members are encouraged to reach out monthly to their At Home members with cards, visits, and special remembrances.

- **2020-2021 CIRCLE SERVICE PROJECTS**

Each Circle is encouraged to **select one to three projects** to support during the year using the PW approved project list. Circles report chosen projects to the Together in Service Communicator. Projects are grouped by their affiliation with First Presbyterian Church and the community. These projects have been approved by the FPC Mission Committee and Session. If your circle members wish to support a project that is not already supported by our church or not listed on the project list, please bring your request to a PW Coordinating Team meeting. Click this link for additional information on PW Approved Project List.

[**View 2020-2021 Circle Service Projects Descriptions »**](#)

[**PW Sponsored Special Giving Projects for the Congregation**](#)

- **PW Christmas Special Giving Project**

The PW Coordinating Team selected **Pride for Parents** as the recipient of the 2020 PW Christmas Giving Special Project. Collection boxes and donation lists can be found in the Edge Lobby. Financial contributions and gift cards are also accepted.

[**More Information About PW Christmas Giving Special Project »**](#)

- **Pride for Parents Christmas Store** – Provides low-income parents in need of financial assistance a way to purchase unwrapped new and very gently used gifts for children of all ages.

- **PW Sponsored Congregational Meals**

Presbyterian Women sponsors Congregational Meals periodically as a method of congregational engagement and special recognition.

- **PW Honorary Life Membership Recognition**

PW PCUSA Offerings

- **The Thank Offering and Birthday Offering** are now included in our PW budget. Offering envelopes for individuals will not be distributed through Circles. If interested, individuals may make donations through FPC PW designated for the offering.

- **Thank Offering**

The Thank Offering is a PW offering collected in the fall of each year that gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. No giving guidelines are suggested other than “give as you are blessed.”

The Thank Offering funds projects such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women’s concerns. At least 40 percent of this offering supports health ministries throughout the world. The remaining 60 percent funds new creative ideas for mission.

The Thank Offering is one of Presbyterian Women’s two offerings. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40 percent of the offering funds health ministries. The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women reviewed 49 Thank Offering applications and selected 15 projects for funding this year. Thirteen of the projects serve people in the United States and two are international. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries. Follow this link to learn more about the recipients which include Faith 4 Justice in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

- **2020 Thank Offering Recipients**

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NATIONAL

Synod of the Covenant

Presbytery of Cincinnati

Contact Center

Health Care Empowerment Project

\$15,000

www.contactcentercincinnati.com

The Contact Center has an overall mission to organize low and moderate-income people to work for positive social change. This project focuses on training women to be key advocates for beneficial Medicaid policies in Ohio. The Thank Offering grant will support monthly meetings to organize and train 20 to 30 women leaders.

Synod of Lakes and Prairies

Presbytery of South Dakota

All About U Adoptions, Inc.

Nevaeh House: A little piece of heaven

\$50,000

www.aauadoptions.org

About U Adoptions works with expectant mothers who struggle to secure housing due to lack of proper identification, poor credit, no positive rental history and lack of income. The Thank Offering grant will help purchase a home to provide welcoming, safe and healthy transitional housing for expectant mothers as well as counseling and adoption planning.

Synod of Living Waters

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

Lifeshouse Maternity Home

Kitchen Renovation

\$27,000

www.lifeshouselouisville.org

The residents of Lifeshouse often arrive with little understanding of cooking or how their own food choices affect their unborn children. This grant will help expand a kitchen to allow space for hands-on cooking classes, daily meal preparation and lessons on essential nutrition, thus improving the mothers' health and further equipping them for independent living.

Synod of Mid-Atlantic

National Capital Presbytery

Crossroads Community Food Network

Community Kitchen Enhancements

\$25,000

www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org

This community kitchen is a haven for local food production and education. Women who are eager to start a food business receive one-on-one technical assistance, affordable rental space and support to grow their endeavors. This project will expand and enhance the kitchen for these primarily low-income and immigrant entrepreneurs.

Synod of Mid-Atlantic

Presbytery of Western North Carolina

Faith 4 Justice

Trauma-informed Ministry

\$20,000

www.faith4justiceasheville.org

Faith 4 Justice is a bridge between local faith leaders and Black and Latinx community leaders who are committed to racial equity and healing through monthly meetings, trauma-informed materials and discussions led by those directly impacted by racism. The Thank Offering grant will support training for leadership development, community organizing and raising public awareness.

Synod of the Northeast

Presbytery of Geneva

Family Promise of Wayne County, N.Y., Inc.

Day Resource Center Renovations

\$22,500

<http://fpwayne.org>

Through community-based efforts, Family Promise helps families affected by homelessness to gain employment and sustainable housing. Local congregations shelter clients in church buildings, provide meals and assist with social services. This grant will help renovate a building for use as a day resource center and emergency overnight facility.

Synod of the Pacific

Presbytery of Nevada

Northern Nevada Dream Center

Reach the Hungry

\$25,000

<https://nndreamcenter.org>

With the purchase of a 14-foot box truck, the Thank Offering grant will help provide healthy meals to individuals and families by bringing food directly to outlying localities and neighborhoods where food pantries are not available. By serving these communities more efficiently, Reach the Hungry can increase the number of persons they serve.

Synod of South Atlantic

Presbytery of Tampa Bay

Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center

Setting a Place for All

\$27,000

<https://cedarkirk.org>

Cedarkirk is working to provide more accessible facilities to older adults and people with disabilities. This grant will help construct a fully accessible dining facility, build a new welcome center and administration space, add an additional cottage to increase adult accommodations, and repurpose the current dining hall for new meeting space.

Synod of Southern California and Hawaii

Presbytery of the Pacific

Critical Mass Dance Company (CMDC)

Dance Empowerment Programs

\$12,500

www.criticalmassdancecompany.org

Since 2010, CMDC has taught Dance from the Heart, a trauma-informed, free-form movement practice to over 1,500 low-income girls and women. This form of healing movement helps people get “unstuck” and travel forward in their lives with greater grace, ease, joy and support. This grant will support training events for local dance teachers to learn how to utilize Dance from the Heart with their own students.

Synod of the Southwest

Presbytery of Santa Fe
Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe
Team Refugee Youth
\$9,000

www.ccasfnm.org

In Albuquerque, many recently resettled refugee middle and high school students experience poor school attendance and academic performance. This grant will help build programs that provide learning helps for refugee youth and equip parents to guide and advocate for their children.

Synod of the Sun

Cimarron Presbytery
Stillwater Domestic Violence Services, Inc.
Shelter the Children
\$5,000

<https://wingsofhopeok.com>

This grant will support a new initiative to reduce adverse childhood experiences related to violence seen by children in Oklahoma. Art and sports programs will be provided free to children living in the shelter while their moms are looking for work or dealing with legal issues.

Synod of the Sun

Presbytery of Arkansas
Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center
Transportation for Disaster Kits
\$30,000

<https://ferncliff.org>

Many churches make disaster kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance but there are no collection depots in 12 southern states. Ferncliff is expanding the program by finding churches to serve as depots. The Thank Offering grant will be used to purchase a box truck for picking up disaster kits from these new depots in the south, thus helping eliminate shipping costs, raise visibility and grow this hands-on mission program.

Synod of the Trinity

The Presbytery of Donegal
Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
Community Healing Circle
\$5,000

www.dvcccpa.org

First-person storytelling should be at the forefront of any healing process. Community healing circles provide a safe space for those impacted by domestic violence to share their stories, hear the group's collective wisdom, learn to take control of their narratives and rewrite their own stories. The grant will support facilitator and childcare fees as well as healing circle supplies.

INTERNATIONAL

Democratic Republic of Congo

Association of Presbyterian Women of Kinshasa—West Synod

Complete the Women's Centre and Training of Women

\$14,813

The Women's Centre in Kinshasa has a goal to enhance the training of women so they can learn to assess local needs, find substantial solutions, and help transform churches and presbyteries of their synod. The Thank Offering grant will provide for the completion of this ongoing building project and offer a place for women to gather and receive leadership training.

Ethiopia

Gidada Theological College

Construction of Girls' Dormitory

\$43,650

Gidada Theological College recognizes that educating women is key to development for the whole society. Their goal is to strengthen the quality of their education programs for everyone by increasing the number of women students. Thank Offering funds will be used for the construction of a dormitory for female theological students in Dembi-Dollo.

[More Information »](#)

- **Birthday Offering**

The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. The recipients are selected before the offering is received, so grant amounts depend on the gifts received.

The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects. These projects are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

- **2020 Birthday Offering Recipients**

[Watch Promotional Video on the PW YouTube channel »](#)

Center for Social Assistance to the Disabled, Family, and Children —PREOBRAZHENIYE

Assisted Living Facility, Davydovo, Russia

In Russia, facilities for adults with disabilities are state nursing homes that are inadequate to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of their patients. The goal for PREOBRAZHENIYE is to

create a Christian model of housing and community. The Birthday Offering grant will help construct a new home that provides suitable living conditions, constant medical support, and an environment in which the residents can realize their rights to freedom of religion and work.

GAP Ministries of Augusta, Georgia

Expand Access and Service Space, Northeast Georgia Presbytery

For 40 years GAP Ministries has served a community on the margins of society, helping with food, clothing, toiletries, prescription assistance, photo IDs and storage bins for homeless persons. By renovating the second floor of their historic church building and adding an elevator, GAP can address other needs such as a Saturday service for the working poor, expanded health assistance and meeting spaces for partner ministries.

Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center in Payson, Arizona

Childcare and Prekindergarten Facility, Presbytery of the Grand Canyon

Established in 1979, the Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center provides daycare and prekindergarten programs for children in Payson, Arizona; the Tonto Apache Tribe; and neighboring communities. The center currently uses two historic buildings and a modular structure that is small and not well suited for child care. This grant will help build a modern facility that will increase the number of children served and provide infant care that is currently not available in Payson.

Liberty Community Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota

Northside Healing Space Expansion, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

The Northside Healing Space is part of Liberty Community Church, the first and only African American-led Presbyterian congregation in Minnesota. This community-driven “healing homeplace” provides supportive housing, workforce development, access to healthy food, K–12 school initiatives, and care for survivors of trauma and commercial sexual exploitation. The Birthday Offering grant will help renovate their historic building and expand programming based on the expressed needs of the community.

[Click here](#) to see the promotional video on the Presbyterian Women YouTube channel

Applying for a Birthday Offering Grant

Grant requests come from a variety of national and international sources, such as PC(USA) governing bodies, health agencies, overseas churches, ecumenical councils, community groups, educational institutions, and church-related groups.

Please note: The COVID-19 pandemic has not affected the Birthday Offering application process. The deadline for submission remains May 15, and materials should be sent to the PW offices in Louisville, KY, as directed in the application packet.

Projects must meet the [criteria outlined in the grant application](#).

PW Budget

Presbyterian Women supports a variety of FPC approved mission projects as an organization as well as through individual Circles. In 2020-2021, Presbyterian Women, as an organization, supports the following missions as a part of its budget.

- FPC Congregational Scholarship Fund
- [FPC Friendship Fund »](#)

- FPC Kate Sprunt Library
- FPC Prayer Shawl Ministry
- [PW of New Hope Presbytery »](#)
- [Turks PC\(USA\) Missionaries »](#)
- Birthday Offering PW PC(USA)
- Thank Offering PW PC(USA)