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Other Special Mission Supported Projects

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 2021 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**

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 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 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.

- **2021 Thank Offering Recipients** The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women reviewed 29 Thank Offering applications and selected 12 projects for funding this year. Nine of the projects serve people in the United States and three are international.

National

- **Synod of Alaska-Northwest: Presbytery of Olympia**
Hagar's Community Church
Tacoma, WA
\$50,000
hagarscommunitychurch.com
Established in 2019, this new church development is planted inside the Washington Corrections Center for Women. The Thank Offering grant will help support incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women through Bible study, worship, pastoral care and prayer groups. This ministry seeks to empower women so they may seek their own spiritual connection to God, walk a path of healing, experience fellowship in a community of faith and learn a new sense of belonging in and out of the corrections center.
- **Synod of Living Waters: Holston Presbytery**
Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.
Nature Preschool
Banner Elk, NC
\$10,000
holstoncenter.org
Avery County, North Carolina, is an area whose residents have a significant need for preschool and after-school programming. The rural, mountainous region offers few job opportunities beside the seasonal work for tourists. Therefore, many families are forced to find work "off the mountain," which requires them to find suitable childcare. The Thank Offering grant will help provide working families with a quality and affordable option for their children. The Nature Preschool offers young ones transformational experiences of education, outdoor recreation, and spiritual refreshment.
- **Synod of Mid-Atlantic: Presbytery of Charlotte**
Cooperative Christian Ministries
Operation Desert Drop
Concord, NC
\$12,000
cooperativeministry.com
Cooperative Christian Ministry helps move people from crisis to restoration by relieving hunger, keeping families together, addressing homelessness, teaching perseverance and restoring hope. Meeting their needs has become especially critical as countless families face food insecurity due to the pandemic. The Thank Offering grant will support Operation Desert Drop's food desert outreach program that delivers food to families who lack reliable transportation and reside in high-need neighborhoods.

- **Synod of Mid-Atlantic: Salem Presbytery**
 Springwood Presbyterian Church
 Kitchen Renovation
 Whitsett, NC
 \$50,000
springwoodchurch.org
 Since their charter in 1868, the women of Springwood Presbyterian Church have engaged in a wide variety of mission activities. Today the women support outreach programs through Peacehaven Farm, a program for developmentally delayed adults, and their church playschool for preschoolers. With this much-needed kitchen renovation, the women can cook healthy snacks and meals for these adults and children as well as prepare family food boxes for hungry neighbors, provide large community dinners and maintain their supply of frozen meals for emergencies.
- **Synod of South Atlantic: Presbytery of Central Florida**
 Habitat for Humanity
 Homeownership Mentoring
 Orlando, FL
 \$5,000
habitorlandoosceola.org
 As the demand for affordable homes increases due to the economic impact of the pandemic, more families need help and encouragement to prepare them for homeownership. The Thank Offering grant will provide mentoring to 100 households in Greater Orlando and Osceola County, offering a rare opportunity for families to receive individual guidance to reduce debt, save money and improve their credit scores to become eligible to purchase a home.
- **Synod of South Atlantic: Presbytery of Greater Atlanta**
 Hope Harbor Ministries
 Appliances for New Hope Harbor Facility
 Warm Springs, GA
 \$20,000
hopeharbarga.org
 This one-year, residential program serves women who struggle with the destructive forces of addiction. A space for learning, gathering, and fundraising, the kitchen is particularly important for the residents. Each year they host a bake sale to purchase holiday gifts for their children and families, allowing them a chance to give back and mend broken relationships. The Thank Offering will purchase kitchen appliances for a new building to continue serving women as they find freedom from addiction and experience the healing hope of Christ.
- **Synod of South Atlantic: Foothills Presbytery**
 Cancer Association of Anderson
 Cancer Patient Vehicle and Driver
 Anderson, SC
 \$42,360
cancerassociationanderson.org
 The Cancer Association of Anderson provides financial and emotional assistance to local patients who are battling cancer. Having a vehicle will be a game-changer, offering safe and reliable options to patients with no available transportation for their cancer treatment-related appointments. This grant will also provide for a compassionate and knowledgeable driver who can offer a caring presence as well as assist patients with special needs.

- **Synod of the Southwest: Presbytery de Cristo**
 Frontera de Cristo
 Enhancing Skills of At-Risk Children and Parenting Skills of Adults
 Douglas, AZ, U.S.A., and and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico
 \$27,000
fronteradecristo.org
 This program will support families with students who are in danger of dropping out of school and need supplemental support in one of the most impoverished communities of Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. The Thank Offering grant will create a safe, educational space and implement a program to strengthen the children’s academic, social, emotional and spiritual development. Parents enrolled in the program will receive training in food cultivation, nutritious cooking and conflict resolution.
- **Synod of The Sun: Presbytery of South Louisiana**
 Child Advocacy Services
 Calming Corner and Sensory Center
 Hammond, LA
 \$7,350
childadv.net
 Children’s Advocacy Center works to reduce trauma in children who disclose abusive incidents that require law enforcement and children protective services to become involved. The Thank Offering grant will provide elements that enhance the center’s environment, including a sensory wall with interactive tools, calming corner, custom seating in the waiting area and color changing mood tiles used as a guide through the center. The more engaging the atmosphere is for children, the more comfortable they feel in sharing their stories and beginning the process of recovery and healing.

International

- **BELIZE**
Synod of the Covenant: Presbytery of Lake Michigan
 First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven
 Sunday School and Day Care Center for Koinonia Ministries
 Orange Walk, Belize
 \$15,600
fpgh.org
 Koinonia Ministries has a mission to train and equip childcare workers to proclaim the love of God to new generations. In Belize, a single parent earns \$75 to \$90 per week but they must pay \$35 per week for childcare. The Thank Offering grant will help complete a new building for a Sunday school that serves 125 children per week and a cost-free day care center that serves 50 children of single parents.
- **GUATEMALA**
Synod of Alaska-Northwest: Presbytery of the Inland Northwest
 Puerta Abierta (Open Door)
 Libros Abiertos (Open Books)
 Santiago, Guatemala
 \$50,000
atitlanabierta.com
 The Thank Offering grant will provide funding to reach 3,200 students through intensive support, training and professional development for Guatemalan teachers. This will

increase reading literacy and educational success for mostly indigenous children living in areas where schools do not have books and resources. The program will also provide professional development opportunities for teachers across Guatemala, and will help build local leadership, facilitate onsite programs, and grow new teaching and learning sites.

- **ZAMBIA**

- **Church of Central Africa Presbyterian – Synod of Zambia**

- **Chasefu Presbytery**

- Chasefu Theological College

- Female Hostel Construction

- Chasefu, Zambia

- \$45,000

- ccapzambia.org

- The CCAP Synod of Zambia has many trained pastors but very few are women. Additionally, 12 of the synod's 15 presbyteries are in rural areas where subsistence farming is the primary means of survival. The college has plans to train 24 female farmers each year, as well as increasing female pastoral students from one to five. The Thank Offering grant will help build a women's hostel since current housing is available only to male students. The college administration hopes that with the new accommodations, more women will seek training, become leaders and help support fellow women, communities and families.

- [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.

- **2021 Birthday Offering Recipients**

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

- **Garden Gate Ranch, Inc.**

- [Education Center Renovation, Des Moines, Iowa](#)

- Garden Gate Ranch is a Christian organization that provides safe housing and restorative and transitional services for sexually-exploited women and their children. In the spring of 2020, Garden Gate Ranch opened a newly reconditioned home that was expected to reach full capacity within a few months. Garden Gate Ranch inhabits a large area and plans are in place to fully utilize this area to support women and their children. The Birthday Offering will assist Garden Gate Ranch in their mission by providing a separate education center for programming, therapeutic services and vocational rehabilitation.

- **Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc.**
Gymnasium Capital Improvements, Stone Mountain, Georgia
Located in the most diverse square mile in North America, Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc., a partnership between the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and six other churches, provides a welcoming environment for the vibrant ministries that call the Memorial Drive campus home. The Birthday Offering grant will provide a desperately needed roof to replace one that leaks onto the gymnasium floor where sewing, karate, dance, frisbee, badminton, basketball and other after-school activities take place. This costly but necessary fix will ensure that Memorial Drive Ministries can continue to provide a place of welcome to diverse worshipping communities and innovative community services.
- **Nkhoma Mission Hospital**
Women’s Health Center/OBGYN Theatre, Nkhoma, Malawi
The Nkhoma Mission Hospital in Nkhoma, Malawi (located in southeastern Africa) offers affordable, accessible healthcare services for all, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ. The Birthday Offering grant will provide funds to build an obstetrics and gynecology-specific operating room next to the existing prenatal and maternity wards. This new theater will help decrease delays and reduce maternal deaths caused by having to move patients a significant distance across the hospital’s grounds. This theater expansion will aid in the hospital’s goals of becoming more self-sustainable by expanding the surgical services that are offered and living into its vision of being a leader in quality, Christian healthcare and training in Malawi.
- **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 2021-2022, 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)