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## Other Special Mission Supported Projects

### 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 remaining 60 percent funds new creative ideas for mission. 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.

### 2022 Thank Offering Recipients

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women reviewed 24 Thank Offering applications and selected 10 projects for funding this year. Eight 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.

#### NATIONAL

- **Synod of the Covenant: Maumee Valley Presbytery**  
Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity Home Repair Ministry  
Stabilizing Homeownership in Marginalized Communities  
Maumee, OH  
\$30,000  
[mvhabitat.org](http://mvhabitat.org)

The Thank Offering grant will enable the purchase of materials such as siding, wood, paint, concrete reinforcements, doors and windows for home repair in three areas designated in the Neighborhood Stabilization Plan for the City of Toledo, Ohio. This program strategically focuses resources block by block to elevate home ownership, make critical health- and safety-related updates and support neighborhood beautification projects. The project's goal is to lift up marginalized neighborhoods so that residents want to live in the community, families find stability and seniors are able to age in their homes.

- **Synod of the Covenant: Presbytery of Miami Valley**

Presbyterian Women of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, OH  
Tornado Survivors' Pathway to Homeownership  
Dayton, OH  
\$13,000

[westminsterdayton.org](http://westminsterdayton.org)

In 2019, tornadoes struck central Ohio, destroying 1,500 homes—many of them subsidized rental units. Finding safe and affordable housing became a huge challenge, so a community-wide partnership was organized to provide homes for tornado-impacted families. Focusing on renters who are mortgage ready, this project helps build, rehabilitate and sell properties to first-time homeowners, creating an opportunity for them to live safely and to build equity. The Thank Offering grant will provide supplies for building and rehabbing homes, and due to the project's financial structure, these funds will continue into perpetuity. Once a tornado survivor purchases a home, the proceeds will support the next home that is built, providing even more access to affordable housing.

- **Synod of Living Waters: Presbytery of East Tennessee**

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Chattanooga Area  
Orchard Knob Collaborative  
Chattanooga, TN  
\$20,000

[habichatt.org](http://habichatt.org)

When families lack funds to cover their housing needs, they experience poor health outcomes and lower levels of engagement in the community. The Orchard Knob Collaborative (OKC) is committed to restoring and strengthening their neighborhood by using a long-range, inclusive approach to assist low-income households with home repair. The Thank Offering grant will purchase materials to alleviate health, life and safety issues, address code violations and increase energy efficiency. By making repairs and reducing exposure to lead paint, asbestos and allergens, residents will live in safer and more inviting homes that will lead to an improved quality of life.

- **Synod of Living Waters: Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley**

Presbyterian Home for Children  
Union Village Capital Campaign  
Talladega, AL  
\$50,000

[phfc.org](http://phfc.org)

Union Village is an innovative program by Presbyterian Home for Children, in partnership with the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, that turns unused farmland into much needed accessible, affordable and secure housing for adults with multiple disabilities. This supportive housing community empowers independent living and is one of the few programs designed for this vulnerable population in the United States. The Thank Offering grant will support construction of 16 tiny homes that provide special accommodations such as zero-step entry into the house and bathroom, and strategic placement of lighting and sensory-assist devices.

- **Synod of Mid-Atlantic: Presbytery of New Hope**

Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women

Women's Reentry Project (WRP)

Raleigh, NC

\$50,000

[ipmforwomen.org](http://ipmforwomen.org)

The Women's Reentry Project (WRP) helps women prepare for and navigate life after incarceration by developing tools to forge new and better lives. The WRP combines housing—which is a significant barrier to successful reentry—with wraparound social and vocational support. The Thank Offering grant will help fund three forms of subsidized housing: Bridge Housing upon release from prison; Stable Supportive Housing for 12-18 months; and Independent Housing, for those who continue in the program as nonresidents. Using gender-specific, trauma-informed, evidence-based services, this program helps women achieve stability, family reunification and independent living.

- **Synod of South Atlantic: Cherokee Presbytery**

Cancer Navigators, Inc.

Day & Overnight Transformations Retreats for Cancer Patients

Rome, GA

\$9,238

[cancernavigators.org](http://cancernavigators.org)

Cancer patients classified as low income must navigate many challenges beyond their illness. They often must choose between securing food or medicine, lack reliable transportation and worry about paying everyday bills. Cancer Navigators (CN) assists medical providers by guiding patients toward a better understanding of diagnosis and care while connecting them with needed services. The Thank Offering grant will provide retreats for 60 cancer patients who do not otherwise have resources to leave for a day. Through an escape from daily life and struggles, these retreats offer patients a rare opportunity to take time for themselves and receive helpful tips and information. By spending time away with other cancer patients, retreat participants witness they are not alone in their cancer journey.

- **Synod of the Sun: Mission Presbytery**

C.A.M.P. University

Commercial Kitchen Safety Update

McAllen, TX

\$12,370

[campuniversity.org](http://campuniversity.org)

C.A.M.P. University provides opportunities for adults with special needs to develop skills and interests that facilitate greater independence so they Can Achieve their Maximum Potential (C.A.M.P.). The Thank Offering grant will provide a safe, updated commercial gas range that will be used for teaching adults how to follow instructions, such as recipes, and how to use various kitchen appliances. By providing cooking lessons, clients will learn to safely participate in meal preparation and eventually cook their own lunches at the university as an alternative to bringing lunches from home.

- **Synod of the Trinity: Presbytery of Philadelphia**

Tree of Life Church PC(USA)

Our Community Cup Coffeehouse

Springfield, PA

\$7,000

[ourcommunitycup.com](http://ourcommunitycup.com)

When adults with intellectual disabilities and differences reach the age of 21, many supportive programs disappear. Our Community Cup Coffeehouse provides a space for adults with

disabilities, their families and caregivers to feel welcome and encouraged to grow in friendship, leadership and faith. Guests meet weekly to share a meal and participate in social activities like playing cards, coloring, singing with live music and participating in talent nights where jugglers, singers, comedians, poets, painters, fiber artists and dancers share their gifts. The Thank Offering grant will fund the use of the building, gifts for musicians, activity costs and food for a year. Since some regular funding was lost during the pandemic, this grant will allow the project to rebuild its financial infrastructure for the long term.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

- **Haiti**

- Synod of the South Atlantic: Presbytery of Tampa Bay**

- Village Partners International and Mombin Crochu Hospital

- Addressing Chronic and Recurrent Malnutrition

- Mombin Crochu, Haiti

- \$47,887

- [villagepartnersinternational.org](http://villagepartnersinternational.org)

- As earthquakes, drought, political instability and Covid-19 threaten local food supplies in Haiti, this project will help prevent deaths and address root causes of severe malnutrition for rural, exceptionally poor families in Mombin Crochu. The grant will address several areas: Increase interactions between children with severe malnutrition and clinical providers; educate physicians and nurses to support critically ill children; purchase equipment needed for severely malnourished children and create an emergency stockpile of supplies; provide educational events with communities and families; establish nurseries of Moringa oleifera and Liane panier, plants used as nutritional supplements, for families to cultivate in home gardens for personal consumption and income generation.

- **Lebanon**

- Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon:**

- National Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Rabieh, Lebanon**

- Contact and Resource Center (CRC)

- Enhancement of Women with Physical Challenges in Rural Areas

- Tanourine, Lebanon

- \$49,995

- [facebook.com/RabiehEvangelicalChurch](https://facebook.com/RabiehEvangelicalChurch)

- The Contact Resource Center (CRC) helps people with disabilities in Lebanon to retain their full human rights and to work towards becoming self-supporting. Rural families may leave their villages looking for safety and seeking work. With the Thank Offering grant, the CRC will equip physically challenged and low-income women with skills to generate income and remain in their own communities. Workshops will be offered to 60 women in 20 villages for sewing and quilting classes, meal sharing and worship. By empowering marginalized women, often considered as dependents for life, this training will offer them a means of independence and the opportunity to enjoy the respect and inclusion they deserve.

## **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. 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. The recipients are selected before the offering is received, so grant amounts depend on the gifts received.

## 2022 Birthday Offering Recipients

- **Mission at the Eastward (MATE)**

McCleary House Transitional Housing, Farmington, Maine

The Birthday Offering grant will help renovate McCleary House for people experiencing homelessness. Poverty has been increasing in Maine, with a growing number of vulnerable people losing their homes due to job loss, eviction, sickness or economic hardship—all complicated in the last years by the pandemic. This transitional home will provide a warm and healthy place to live for 3-4 families or 6-8 individuals over the course of the year, as most guests stay just a few months. The renovated home will provide a safe space for individuals to begin the psycho-social, educational and vocational work needed to move forward with their lives.

- **Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares, Puerto Rico**

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand, Lares, Puerto Rico

Following Hurricane Maria in 2017 and the January 2020 earthquakes in Puerto Rico, the Presbyterian Church in Lares has become the go-to location in the community for food, purified water and personal items. With much of the population elderly and infirmed, they rely on the church for help with necessities. Because the church's kitchen is small, dated and not code compliant, upgrades are needed to continue providing this ministry. With funding from the Birthday Offering, all appliances, wiring, lighting and plumbing will be replaced and the facility will be made ADA accessible. Solar panels and a heavy-duty generator will be installed to provide uninterrupted electrical service and water availability.

## PW Budget

Presbyterian Women supports a variety of FPC approved mission projects as an organization as well as through individual Circles.

Presbyterian Women, as an organization, supports the following missions as a part of its 2022-2023 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)

**NOTE: need links to Friendship Fund, PW of New Hope and the Turks.**