



## Other Special Mission Supported Projects

### PC(USA) Offerings

**The Thank Offering and Birthday Offering** are now included in our FPC PW budget.

Offering envelopes for individuals will not be distributed through Circles. If interested, individuals may make donations through FPC PW designated for the offerings.

**PW 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.

### 2025 Thank Offering Recipients

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women read, prayed over and selected ten projects for funding this year. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than forty percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries.

#### **SYNOD OF ALASKA-NORTHWEST: Olympia Presbytery**

Hope Housing Collaborative of Lewis County

Shalom Village Tiny Home Duplexes

Centralia, Washington

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

\$50,000

Shalom Village is the result of conversations and planning by a group of churches who asked the question, "What does it look like to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community today?" This transitional housing village will include six micro-duplexes and a community building with a kitchen, laundry facilities and common space. Guests of Shalom Village will know that they belong and that they are loved.

#### **SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES: Homestead Presbytery**

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Building a Better Future: Providing Beds for Kids in Need

Omaha, Nebraska

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

\$5,000

Approximately 2–3 percent of children in the U.S. do not sleep in their own bed. Sleep In Heavenly Peace works to end this problem by building and delivering beds to children in need. This grant will have a tangible and lasting impact by helping purchase supplies and cover delivery costs for over 300 beds in the Lincoln community. Volunteers will live up to their motto: No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!

#### **SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS: Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky**

Buckhorn Children and Family Services  
Play Area Fencing at Dessie Scott Campus  
Campton, Kentucky  
[buckhorn.org](http://buckhorn.org)  
\$33,935

Buckhorn Children and Family Services offers healing, acceptance and hope. Their Dessie Scott campus, located near two major highways, cares for developmentally and intellectually delayed teen boys who have been abused, abandoned or neglected. This grant will provide fencing around outdoor areas, creating a safer perimeter. With these enhanced boundaries, caregivers will feel more assured, residents will feel independence, and the campus will be a more nurturing space.

#### **SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC: Presbytery of the Peaks**

Lynchburg Daily Bread  
Safe, Healthy Foods for All  
Lynchburg, Virginia  
[lynchburgdailybread.com](http://lynchburgdailybread.com)  
\$22,800

Lynchburg Daily Bread serves 800 hot, nutritious, delicious meals every day with respect—and without condition. The Thank Offering grant will provide a generator to sustain their daily meal program and provide uninterrupted service even during emergencies. This investment safeguards the resilience of the food program and ensures that guests will always find nourishment, warmth and a community of dignity and care.

Roanoke Justice Ministries  
Leadership Development for Racial Equity  
Lexington, Virginia  
[roanokejusticeministries.org](http://roanokejusticeministries.org)  
\$25,000

Roanoke Justice Ministries is comprised of 15 congregations working to end poverty and racism through leadership development and social change. The Thank Offering grant will send 20 volunteers to national training events where they will learn the core tenets and practices of faith-based community organizing. The four-day training will help these leaders in fostering skills to collectively seek justice and work towards solutions for issues such as affordable housing and safe streets.

#### **SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST**

**Albany Presbytery**  
St. Peter's Presbyterian Church  
Church and Community Kitchen  
Spencertown, New York  
[stpetersspencertown.org](http://stpetersspencertown.org)  
\$50,000

St. Peter's is a gathering place for people of diverse backgrounds, races and socioeconomic circumstances. The Thank Offering grant will help renovate the kitchen that has outlived its current functionality. The kitchen project will be multidirectional, with the congregation extending a welcome broadly and members of the community actively participating. With an updated kitchen, outreach and hospitality will be enhanced and community programs can be expanded.

### **Presbytery of New York City**

First Jamaica Community and Urban Development Corporation

Enhance Our Technology Infrastructure Jamaica, New York

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

\$6,000

When First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, Queens, considered how a congregation could address the challenges of individuals and families in their area, the First Jamaica Community and Urban Development Corporation was born. This grant will purchase upgraded technology that will help realize the project's vision to provide training and social support for neighbors in need, and instill in every human being that they are deserving of respect and dignity.

### **SYNOD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS: Presbytery of Wyoming**

Lagniappe Ministries

Leadership and Vocational Skills Lab

Sheridan, Wyoming

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

\$14,362

Lagniappe Ministries empowers low-income parents through paid vocational training and mentorship. Trainees master skills in commercial sewing, gain financial literacy, learn how to search for jobs and overcome barriers such as needing a GED or a driver's license. The Thank Offering grant will help provide coaching, transportation and life-skills resources. As parents build sustainable careers, they break cycles of poverty and create brighter futures for their children.

### **SYNOD OF THE SUN:**

#### **Grace Presbytery**

Community Garden Kitchen of Collin County

Empowering Futures: CGK Training Program for Foster Care Youth

McKinney, Texas

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

\$45,800

Community Garden Kitchen is a free meal restaurant providing nutritious foods in a community setting. Their new culinary program is tailored to meet the unique needs of youth who are aging out of foster care through paid internships, vocational training and job placement assistance in the restaurant industry. The Thank Offering grant will fund the training for ten youth and will increase the number of hungry individuals served while honoring the dignity of every person.

### **Presbytery of South Louisiana**

First Presbyterian Church of Hammond, Louisiana Shower Ministry

Hammond, Louisiana

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

\$5,000

First Presbyterian Church of Hammond, Louisiana, welcomes in their neighbors who need a warm shower each Friday. The church offers two shower units and provides linens, soap, hygiene products, snack bags and a clean set of clothes. If the guest wishes to pray, volunteers join them, and social service contacts are made when requested. The Thank Offering grant will provide cleaning supplies, food and clothing that are always needed but not donated regularly.

**PW 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.

## **2025 Birthday Offering Recipients**

### **Leland Presbyterian Church**

#### **Windward Volunteer Housing Facility, Leland, Mississippi**

Much of the population around Leland Presbyterian Church, located in the heart of the Mississippi Delta region, struggles with barriers to adequate housing, healthcare and food access. When disaster strikes, residents do not have adequate resources to recover. Volunteers who travel from outside the area to assist in home repairs and community improvements can be the determining factor in whether a family can fully recover.

This Birthday Offering grant will help build a housing facility at Leland Presbyterian Church. Windward Volunteer Housing will offer safe and comfortable accommodations, including showers, laundry equipment and a kitchen. Members of the community who need a temporary place to stay and volunteer groups who come for disaster recovery will find a warm welcome in Leland.

### **Red Cloud Renewable**

#### **Lakota Thiyuha Dome Home Project, Pine Ridge, South Dakota**

Tribal communities in the U.S. are experiencing a housing crisis, and the Pine Ridge Reservation alone needs an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 homes. Responding to this great challenge, Red Cloud Renewable, a Native-led grassroots nonprofit organization on the Pine Ridge Reservation, provides free training and workforce development opportunities designed to "teach our tribal relatives to fish."

*Thiyuha* in Lakota roughly translates to "having a home; starting a family; settling down; creating new life." The Lakota Thiyuha Project aims to increase housing availability through construction of innovative dome homes that are energy efficient, economical, simple in design and easily teachable. The Birthday Offering grant will construct three dome homes, providing housing as well as creating publicity for this affordable option. Construction apprentices will gain experience in this building technique that can rapidly and affordably increase housing availability for Lakota families in need.

## **FPC PW Budget**

FPC 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 part of its 2025-2026 budget.

- FPC Congregational Scholarship Fund
- FPC Friendship Fund
- FPC Kate Sprunt Library
- FPC Prayer Shawl Ministry
- PW of New Hope Presbytery
- Missionaries in Madagascar: Dan and Elizabeth Turk
- Birthday Offering PW PC(USA)
- Thank Offering PW PC(USA)