

Christmas Joy Offering

Dear Friends,

This season abounds with opportunities for giving. Our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child have already been delivered to the distribution point. The “Angel Tags” are fast disappearing from the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall. Our Presbyterian Women have decided upon their year-end contributions to mission, contributions supported by the variety of “baskets” we’ll be vying for on December 11. Out in the community, Salvation Army bell-ringers have begun to appear, and many other good projects are seeking our support.



Amidst all these wonderful causes, please remember the **Christmas Joy Offering** of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This very special offering received over \$4 million in 2010. 50% is available for distribution by the Board of Pensions Assistance Program and 50% is distributed to the racial ethnic school and college affiliated with our denomination.

On the Sundays of Advent, there will be inserts in our bulletins telling the stories of those helped by this Offering. You will read about a Mexican-born man, a 4th-generation Presbyterian, who is now a minister in the United States thanks to the educational assistance he received. You will read of a pastor’s family that has received special help for the extraordinary expenses associated with having a child with Down syndrome, deafness, leukemia, and serious heart problems. *The Christmas Joy Offering makes a profound difference in people’s lives*

Please give generously. It matters!

Blessings, Meta

Educational opportunities for minority students at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges



Put the world in their hands.

Barber-Scotia College, Concord, NC
Cook Native American Ministries, Tempe, AZ
Knoxville College, Knoxville, TN
Menaul School, Albuquerque, NM
Presbyterian Pan American School, Kingsville, TX
Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL

Help us support these students at this time of great promise in their lives. Look for the Christmas Joy Offering envelope, and then please give generously.

Care for church servants and their families

- Income Supplements
- Shared Grants
- Emergency Assistance Grants
- Housing Supplements



Mrs. Wardine Elmore receives an income supplement from the Board of Pensions. Her husband, Rev. Leonard Elmore, served the church for 35 years before his death.

Help us assist people like Wardine in her hour of greatest need. Look for the Christmas Joy Offering envelope, and then please give generously.