



# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

**February 26-April 12, 2020**

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

## WAYS TO GIVE —

- + Through your congregation
- + Donate by credit card online at [presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs)
- + Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10

-or-

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

## IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



Text SHARING to 56512 to learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, or visit [pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs).



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Presbyterian Mission**

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual special offerings. The four churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in

the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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*Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we become the household of God. We extend shelter to those who have no place to stay, offer compassion to those who have pain—be it physical, emotional or spiritual—and we set a feast, with God, for those who lack access to enough food to eat. God’s household filled with love and everyone is welcome.*



When a new landlord acquired her building, Monica was repeatedly and falsely accused of being late with a rent payment, or paying the rent at all. Each time, the charges were dismissed in court, but she was becoming very worried that one day the landlord might find a way to evict her from the affordable apartment where she had lived for more than a decade — especially since she could not afford a lawyer.

Thankfully, Monica connected with a tenants’ rights group supported by gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing that helped her find reasonably priced legal representation. She learned that her new landlord has a history of forcing people from their apartments and significantly raising the rent in violation of rent control and other housing regulations.

No longer having to face the legal system alone, Monica was vindicated yet again, and now has the knowledge and help to secure affordable housing.

# You shall be called repairers of the breach



— ISAIAH 58

In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge—to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. Together, we become the household of God where those seeking shelter, food and renewed hope are welcome.

Received during the season of Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to build God’s household and welcome our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs:

## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

- + Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters

## **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM**

- + Takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed

## **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

- + Invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills

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