

CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God. Even as we support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, God is calling new leaders for our Church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color — offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come.



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The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide 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 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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God, you saw the great needs of the world and you gave us the perfect gift in your son, Jesus Christ.

Help us open our doors to those in need in our Church and the world with our own gifts.



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God saw the great needs of the world and offered a perfect gift, Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we receive the perfect gift of God being with us, and of being with those in need.

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.
IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**

✦ SUPPORTING OUR PAST AND PRESENT CHURCH LEADERS



“The generosity of Presbyterians and the work of the Board of Pensions bears witness to the care of the ‘Good Shepherd.’”

Gloria Casarus-Urrutia

Ten years after retiring as the organist from her church, Porta Coeli Presbyterian Church in San German, Puerto Rico, Gloria found herself thrust into severe financial hardship, made worse by Hurricane Maria. However, because of grant from the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, made possible by gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, Gloria’s life “has taken on a new turn.”

Gloria is so grateful for the gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering and for the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions they support. Gloria especially wants her Presbyterian family to know that she faithfully places her tithe in her congregation’s offering plate to share the blessings that she received.

50%

of your gifts to Christmas Joy assist current and retired church workers and their families who are in financial need.

✦ PREPARING THE WAY FOR FUTURE LEADERS



“Stillman has made me the person I am today, the desire I have for other people to do well, the professionalism I carry, and the desire to show the love of God, the love of Christ.”

Devon Kelly

As a high school senior, Devon had no place to call home and little hope. However, his entire outlook, and his life, began to change when he encountered an admissions representative from Stillman College, a historically black school affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), at his high school. With that, Devon began to imagine Stillman as a place where he could succeed. And he did.

He found hope. He found his future. Today, he is pursuing his masters degree in social work to help other young people like himself.

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of your gifts to Christmas Joy make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.