

PW THANK OFFERING -- 2020

Since 1888, Presbyterian Women (PW) have expressed their deep sense of gratitude for God's blessings in their lives by giving back to people in their communities and around the world. Through the Thank Offering, we can help fund programs that provide education, safe housing, food, clean water, health care and so much more. Since 1988, through this offering, PW has granted more than \$26 million to nearly 1,700 different projects worldwide.

At First Church, the PW will receive the 2020 Thank Offering on Sunday, November 22nd. Highlighted below are several organizations that benefit from this special offering:

NATIONAL

Synod of Lakes and Prairies; Presbytery of South Dakota; "All About U Adoptions"; \$50,000. This agency works with expectant mothers who struggle to secure housing due to lack of proper identification, poor credit, no positive rental history and lack of income. This grant will help purchase a home to provide welcoming, safe and healthy transitional housing as well as counseling and adoption planning.

Synod of the Sun; Presbytery of Alaska; Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center; \$30,000. Many churches make disaster kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance but there are no collection depots in 12 southern states. Ferncliff is expanding the program by finding churches to serve as depots. This grant will be used to purchase a truck for picking up disaster kits from these new depots in the south, thus helping eliminate shipping costs, raise visibility and grow this hands-on mission program.

Synod of the Pacific; Presbytery of Nevada; "Reach the Hungry"; \$25,000. With the purchase of a 14-foot box truck, this grant will help provide healthy meals to individuals and families by bringing food directly to outlying localities and neighborhoods where food pantries are not available.

Synod of South Atlantic; Presbytery of Tampa Bay; Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center; \$27,000. Cedarkirk is working to provide more accessible facilities to older adults and people with disabilities. This grant will help construct a fully accessible dining facility, build a new welcome center, add an additional cottage to increase adult accommodations, and repurpose the current dining hall for new meeting space.

INTERNATIONAL

Ethiopia; Gidada Theological College; \$43,650. Gidada Theological College recognizes that educating women is key to development for the whole society. Their goal is to strengthen the quality of their education programs for everyone by increasing the number of women students. The grant will be used for the construction of a dormitory for female theological students in Dembi-Dollo.

Democratic Republic of Congo; Association of Presbyterian Women of Kinshasa—West Synod; \$14,813. The Women's Centre in Kinshasa has a goal to enhance the training of women so they can learn to assess local needs, find substantial solutions, and help transform churches and presbyteries of their synod. The grant will provide for the completion of this ongoing building project and offer a place for women to gather and receive leadership training.



"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)