



# KEY TO SERVICE

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Central Presbyterian Church of Waxahachie supports many local, state, national, and world mission efforts of PC (USA) and other organizations through both our congregational pledges as well as individual donations and gifts. The *Key to Service* below indicates other ways to support these endeavors. Please review the many ministries in this booklet, choose how you may serve, and support those opportunities that touch your heart as we fulfill our mission statement:

**Worship. Love. Grow. Act. Responding to God's Grace at CPC**

*Inspired by the grace of God, we nurture and enrich the spiritual faith of our church community and exemplify God's transcending love in our daily lives through our worship, witness and actions so all will come to know and embrace the redeeming power of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!*

*Central Presbyterian Church welcomes all people, including those of different faiths, ethnicities, sexual orientations and backgrounds.*



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*Central Presbyterian Church supports two types of mission ministries. The first is monthly or quarterly financial support (from pledge funds). A liaison is assigned to each of the agencies support in this way. The purposes of the liaison are to inform the agency of the church's activities and inform the church of the agency's changing needs.*

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## Supported by Pledges to the CPC budget:

### Daniel's Den



Established in 1996, Daniel's Den is a faith-based, interdenominational Christian ministry providing emergency assistance and transitional housing in Ellis County. Until the founding of this ministry, there were no emergency shelters or transitional housing facilities serving our area. The purpose is to restore and strengthen the lives of homeless people in Ellis County, ministering to the physical, spiritual, and vocational needs of unfortunate men and women. Referrals are received from law enforcement agencies, fire departments, churches, hospitals, individuals and other social service agencies... The goal is to provide individuals an opportunity to move beyond shelter. We strive to send individuals and families back to the community with the ability to live and work independently.

Address: 507 West Jefferson  
Waxahachie, Texas 75165  
Phone: 972-938-0103  
Web site: [www.danielsdenelliscounty.org/](http://www.danielsdenelliscounty.org/)



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## Waxahachie Care



## OUR MISSION

Neighbors caring for neighbors-in-need by providing counseling, food and financial assistance.



CPC augments its monetary donation with food collection from church members through its Meal a Month program when you “fill a bag” to provide a meal for a family. The bags are then taken to the food pantry for you.



Web site: [www.waxahachiecare.org/](http://www.waxahachiecare.org/)



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## Hope Clinic



From the Hope Clinic web site:

Hope Clinic offers caring, medically-certified care for the whole family and the whole person in a faith-based environment.

Hope provides comprehensive health care services including adult and pediatric primary health care, women's health, dental care and restoration, and behavioral health assessment and treatment at fees based on income and household size for the uninsured and the underserved. Additional services such as prescription assistance, benefits counseling, case management, diabetes education and support, and nutrition and health education are also provided. We seek to establish a patient-centered medical home for our patients.

Address: 411 East Jefferson  
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Phone: 972-923-2440

Web site: [www.call4hope.org](http://www.call4hope.org)



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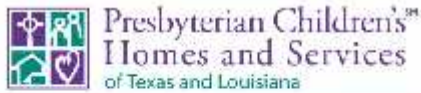
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## PCHAS



From the website:

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) provides Christ-centered care and support for struggling children and families.

Our continuum of care enables us to help children and families in each stage of life:

Our Adoption program places babies in loving homes. We offer training and support for couples seeking to adopt children and free programs for women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and are considering making an adoption plan for their child.

Our Single Parent Family program offers young mothers and their children a place to call home. We offer them not only a safe and comfortable place to live, but also family therapy, life skills training, and a way out of dependence on others.

Our Child and Family program preserves families in times of crisis. Twenty-one Child and Family Specialists in 18 cities provide counseling as well as financial, emotional and spiritual support.

Our Foster Care team recruits and trains caring foster families ready to help children who need loving homes.

Our Education program engages the children every step of the way. We provide tutoring through high school, and help high school graduates submit college, trade or technical school applications, apply for financial aid, and find housing. PCHAS provides funding for tuition as well as room and board.



Our Transitional Living program provides assistance to foster children who “age out” of the foster care system.

Central Presbyterian in Waxahachie is the home church for the Waxahachie group home, and provides support to the staff, children, and families who live there.

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Waxahachie, Texas 75167-2208

Toll Free Phone: 800-277-4352

Web site: [www.texaspchas.org](http://www.texaspchas.org)



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Single parent homes

## Gingerbread House

# Ellis County Children's Advocacy Center

From the web site:

The Ellis County Children's Advocacy Center dba "The Gingerbread House" provides a child-friendly environment for the child victims and their non-offending family members and coordinates the intervention process reducing further trauma to the child. The center's goal is to optimize the investigative and prosecution process; provide quality legal, psychological, social and medical services to abused children and to heighten community awareness.

Address: 425 E. Ross Street  
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Phone: (972) 937-1870

Website: [www.elliscountycac.org](http://www.elliscountycac.org)



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## CASA of Ellis County



From the web site:

### **Our Mission & Vision**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

CASA of Ellis County provides trained community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children.

#### **VISION**

CASA of Ellis County is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to improving the lives of abused and neglected children in our County. CASA recruits, trains and supervises volunteers who are selected to act as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to be a voice for the child in court. CASA of Ellis County is part of a nationwide organization of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) with 955 programs and 75,000 volunteers nationwide.

Address: 1601 Water Street  
Waxahachie, Texas 75165  
Phone: 972-937-1455  
Web site: <http://casaofelliscounty.org>



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## Ellis County Rainbow Room



texas council of child welfare boards

From the web site of TCCWB:

Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards' (TCCWB) mission is to support a statewide network of volunteers concerned with the welfare of children, especially those suffering from abuse and neglect.

Rainbow Rooms are an emergency resource center available to CPS caseworkers to help them meet the critical needs of abused and neglected children. Stocked with all new items, Rainbow Rooms provide clothing, shoes, underwear, baby formula, school supplies and hygiene items to children entering foster or relative care and children in their own homes who live below the poverty line.

Address: 629 Farley Street  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Phone: 972-523-6559

Web site: [www.tccwb.org](http://www.tccwb.org)



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## Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Ellis County



From the web site:

To provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

As the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country. We develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

Address: 1150 N Highway 67, Suite 300  
Midlothian, TX 76065

Phone: (214) 288-1453

Web site: [www.bbbstx.org](http://www.bbbstx.org)



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## Common Ground Ministries



From the web site:

Common Ground Ministries is a Christian outreach to children and youth in east Waxahachie, Texas. Our mission is to provide a safe and structured environment for children and youth to meet their spiritual, educational and physical needs.

When students arrive from school they first have a nutritious snack and then a supervised homework period. Then they receive instruction and take part in indoor or outdoor recreational activities. Volunteer tutors work with individual students to assist them in remaining focused on their educational needs... at Common Ground Ministries our main desire is to assist each individual young person in realizing the potential that is within them.

Address: 604 East Parks  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Phone: 972) 923-2224

Web site: [www.cgmwax.org](http://www.cgmwax.org)



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## No Place Like Home Orphanage, Haiti



From the web site:

*No Place Like Home* orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti was founded by long-term Baptist missionaries, Jacques & Marie Alexandre following the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010. Countless children were left homeless and many were orphaned that day. The humble beginnings of the orphanage was a result of the amazing grace of God and numerous people coming alongside the Alexandre's to build a place of loving care and safety.

No Place Like Home Orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti is a 501.c3 Tax Exempt Organization under Follow Me Mission, Inc.

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Web site: [www.nplhome.org](http://www.nplhome.org)



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## Meals on Wheels—Ellis County



From the web site:

Meals-on-Wheels of Johnson and Ellis Counties serves the children of yesterday by helping needy elderly and disabled persons to remain independent and healthy in their own homes by providing home-delivered meals, daily personal contact, and support for individuals and their families.

Our philosophy is simple: emphasis is placed on individuals versus numbers; communities as opposed to government boundaries; and timely service versus waiting lists.

A meal and a smile can make all the difference! Dedicated and caring volunteers deliver hot meals Monday through Friday around the noon hour. Breakfast is delivered Tuesday through Thursday, along with the hot meal. Weekend meals are delivered on Fridays, along with the regular meals. Volunteers give clients a break from the isolation of a very lonely existence. Many times the daily visit from the volunteer is their only contact with the outside world.

Address: 503 Ferris Ave Suite D  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Phone: 972.351.9943

Web site: [www.servingthechildrenofyesterday.org](http://www.servingthechildrenofyesterday.org)



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### Marvin Elementary



Marvin Elementary serves the area surrounding Central Presbyterian Church. CPC supports the staff, faculty, and students during the school year by providing coffee for the break room, helping with school supplies, providing faculty meals, donating nutritious snacks for students, providing breakfasts, and providing readers for “Drop Everything and Read” day.

Address: 110 Brown Street

Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Phone: 972-923-4670

Web site: <http://schools.wisd.org/preview.aspx?name=mes.homepage>



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## Earthcare Ministry Team



From the web site:

The Presbyterian Mission Agency is the ministry and mission agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Four ministry areas carry out our work: Compassion, Peace and Justice; Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries; Theology, Formation and Evangelism; and World Mission. We work together to inspire, equip, and connect all Presbyterians for the church's work.



*Earthcare is a division of the PC (USA)'s Presbyterian Mission Agency through its Environmental Ministries branch of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. CPC became an Earth Care Congregation through the efforts of Patty Dickerson.*

### ***What is an Earth Care Congregation?***

*In 1990, the 202<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) adopted "Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice" which calls on our denomination to engage in the tasks of restoring creation. In response to this "call to restore creation," congregations are invited to participate in a certification program for Earth Care Congregations based on the Earth Care Pledge. Certification requires churches to commit to the Earth Care Pledge and complete actions in the four categories identified in the Pledge: Worship, Education, Mission, and Facilities. Churches applying to be an Earth Care Congregation must have the Earth Care Pledge affirmed by their session and signed by the clerk.*

### **Earth Care Pledge**

Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

1. Our **worship** and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation and declare that God calls us to cherish, protect and restore this earth.
2. In **education**, we will seek learning and teaching opportunities to know and understand the threats to God's creation and the damage already inflicted. We will encourage and support each other in finding ways of keeping and healing the creation in response to God's call to earth-keeping, justice and community.
3. Our **facilities** will be managed, maintained and upgraded in a manner that respects and cherishes all creation, human and non-human, while meeting equitably the needs of all people. In our buildings and on our grounds we will use energy efficiently, conserve resources, and share what we have in abundance so that God's holy creation will be sustainable for all life and future generations.
4. Our **outreach** will encourage public policy and community involvement that protects and restores the vulnerable and degraded earth as well as oppressed and neglected people. We will be mindful that our personal and collective actions can positively or negatively affect our neighborhood, region, nation and world. We will seek to achieve environmental justice through coalitions and ecumenical partnerships.

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Web site: [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations)



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# Recycling Project



The Earth Care Congregation Ministry Team oversees this recycling project. Clothing, shoes and household items are collected in the bin on our property by the Bethlehem gate. Items we are collecting are listed on the bin. Just drop your donations in! This is the first recycling of its kind in Ellis County and we plan to reach out to our community for participation. CPC will receive payments based on \$.12 per pound for the items to be used in our mission work and church projects. The main focus of this ministry is getting the clothing, shoes and household goods to people who need them. We are in partnership with World Wear Project that actually does the pickup and distribution.

Address: World Wear Project  
10777 Shady Trail  
Dallas, Texas 75220  
Telephone: 855-580-9327  
Web site: <http://worldwearproject.com>



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## Operation Christmas Child



From the web site:

Operation Christmas Child is a project of the international relief organization, Samaritan's Purse. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

Since 1993, the Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child, has collected and delivered more than 124 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories.

Web site: [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child)



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**Grant McFarland/Truthseekers International**



Truthseekers International is dedicated to ending the caste system in India. The founders, Sunil and Pam Sarder, founded the ministry. Grant McFarland is a nephew of Annette and Karl Goss, members of CPC. His information from the Truthseekers' web site is below.

Grant McFarland is from Austin, Texas. After participating in two foot washing trips in 2009 and 2010, he joined the Truthseekers International team in India permanently in 2011. Grant brings experience in IT and software development and a desire to learn and share India's history and cultures with



others. Grant has a love for the people of India and a passion to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all— moving towards building the Kingdom of God through caste reconciliation. Grant currently serves TSI by building and running our Truth-Keepers Discipleship Program, communicating stories to the western world, hosting foot washing teams, public speaking, and washing feet throughout India.



### **Funds**



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**Website:** [www.truthseekersinternational.org](http://www.truthseekersinternational.org)

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## Second Saturday Service



On the second Saturday of each month, Central Presbyterian Church members and friends work on site at the home of a local neighbor, or a local charitable organization in need. Work can include internal/external painting, a multitude of landscaping needs, wheelchair ramp construction, organization of indoor areas, and other items as needed.

This mission initiative began in 2013, serving local Veterans in Waxahachie and Ellis County. After several months, the ministry was expanded to include any neighbor who might need a little help.

Web site: [www.cpcwax.org/serving-others/second-saturday-service](http://www.cpcwax.org/serving-others/second-saturday-service)



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## The Marthas



The Marthas are an open group who meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30am in the church parlor for breakfast, a devotional, and a service project. The project varies each month, but the purpose remains consistent: to help those in need. The Marthas began meeting in January of 2016. Examples of past service projects are making soup to freeze in family portions, as well as home-made bread and cookies to give out to our senior members and our first responders on Valentine's Day

Web site: [www.cpcwax.org/the-marthas](http://www.cpcwax.org/the-marthas)



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## Kids Against Hunger



From the web site:

Kids Against Hunger packages highly nutritious, life-saving meals for starving children and malnourished children and their families in developing countries and the United States. The goal of the organization is for its meals to provide a stable nutritional base from which recipient families can move their families from starvation to self-sufficiency. Kids Against Hunger accomplishes this by mobilizing the energy and caring of American children, teens, and adults on behalf of hungry children around the world. Kids Against Hunger seeks to end the literal hunger of children receiving the meals, but also satisfies a hunger among prosperous Americans – a hunger for meaning and contribution.

*CPC has helped fund and provided volunteers for Kids Against Hunger in conjunction with the Rotary Club International to pack high-nutrition meals for starving kids around the world since 2012. The local effort is held at First United Methodist Church, Waxahachie.*

Web site: [kidsagainsthunger.org/who-we-are/what-we-do](http://kidsagainsthunger.org/who-we-are/what-we-do)



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## Worship Outside the Walls

# WOW

*Motivated by the reconciling work of God and extending His grace and mercy to others outside our church walls for His glory and not our own. It is an expression of the love and the stewardship of grace given to us, marked by humility, generosity and hospitality.*

**What is Worshiping Outside the Walls?** WOW Sunday is dedicated to going outside our church to serve our community through various service projects, and worshipping with those who are homebound or reside in an assisted living center. First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Waxahachie began WOW several years ago in the spirit of God being everywhere, all the time, not just in our church building on Sunday morning. CPC began partnering with FUMC in this community outreach in 2013.

There are no Sunday school classes or worship service at CPC on WOW Sunday although there may be service activities in the building. Worship opportunities are available throughout the community at various sites.

Web site: [www.cpcwax.org/serving-others/mission-partners/worship-outside-the-walls/](http://www.cpcwax.org/serving-others/mission-partners/worship-outside-the-walls/)



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## Night of Wonder



We are excited to partner with Mission75165. Mission75165 is working with counselors at all 13 WISD campus to identify families in need of help with Christmas gifts and dinner. These are kids that the counselors KNOW will not have gifts on Christmas morning if someone does not step in to help. Our Church has committed to sponsor 25 kids at Marvin elementary school.

Web site for Mission75165: [www.mission75165.org/events](http://www.mission75165.org/events)



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## Honduras/Nicaragua Mission Trip



From the web site:

HOI is a Christ-centered missions organization working alongside people of developing countries who desire to implement sustainable development partnerships. We organize mission trips to Honduras and Nicaragua.

Our vision is to create life-changing relationships between the people of developing countries and North Americans, while promoting community directed and integrated spiritual, physical, educational and economic development of men, women and children in the developing world through the promotion of dignity, mutual cooperation and self-sufficiency.

Address: Honduras Outreach Inc.

1990 Lakeside Parkway  
Suite 140  
Tucker, GA 30084

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Web site: [www.hoi.org](http://www.hoi.org)



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## Community Garden



The session of Central Presbyterian Church was presented a plan in early 2016 by Meredith Hallett, a CPC youth and a Girl Scout with Waxahachie Troop 878, to construct a community garden as part of her Silver Award project, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. The session gave Meredith permission to find a location on church property and firm up plans by working with those with expertise in this area. In consultation with Arlene Hamilton, CPC member and a Master Gardener, Meredith chose a location, planned the layout, chose soil and the plantings as well as a drip irrigation system. The community garden created with the help of church and other volunteers is located behind CPC on the Bethlehem Revisited vacant lot. The produce is available to the community, food banks, and CPC members and neighbors. The hope is that through the involvement of others beyond the Girl Scout project, the garden will flourish and feed the hungry among us for years to come.



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## **Opportunities for giving through Presbyterian Church (USA) Special Offerings**

<http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/>



### **One Great Hour of Sharing: Sharing Resources and Changing Lives**

Most congregations receive "OGHS" on Easter Sunday, Passion/Palm Sunday or both, while many receive it throughout Lent—however, you can help sustain the important PC (USA) 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 care of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

### **The Pentecost Offering: Investing in Our Greatest Resource**

The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost. However, you can help sustain the important PC (USA) ministries and programs that are supported by the Pentecost Offering by making a gift at any time throughout the year. Donations can be made online or by mailing a check care of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency: Young Adult Volunteers; Ministries for Youth; Children-at-Risk; Pentecost Offering Financials.



<http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/>

### **Peace and Global Witness Offering: Blessed are the Peacemakers**

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday. However, you can help sustain the important PC (USA) ministries and programs that are supported by this important Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks can be mailed care of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

### **Christmas Joy Offering: Supporting Past, Present, and Future Leaders**

The Christmas Joy Offering is traditionally received during the Advent Season. However, you can help sustain the important PC (USA) ministries and programs that are supported by the Christmas Joy Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year at any time throughout the year. Checks can be mailed care of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

A gift to the Christmas Joy Offering helps provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families in times of need and also equips future racial ethnic leaders through leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools.

- The Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions
- Racial Ethnic Leadership Development