

MINUTE FOR MISSION
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

As Presbyterians, we are a people rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ. It is our gratitude for God's grace that moves us to join God's mission in the world, with ministries of love and justice, reconciliation and peace.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; the Presbyterian Hunger Program; and Self – Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope.

This offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This is the only special offering collected by our church which goes in its entirety to the National level Presbyterian church to help fulfill God's mission of love and caring.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It enables our congregations and mission partners to witness the healing love of Christ through

caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives 32% of the funds raised.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program works to alleviate hunger and eliminate root causes. In addition to grant partners, the Presbyterian Hunger Program also works with Presbytery Hunger Action Advocates, Hunger Action Congregations, and Earth Care Congregations. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36% of the funds raised.

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self – Development of People continues to work with low-income communities across the United States to overcome oppression and injustice. In 2019, National SDOP entered into partnerships with multiple projects. Projects focused on advocacy, youth-led initiatives, skills development, farming, worker rights, immigration/refugee issues and capacity building. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, several thousand projects in economically poor communities in the United States and around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges. The Self-Development of People program receives 32% of the funds received.

Ways to Give:

1. Place your check, with OGHS in the memo, in the One Great Hour of Sharing special envelope from your offering envelope packet and mail or bring it to the church office.
2. Log on to the Faith website at <https://faithpresb.com/> and click on DONATE NOW at the top right side of the opening page or GIVE NOW farther down the page on the left side. You will be taken to the Donations page where you enter the amount of our gift next to One Great Hour of Sharing and follow the instructions at the bottom of the page to submit your donation.
3. Text OGHS to 91999 to give.
4. Fish banks for the One Great Hour of Sharing are available in the church office if anyone cares to use them.

Let us pray: Lord, We look around and see there is work to be done. Thank you for the gift of work to do. Guide our hands that they may help others. Guide our hearts to see where there is need and how to respond. Guide our thoughts to know that even if we can do a little, that is enough to make a difference. Amen.