

Stewardship Committee Special Offerings

Presbyterian Special Offerings

Each year Covenant participates in three Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Special Offerings that make God's love present to those in need. Members and friends of Covenant will have the opportunity to support:

- **Peacemaking Offering** (received on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2)
- **Christmas Joy Offering** (received on the Sunday before Christmas, Dec. 18)

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering



Sharing Brings Joy

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

How have last year's gifts been used?

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - 32%

(shelter, food, emergency kits, medical care, etc.)

- 2010-11 - Haiti - \$5.8 million in ongoing support to those affected by the January earthquake and Hurricane Tomas and the cholera outbreak that followed
- April 2010 - Gulf Oil Spill victims
- April 2010 - Flooding in Northeastern US
- May 2010 - Flooding in Tennessee and Kentucky
- August 2010 - Pakistan - the worst flooding in 80 years
- January 2011 - Brazil - worst flooding in decades
- February 2011 - Christchurch, New Zealand Earthquake
- March 2011 - Japan earthquake, tsunami, nuclear emergency - \$100,000 in aid sent immediately, additional aid to follow.

History

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing in order to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development.

Presbyterian Hunger Program - 36%

Working to alleviate hunger and its causes, the PHP helps some of the 925 million people in the world who suffer from chronic hunger (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 2010)

Self-Development of People - 32%

Supports the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged people worldwide who are seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice. This year SDOP approved over \$250,000 in grants to 14 self-help projects in the U.S. that range from sewing classes for low-income women in Colorado to certification training for building construction, repair and maintenance for ex-offenders in Miami.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received at Covenant on Palm Sunday, April 17. You may also mail a check to the church office or place your check in the offering plate during Lent with OGHS on the memo line.