



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



MENAVUL SCHOOL



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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THE PERFECT GIFT

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we prepare the way for the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

50% of our gifts smooth the path for current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need.



Rev. Lynn Bledsoe's world was rocked when Hurricane Helene swept away not only her long-held sense of security, but the very ground beneath her North Carolina home, causing a 15-foot drop off outside her front door. The needed repairs weren't covered under insurance. Thankfully, Lynn received an unexpected lifeline, a grant to help with the repairs through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, made possible by gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering.

"Although I've given to the Christmas Joy Offering for years, I never thought I would be a recipient. It brings tears to my eyes every time I think about the generosity and immediate support of the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions."

—Rev. Lynn Bledsoe

50% of your gifts prepare students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



STILLMAN COLLEGE

Catherine Cox felt she was destined to be a teacher but raising twins as a single mom was challenging. She enrolled in Stillman College, supported by gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, in her hometown of Tuscaloosa and she graduated this year as a Dean's List Scholar in Mathematics. She will be teaching 7th and 8th grade mathematics at Stillman's newest education partner, the I Dream Big Charter School. She credits Stillman's close-knit community and engaged faculty for being instrumental in helping her to succeed and to land her dream job.

"Catherine's journey from Stillman graduate to educator represents the transformative power of the Christmas Joy Offering's support for Presbyterian-related schools and the students they serve."

—Dr. C. Mark McCormick, associate professor of religion

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FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

