

Jesus Christ, you are the perfect gift, given to lead us in the ways of redemption and peace. You pointed us to God with your life. We celebrate with the gift of our lives and support for our leaders, past, present and future. May those who lead your Church point us always to you, and to your ways of joy, hope, love and peace.

Amen.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
reflects God's perfect gift to us,
through the Christmas Joy Offering.

 **SUPPORTING OUR PAST AND PRESENT LEADERS**



"It is wonderful that the church does not forget those who worked in Presbyterian ministries at home and abroad."

Rev. Ralph Hamburger
(Honorably Retired)
Pasadena, California

Ralph is grateful that he is able to stay with his wife in assisted living and that she is getting good care with her declining health.

By supporting the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, the Christmas Joy Offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need. Thanks in part to support from this Offering, church workers can receive critical financial assistance to support them through life's challenging circumstances — whether it is a family emergency, a health care crisis or even assistance to pastors affected by natural disasters such as last year's Hurricane Maria. These generous actions bear witness to our faithful response to God's charge to care for one another.

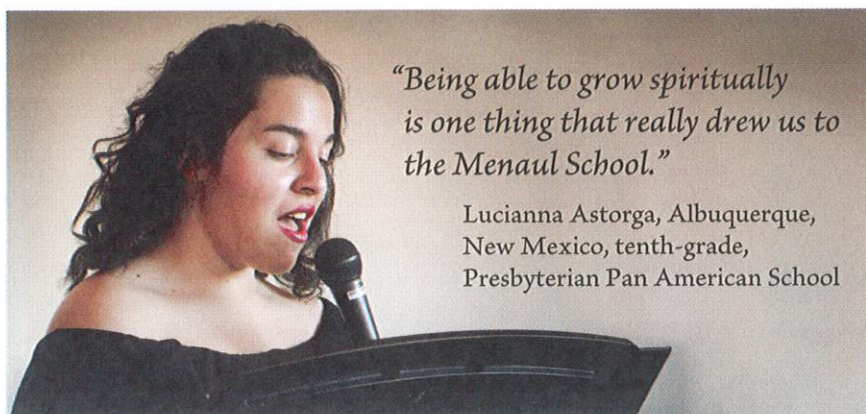
50%

of your gifts to Christmas Joy
provide assistance for current and retired church workers
and their families with critical financial need.

Please give generously.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

PREPARING THE WAY FOR FUTURE LEADERS



“Being able to grow spiritually is one thing that really drew us to the Menaul School.”

Lucianna Astorga, Albuquerque, New Mexico, tenth-grade, Presbyterian Pan American School

Luci received a scholarship but also works on campus during the summer. She aspires to either be a nurse or a teacher because it is important to her to be able to help people.

The PC(USA), with its historic commitment to higher learning, has long promoted education and leadership development through the establishment and support of schools and colleges. Our future church leaders of color can receive much-needed assistance while they discover and pursue their professional goals at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Your gifts allow these ministries to continue — sustaining a tradition Presbyterians have carried out for nearly 140 years.

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The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) reflects God's gift to us, through the Christmas Joy Offering, with generous gifts supporting church leaders — retired, present and future — who have pointed us to God. Even as we support our current and former church leaders, God is calling new leaders for our Church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color — offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come.



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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 twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.