

Mission Pledge

of Presbyterian Women

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—Matthew 6:21

Support the
work of PW by
giving as you have
been *blessed*.



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Go to www.presbyterianwomen.org to learn more about PW's many programs or to download this packet and tools. Also look for PW on Facebook (Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA)) or read PW's numerous blogs (<http://profile.typepad.com/pwpcusa>) highlighting the newest ways the Mission Pledge is making a difference in the world.

If you have ever traveled by airplane, you likely recall the two- or three-minute safety announcement prior to departure. This announcement says that in an “air emergency,” oxygen masks will drop automatically from the ceiling. The announcement goes on to say you should secure your own mask before assisting other passengers with their masks.

This idea—caring for ourselves so we can better care for others—is applicable to just about everything we do in life. We are advised to find time for spiritual enrichment, exercise, adequate sleep, proper nourishment. We do these things so our bodies and souls are ready to engage the world. We can hug a child, attend a play, sign a petition, knit a blanket, host a benefit lunch.

Taking care of ourselves so we are equipped to help others isn't just true of people; it's also true for organizations. The Mission Pledge is the air mask for Presbyterian Women. Gifts to the Mission Pledge make possible nearly every program and ministry of Presbyterian Women. Matthew 6:21 reminds us, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Your support of Presbyterian Women affirms that your heart (and treasure) are united in answering God's call to be Christ's witness to the world in the PW way.

Did you know that your gifts to the Mission Pledge support PW locally (i.e., your circle), regionally (i.e., your presbytery and synod) and nationally? If you're not currently active in presbytery or synod groups, chances are you still feel the impact of those groups when women in your group bring back ideas for mission, expanded leadership skills or insights from a Bible study presentation.

The Mission Pledge is also an investment in PW's engagement with the larger world. Your Mission Pledge gift strengthens the structure and relationships that bring new issues, perspectives and needs to light for Presbyterian Women. The Mission Pledge helps fund many programs—such as PC(USA) world mission, Churchwide Gatherings, the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, Global Exchanges and USA Mission Experiences. These ministries and programs have helped Presbyterian Women understand education and health needs around the world, sisterhood, faith, the power of faith-based advocacy, human trafficking, and much more. The Mission Pledge helps us—singly and together—find our passion and call in a world groaning with tremendous need.

There are lots of wonderful ways to give of ourselves and respond to the needs of the world. But let's face facts: If we don't prioritize support of the Mission Pledge, who will? If we don't give to the Mission Pledge, can Presbyterian Women continue to be a faithful witness to God's love in the world? Our way of serving the world is unique and of consequence. Caring for ourselves by caring for our PW organization is a crucial step in caring for the world at large.

A Letter from Your 2012–2015 PW Churchwide Moderator



Dear individual supporters, Celebration Giving representatives, and treasurers and moderators of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, Synod and Congregation,

When I am with my PW circle, I know it will be a time for study, joy and commitment to each other. When I am with any group of Presbyterian Women, I know that I will be challenged to consider new ideas, to do more and to lend my voice to help others. Presbyterian Women has provided me so many opportunities for personal growth. I have been simultaneously affirmed and invited to do and be more in witness to God's love. My heart will always be with Presbyterian Women. That is why I choose to continue to support the resources and programs of Presbyterian Women with my treasures.

Today, I invite you to consider Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." With this scripture in mind, what does being a Presbyterian woman mean to you? What has being part of a Presbyterian Women's group provided you? In addition to your time, will you make a financial commitment so that the work and mission of Presbyterian Women can continue?

Please use this 2016 Mission Pledge packet as you make your gift to PW and promote giving in your circle, congregation, presbytery and synod. I hope you will prayerfully consider the value that Presbyterian Women has had (and will have) in your life and the lives of women in your community, and give generously.

친애하는 개인 후원자, 축하 헌금 대표, 각 노회, 대회, 교회의 장로교여성 (PW) 회계와 회장님,

장로교여성 (PW) 서클(역자주: 장로교여성 기본단위 모임)에서 저는 이 서클이 서로에게 배움, 기쁨과 헌신의 시간이 되리라는 것을 압니다. 장로교여성 (PW)과 관련된 어떤 모임에서도 새로운 발상에 대해 열려있고, 더욱 많이 일하고, 다른 이들을 돕는데 목소리를 내도록 저는 늘 도전을 받습니다. 장로교여성 (PW)은 제가 개인적으로 성장할 수 있도록 많은 기회를 제공해 왔습니다. 동시에 저는 하나님의 사랑을 증거하는 일에 힘쓰고, 더욱 그런 사람이 되도록 지지받고 초대받아 왔습니다. 저의 마음은 언제나 장로교여성 (PW)과 함께 할 것입니다. 이것이 제가 가진 재물로 장로교여성 (PW)의 자료개발과 프로그램을 계속하여 지원하기로 선택하는 이유입니다.

오늘 저는 여러분에게 마태복음 6장 21절을 묵상해 보시기를 청합니다. "네 보물 있는 그 곳에는 네 마음도 있느니라." 이 구절을 염두에 둘 때, 장로교 여성이 된다는 것이 여러분에게 무엇을 의미합니까? 장로교여성 (PW) 그룹의 일부인 여러분에게 무엇을 제공해 왔습니까? 장로교여성 (PW)의 사역과 선교가 지속될 수 있도록 여러분의 시간 뿐 아니라, 재정적인 헌신도 약속하시겠습니까?

여러분이 장로교여성 (PW)에 헌금하시거나 여러분의 서클, 교회, 노회와 대회에서 기부 헌금을 장려하는데 이 선교약정 패키지를 사용하십시오. 저는 여러분이 기도 가운데 장로교여성 (PW)이 여러분의 삶 뿐 아니라, 지역사회 여성들의 삶에 끼친 (그리고 앞으로 끼칠) 가치를 생각하며 아낌없이 주고 나누시기를 소망합니다.

Queridas patrocinadoras independientes, representantes de la Ofrenda de Celebración, y tesoreras y moderadoras de Mujeres Presbiterianas (PW, siglas en inglés) en los presbiterios, sínodos y congregaciones,

Cuando asisto a mi círculo de PW, sé que disfrutaré de un tiempo de estudio, gozo y compromiso mutuo. Cuando participo en cualquier grupo de Mujeres Presbiterianas, sé que me sentiré retada a considerar nuevas ideas, a hacer más y a usar mi voz para ayudar a otras personas. Mujeres Presbiterianas me ha provisto muchas oportunidades de desarrollo personal. Simultáneamente me siento afirmada e invitada a ser y hacer más para dar testimonio del amor de Dios. Mi corazón siempre estará con Mujeres Presbiterianas. Es por eso que elijo continuar apoyando los recursos y programas de Mujeres Presbiterianas con mi tesoro.

Hoy las invito a considerar Mateo 6:21: "Pues donde esté tu tesoro, allí estará también tu corazón". Teniendo en mente esta escritura, ¿qué significa para ustedes ser mujeres presbiterianas? ¿Qué han conseguido al ser miembros de un grupo de Mujeres Presbiterianas? Además de dar su tiempo, ¿harán ustedes un compromiso financiero para que el trabajo y la misión de Mujeres Presbiterianas pueda continuar?

Favor de usar el paquete de la Promesa de Misión del 2016 para hacer su donativo a PW y promover las ofrendas en su círculo, congregación, presbiterio y sínodo. Espero que consideren en oración el valor que Mujeres Presbiterianas ha tenido (y seguirá teniendo) en sus vidas y en las vidas de las mujeres de su comunidad, y que ofrenden generosamente.

Mary Cook Jorgenson

Moderator, 2012–2015 PW Churchwide Coordinating Team



What Does the Mission Pledge Do?



Closing worship of the 2014 Global Exchange to the Caribbean



Little Dresses for Africa at the 2012 Churchwide Gathering



2015 Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)



2014 Fellowship of the Least Coin Celebration, Philippines

The PW Mission Pledge supports every mission and ministry of PW—no exceptions. Here is what was made possible in 2014 and 2015 because of your generosity:

- ✦ PW groups at all levels—congregation, presbytery, synod and churchwide—through programming, publishing and related staff support
- ✦ Participation in events that develop and enhance PW leadership, including presbytery and synod events
- ✦ Continued mission partnerships with our sisters in South Dakota, Appalachia, India and the Caribbean, through the USA Mission Experience and the Global Exchange
- ✦ Involvement in mission projects, like Little Dresses for Africa, where washable sani-pads are made and distributed to girls in Africa, enabling them to stay in school
- ✦ Peace and justice initiatives and advocacy efforts, including participation in Ecumenical Advocacy Days and the UN’s Commission on the Status of Women, the focus of which, in 2015, was progress on the Beijing Platform in the 20 years since it was adopted
- ✦ Solidarity through ecumenical movements, including World Day of Prayer and Fellowship of the Least Coin
- ✦ Presence at General Assembly, Big Tent and other churchwide events
- ✦ Regular meetings of an intentionally diverse and representative Churchwide Coordinating Team/board. This group—with representatives from each synod and the major racial ethnic groups in the church, as well as new immigrant women and young women—collectively discerns the goals and work of the organization.
- ✦ The award-winning publishing ministry of PW, including partial support for *Horizons* magazine (both print and digital formats), the PW/*Horizons* Bible study and other materials
- ✦ Continued management of PW, an effective national nonprofit with worldwide mission and ministry reach—your gifts allow payment for necessary common operating expenses such as rent, utilities, insurance, staffing and office supplies
- ✦ PW support of PC(USA) mission and partnerships



Want to learn more?

Visit Presbyterian Women’s website, www.presbyterianwomen.org and find PW on Facebook (Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA)) and Twitter (@PWPCUSA).





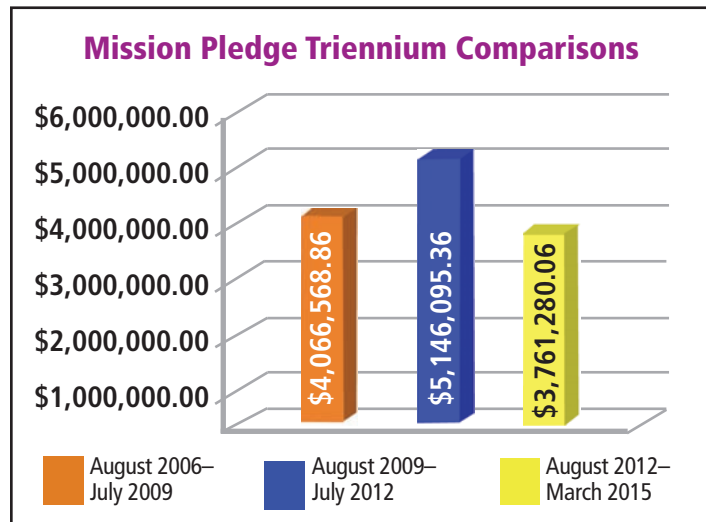
Where Do Our Mission Pledge Dollars Go?

This is the most common question about the Mission Pledge. And the answer is . . . to support every PW mission and ministry.

Mission Pledge gifts help fund the creation and nurturing of mission partnerships; justice and peace advocacy and other actions; engagement in ecumenical movements; new directions in leadership enhancement and training; the production of

Bible studies to nurture your faith and magazines to broaden your awareness; support of your PC(USA) denomination; and much more. Your Mission Pledge gift also supports common operating expenses for PW—from rent and staff to insurance and the Churchwide Coordinating Team/board. Giving to the Mission Pledge means carrying PW’s witness and care around the world.

Mission Pledge Revenue	
2011	\$1,779,680
2012	\$1,507,602
2013	\$1,381,934
2014	\$1,494,441



***Expenses for August 2013–December 2014**



Using this Packet to Encourage Giving

What's included in this packet?

There are several pieces enclosed to help you promote and receive gifts toward the PW Mission Pledge:

- introductory letter from Mary Cook Jorgenson, 2012–2015 moderator of PW's Churchwide Coordinating Team
- Mission Pledge interpretive materials
- Mission Pledge forms for PW in the Congregation and PW in the Presbytery
- Mission Pledge card template

Please use this packet and enclosed materials in the fall of 2015 for financial commitments to the 2016 PW Mission Pledge. Feel free to photocopy any of the materials, or download them from www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge.

Who receives Mission Pledge packets?

Every PC(USA) congregation receives a 2016 Mission Pledge packet (addressed to "PW/Women's Group"), as do members of the Churchwide Coordinating Team, Celebration Giving representatives, and moderators, co-moderators and treasurers of Presbyterian Women in the Synod and Presbytery.

If you know of someone who should have received a packet and did not, you can request one by calling Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS) at 800/524-2612 and asking for item PWR15011, or download the packet from www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge. Please also contact Patricia Longfellow, patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org or 844/797-2872, ext. 8015, to ensure that the PW database contains that person's contact information.

Who should promote giving to the PW Mission Pledge?

Everyone should promote giving to PW! With that said, in many cases a designated leader organizes and promotes PW giving. PW in the Congregations (PWC) use a variety of campaign models—in some, the PWC moderator is responsible for the Mission Pledge; in others, the PWC treasurer or a circle member takes the lead role. Some congregations also have a Celebration Giving representative (CGR) who promotes the Mission Pledge and all parts of the PW Celebration Giving program. PW encourages groups, congregations, presbyteries and synods to use the model that works for them. Leaders in PW in the Presbytery and Synod (PWP and PWS), please work within your coordinating teams (CT) to help PWC and PWP leaders and contacts complete the appropriate pledge form (see pages 7–8).

Why should I encourage giving to the PW Mission Pledge?

The simple answer: because every mission and ministry program of PW is supported (in full or in part) through gifts to the PW Mission Pledge. Leadership enhancement and training, mission partnerships, publishing efforts, justice and peace advocacy and much more are all possible because of the Mission Pledge. Mission Pledge gifts also support your denomination, PC(USA) world mission, and PW's common operating expenses, such as rent, utilities and information technology support. You can find more detailed examples and statistics on how your Mission Pledge dollars are put to work on pages 2 and 3 of this packet.



Encouraging Support of the Mission Pledge

Commitments to PW's Mission Pledge traditionally are made through PW in the Congregation during a fall PW circle meeting, gathering or event, and/or a fall worship service; pledges are honored and gifts are received throughout the following year. For this campaign, pledges are made in 2015 and gifts are received in 2016.

Leaders' roles

All PW leaders have important roles in promoting giving to the Mission Pledge. Not all groups have the same leadership positions or giving patterns. Carry out the Mission Pledge campaign in a way that works for your congregation, presbytery and synod.

Campaign timeline and checklists

Early fall 2015

PW in the Synod (PWS) moderator

- ✓ Offer support to PW leaders responsible for pledges/gifts.

PW in the Presbytery (PWP) moderator

- ✓ Write a personal letter (to share with each congregation in the presbytery) that includes
 - + a story about what the Mission Pledge means to you and to PW in the Congregations in your presbytery (see pages 2–3 for examples and statistics) and
 - + an invitation to prayerfully consider personal pledges/gifts to the Mission Pledge.
- ✓ Offer support to PW leaders responsible for pledges/gifts.

Fall 2015

PW in the Congregation (PWC) or circle leader

- ✓ Receive or request
 - + a Mission Pledge packet
 - + a pledge card template (see inside back cover)
 - + the pledge form for PW in the Congregation (page 7)
 - ◆ These three items also are available at www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge.
 - + PWP moderator cover letter

- ✓ Choose and share your PW Mission Pledge impact story, noting that the Mission Pledge supports every PW mission and ministry program (including common operations) and the PC(USA).
 - ◆ See pages 2–3 for statistics and examples.
- ✓ At a preselected worship service, congregation or PW event,
 - + give each person an envelope with a pledge card inside (#10 envelopes work well),
 - + ask each person to write her/his name on the outside of the envelope, prayerfully decide how much to give to the PW Mission Pledge in 2016, write the pledge amount on the card and return it in the envelope provided
 - + receive all completed pledge cards.
- ✓ Add pledge amounts and report the total on the Mission Pledge form for PW in the Congregation (page 7).
- ✓ Send the completed form to the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery (PWP) moderator or Celebration Giving representative by November 15, 2015.

Celebration Giving representatives or PW in the Presbytery leaders

- ✓ Ensure that all PW in the Congregation groups have made pledges.
- ✓ Record the pledge total on the form for PW in the Presbytery (see page 8) and attach a list of PWCs pledging.
- ✓ Keep the original and send copies by December 1, 2015, to the
 - + treasurer of PW in the Presbytery
 - + moderator of PW in the Synod
 - + PW Business Office, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202–1396
- ✓ Write a personal thank-you letter to each PW in the Congregation that pledges support for the 2016 PW Mission Pledge.



Receiving the Mission Pledge

2016

PWC member(s) responsible for pledges/gifts

- ✓ Distribute envelopes once a month, or according to the congregation's giving pattern, at circle meetings or selected events, or give each person 12 envelopes in January for use throughout 2016.
 - ◆ Consider ordering more of the small envelopes for group giving (see image, top right).
- ✓ Ask circle/congregation members to give toward their pledge amount for the year.
- ✓ Record the amount given each month on each person's pledge card.
- ✓ Give the money received at each meeting, worship service or event to the PWC treasurer or person responsible for pledges/gifts.
- ✓ Send quarterly gifts from the congregation* with all other quarterly gifts to the PWP treasurer by March 10, June 10, September 10 and December 10, 2016.
 - ◆ Remittance forms are available at www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge.
 - ◆ Treasurers also receive these forms from Rhonda Martin, PW Business Office, 844/797-2872, ext. 5596, or rhonda.martin@pcusa.org.

Resources

Mission Pledge cards

Mission Pledge cards are an easy way for PW in the Congregations to make and keep track of pledges. Instructions for receiving the Mission Pledge using pledge cards are on page 5 (under "Fall 2015, PWC or circle leader"), and the pledge card template is on the inside back cover or www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge.

Mission Pledge giving envelopes

PW in the Congregation groups may find it helpful to use preprinted envelopes to receive Mission Pledge gifts. For your convenience, we've provided an image of two different envelopes: the smaller one can be used to receive gifts **within** a PW group, the larger envelope can be used for individual gifts made **outside** of a group or by credit card.

Envelope for giving through the PW in the Congregation



Circle and/or congregation members can use the small, group giving envelope to honor gifts toward their group's pledge. See this page (under "2016, PWC member responsible for pledges/gifts") for instructions on using group giving envelopes. Group giving envelopes can be ordered from PDS by calling 800/524-2612; ask for item PWR10103; \$1.00/pack of 50, plus shipping.

Envelope for giving outside the PW group



The large individual giving envelope is ideal for individuals who

- + do not participate in a PW circle,
- + attend a church without an active PW group,
- + would like a tax receipt for their gift,
- + want to give via credit card, or
- + wish to make an additional gift over and above their group pledge.

Please make these individual giving envelopes available at congregation, presbytery and synod meetings and gatherings, as well as at special events as appropriate. The envelopes can also be found in the PW/*Horizons* Bible study and in each issue of *Horizons* magazine. Order individual giving envelopes in packs of 10 from PDS by calling 800/524-2612; item PWR15456; free, plus shipping. Please note that presbyteries and synods will be credited for all individual gifts.

Gifts made by credit card can be made online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge. Individuals can give to the Mission Pledge at any time by sending a check made payable to Presbyterian Women, with "Mission Pledge" and the name of their presbytery in the memo line, to

Presbyterian Women Remittance Processing
PO Box 643652
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652

*Tax receipts are available for PWC or PWP group gifts only. Individuals who would like tax receipts for their gifts should follow the instructions on this page under "Giving outside the PW group." Contact Patricia Longfellow, 844/797-2872, ext. 8015, or patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org, for more information.



Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Celebration of Mission through Women's Pledges

Mission Pledge Form

January 1, 2016—December 31, 2016

As Presbyterian Women, we make the following pledge to support the mission of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, Presbyterian Women in the Synod and Presbyterian Women at the churchwide level, as well as the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Amount of Mission Pledge

Please indicate below the amount pledged to PW at each level.

- To support the mission of **Presbyterian Women churchwide** _____
 - To support the work of **Presbyterian Women in the Synod** _____
 - To support the work of **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery** _____
- Total Mission Pledge from PW in the Congregation** _____

Name of Congregation _____

Signature of the moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Congregation _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Deadlines

This Mission Pledge form should be completed and sent to the moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery (or whoever is responsible for the Mission Pledge) no later than **November 15, 2015**. Send all quarterly payments of this pledge to the **treasurer of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery** by **March 10, June 10, September 10, and December 10, 2016**.

Instructions

1. Enter the pledge amount for support of Presbyterian Women at the churchwide level (including support for the mission of the church worldwide).
2. Enter the amount of support for Presbyterian Women at each level, as requested by your PW in the Presbytery and PW in the Synod.
3. Keep a copy of this form for your records and send the original to the person indicated below.

Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery or designee _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____



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Name of Presbytery _____

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- To support the mission of **Presbyterian Women churchwide** _____
 - To support the work of **Presbyterian Women in the Synod** _____
 - To support the work of **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery** _____
- Total Mission Pledge from PW in the Congregations** _____

Signature of the moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery (or whoever is responsible for PW giving in the Presbytery)

Street address

City State Zip

Phone Email

Guidelines

- Keep one copy of this form for your files.
- Mail this Mission Pledge form no later than **December 1, 2015** to each of the following:
 1. Treasurer of PW in the Presbytery
 2. Moderator of PW in the Synod
 3. PW Business Office, 100 Witherspoon St.,
Louisville, KY 40202-1396

Quarterly Churchwide Payments

Send quarterly payments of this pledge to
Presbyterian Women Remittance Processing
PO Box 643652
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652

Quarterly churchwide payments should be mailed by **March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2016** with remittance forms supplied to treasurers of PW in the Presbytery. These forms can also be downloaded at www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge.

Pledge Card

The 2016 Mission Pledge of Presbyterian Women

Name _____ Amount pledged _____

January	\$ _____	July	\$ _____
February	\$ _____	August	\$ _____
March	\$ _____	September	\$ _____
April	\$ _____	October	\$ _____
May	\$ _____	November	\$ _____
June	\$ _____	December	\$ _____

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— Matthew 6:21

We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift to the 2016 Mission Pledge campaign.

Total amount paid _____ Treasurer’s signature _____

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**Materials for Presbyterian Women
in the Congregation, Presbytery
and Synod**

Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org for an electronic copy of this resource or for stories and blog posts about how gifts to the Mission Pledge improve lives and strengthen communities the world over.

Please circulate widely.

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