

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF REDSTONE PRESBYTERY

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### TOGETHER IN SERVICE - MISSION OPPORTUNITIES – 2025

Together in Service, formerly known as Mission Opportunities, is one way that Presbyterian Women support mission. The generous giving of Presbyterian Women to Together in Service funds mission initiatives such as health care, education, reconciliation and healing, poverty relief and more, as well as support for existing denominational and ecumenical programs.

Consider the following mission opportunities recommended by the national PW.

#### Puerto Rico:

Your gift to Together in Service in Puerto Rico will support ongoing recovery efforts in three key areas:

- **Community Centers**  
This project will establish after-school support through music, sports, homework help and other child-centered activities. The purpose of these activities is to shift community activity towards the Presbyterian churches across the Synod of Puerto Rico. Establishing a children's community program will provide space for recreational activities to take place, allowing children to develop the resilience and social skills that are needed, particularly in the context of the aftermath of the storm.
- **Clean Water**  
This project will help make possible the installation of a clean water system in the First Presbyterian Church in Aguada, Puerto Rico. The well, which will be drilled at the church, and clean water systems will provide access to potable water to thousands in the municipality of Aguada.
- **Home Reconstruction**  
Funds from this project will be used for construction materials and equipment used by churches and mission teams coming into the Northwest Presbytery, the largest presbytery of the Synod of Puerto Rico. Teams will repair and rebuild homes that have not been restored through federal assistance.

To donate to this Together in Service project, go to [www.presbyterianwomen.org/give](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/give). To be *Together in Service*, other PW groups offer ongoing support to local church or community projects. Other groups commit to answering short-term needs in their communities. Others choose to support one or more of the affiliate organizations listed below:

- **On Eagle's Wings Ministries**  
On Eagle's Wings offers free, Christ-centered support to individuals caught in the web of sex trafficking. They also have an online call center and continue to learn how to reach out to those in need.
- **Sunset Gap Community Center**  
Sunset Gap is a "Christian-based organization uniting people of all faiths and providing programs that contribute to the physical, social, economic and spiritual growth of the people of Cocke and Sevier counties in Tennessee. Coordinating home repairs, a thrift shop, food pantry and meal delivery program, Sunset Gap enhances the well-being of people in an impoverished area of Appalachia.

- **Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition**  
Ending human trafficking will require building awareness and coordinating efforts in every community. San Francisco's Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition (BAATC) works to achieve slave-free by coordinating the intervention, aftercare and prevention services in the community.
- **Puente Community Resource Center**  
Puente is the only community resource center in south San Mateo County, California. This area's farms employ many immigrant workers who cannot easily access social services. Puente offers programs in health and wellness, adult education, leadership development and employment, in addition to providing emergency resources for rent, utilities, clothing and toiletries.
- **Ciliwung Community Center**  
This community center provides women in Jakarta with the opportunity to learn about nutrition, get support for their families and learn skills that will be a source of income. The center also houses a kindergarten and library.
- **The Suwung School and Clinic**  
Sorting and recycling items from garbage dumps is a source of income for a number of residents of Bali's capital, Denpasar. The Protestant Reformed Church in Western Indonesia (GPIB) supports these individuals and their children with a school and medical clinic in the garbage dump.

For more information, contact PW's mission associate, Cheri Harper, at [cheri.harper@pcusa.org](mailto:cheri.harper@pcusa.org). Below are other organizations you may consider.

### Agricultural Missions

is an independent ecumenical organization that has been in existence since 1934. AMI was formed for the specific purposes of supporting rural peoples in their struggles to achieve justice, better lives and communities, and to educate its North American constituency and general public on issues of importance to the rural peoples in the United States and other countries.

### Bread for the World

A nationwide Christian movement that seeks justice for the world's hungry people by lobbying our nation's decision makers.

### CARE

CARE is a leading humanitarian organization dedicated to fighting global poverty, saving lives, and achieving social justice. Their community-based efforts empower women, improve basic education, prevent the spread of disease, increase access to clean water, expand economic opportunity and protect natural resources.

### Children's Defense Fund

A nonprofit organization that advocates for children's rights, including education, health care, economic security and other social justice issues.

### Christmas International House

Christmas International House is a Christian ministry designed to offer hospitality to international students during the two-week Christmas holidays. Participants witness to the reality that, behind diversity, everyone stands together as one human family.

### Church Women United

A Christian women's movement that celebrates unity in diversity and works for a world of justice and peace, particularly through World Day of Prayer.

### Church World Service

CWS is a cooperative ministry of Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries.

### **Days for Girls International**

Days for Girls believes every girl in the world deserves education, safety and dignity. They work toward this goal by helping girls who would otherwise go without to have access to quality sustainable feminine hygiene and awareness.

### **ECPAT-USA**

ECPAT-USA works to protect every child's basic human right to grow up free from the threat of sexual exploitation and trafficking through lobbying federal and state legislators and corporate boards; educating first responders and ordinary citizens; and empowering youth to take the lead against human trafficking through education and knowledge.

### **Ecumenical Women at the United Nations**

An international coalition of church denominations and ecumenical organizations which have status with the Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) at the United Nations. Grounded in our faith and commitment to global justice, Ecumenical Women trains and empowers an expanding network to advocate for gender equality at the United Nations.

### **Fellowship of the Least Coin, A Program of the Asian Women's Church Conference**

Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global, ecumenical prayer movement. Founded on the belief that prayer unites a worldwide family of faith, women from around the world pray for peace and reconciliation and set aside the least coin of their country as a symbol of that prayer.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity International is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates houses in partnership with homeowner families.

### **Heifer International**

Heifer is an international organization that works with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.

### **IMA World Health**

IMA World Health provides essential health care services and supplies to vulnerable and marginalized people the world over.

### **Knitting4Peace**

Knitting4Peace is a grassroots organization whose members knit, crochet and weave as a visible sign of the real work of the organization: knitting together the global community. As participants create, they pray for each other, for the recipients of the items and for hope, healing and peace.

### **Little Dresses for Africa**

Little Dresses for Africa is a nonprofit, non-denominational Christian organization originally formed to send messages of hope and worth to girls in Africa, in the form of simple dresses made out of pillowcases. The program has expanded to other continents and now includes boys' shorts, school scholarships, meals, and support at several locations.

### **ONE Campaign**

ONE is a campaigning and advocacy organization of more than seven million people around the world taking action to end extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa. ONE believes that the fight against poverty isn't about charity, but about justice and equality.

### **Partners for Just Trade**

Partners for Just Trade (PJT) is a non-profit, faith-based organization that builds partnerships between producers living in extreme poverty and consumers in North America. They address root causes of poverty through Fair Trade sales, education, solidarity and a commitment to trade justice.

### **SERRV**

SERRV is a nonprofit, fair trade organization dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans, farmers and their families out of poverty. SERRV sells unique, handcrafted product collections from their 55 small-scale artisan/farmer organizations and cooperatives. In addition to fair wages, SERRV's partners receive training to help grow sustainable businesses.

### **Ten Thousand Villages**

Ten Thousand Villages markets handicrafts created in underdeveloped countries, thus providing a vital and fair income to the artisans. In addition to organizing shops and fairs, this organization tells the stories of the women and men whose lives are improved through these sales.

### **World Day of Prayer USA**

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Offerings collected during interfaith services benefit women and children around the world.

### **World Food Day USA**

Although hunger is a social ill that we must deal with every day, on one day each year, hunger eradicators (that's us!) join together in our local communities to raise awareness about hunger and food insecurity through hunger walks, speaker events, food drives and more.

In addition to these affiliations at the national level, Presbyterian Women at the local level are involved with numerous secular, ecumenical or interfaith organizations that share our PW values.

**To learn more about these missions you can visit**

**[https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what we do/support-mission/together-servicemission-opportunities/](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/support-mission/together-servicemission-opportunities/)**. If you don't have access to a computer or the internet you can contact the Redstone Mission Coordinator, Karol Elmore, by phone, text or email for additional information

**To ask a question or to learn more about PW Affiliations, contact [Susan Jackson Dowd](mailto:susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org) at [susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org](mailto:susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org) or 844-797-2872 ext. 5368**

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SYNOD OF THE TRINITY

*The Well – a Project of The Welcome Church*

*2025 PW Synod Mission Project*

The Well, located in the Philadelphia area of Pennsylvania, currently refers to the whole community of support for women who are experiencing homelessness, which is a part of The Welcome Church. In 2016, The Welcome Church founded an overnight shelter for women called The Well, when it became apparent that there were few places where women felt safe going inside for the night. Grounded in the relationships that The Welcome Church had with the women, The Well had two amazing successes in the first two winter seasons: the women, who had been labeled “shelter resistant,” were consistently coming in, and after the second season, most moved into permanent housing. The Welcome Church developed a relationship with Bethesda Project, and the City of Philadelphia began paying Bethesda Project to cover staffing for The Well, as a year-round shelter, in November 2017.

Unfortunately, the building and congregation (Christ’s Presbyterian Church) housing The Well had to close in 2024, and the City of Philadelphia, in the midst of budget cuts, stopped funding for this shelter. But The Welcome Church maintains strong relationships with the women! The pastors meet and check in with women who are on the streets with few resources. The Welcome Church holds two women’s group meetings each month. The women keep in touch with one another.

The Welcome Church continues to look for a new location for the shelter, for which the City will provide funding as a winter shelter this year. We have redefined The Well as the whole community of women, which gathers in different places, both inside and outside, offering mutual support. For more information check out information on The Welcome Church website: <https://www.thewelcomechurch.org/getting-to-know-us>

All of the local Redstone PW’s are encouraged to support this very worthy mission project. Help us to make a generous donation to this organization this fall.

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PW Synod has changed the collection deadline for Mission Projects to **December 1, 2025**. **Redstone PW will request that you bring your donation to the Fall Gathering on Nov. 1, 2025 at Trinity PC., New Florence** or mail it to Sue Blank, Treasurer, 4068 Bushy Run Rd., Jeannette, PA 15644. Make **checks payable to Redstone PW**, write Synod Mission on memo line.

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## LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Redstone Presbytery encourages support of five local non-profit organizations. These are:

1. The Blackburn Center in Greensburg
2. The Welcome Home Shelter in Greensburg
3. Angel Arms in Latrobe
4. City Mission in Uniontown
5. Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Fayette in Uniontown

Information about these programs and how you can help can be found on the following pages.

## BLACKBURN CENTER AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Address: 1011 Old Salem Road, Ste 202, Greensburg, PA 15601

Mailing Address: PO Box 398, Greensburg, PA 15601

Contact: Jenny Quaka: Phone: 724-837-9540 , ext. 144; email: [jennyq@blackburncenter.org](mailto:jennyq@blackburncenter.org)

Toll-free 24-hour hotline #: 1-888-832-2272 or 724-836-1122

Website: [www.blackburncenter.org](http://www.blackburncenter.org)

Since 1976, Blackburn Center has been providing services to victims of domestic and sexual violence in Westmoreland County and presenting education programs across this community. Our mission is to actively advocate for the rights of all people to live free from violence and oppression in their homes and communities and provide supportive services to survivors of all forms of domestic violence and sexual assault. All of Blackburn Center's client services are **free** and **confidential** and can be **anonymous**.

**New items needed throughout the Year for Blackburn Center's clients/shelter residents include the following:**

### **Kitchen**

Dish drying racks

**Dinnerware sets**

**Drinking glasses/cups**

***Food items:** any canned food, other non-perishables, etc. \*Food items we especially need: condiments (preferably in smaller sizes - mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, jelly, and salad dressing), all kinds of soups, canned tuna, canned chicken and other meats, canned or bottled juices.*

Silverware-sets

**Kitchen utensils**

**Glass baking dishes**

Plastic pitchers

Paper towel holders

Pots & Pans

Skillets

Small appliances: **electric**

**Can openers, coffee makers,**

**Toasters, mixers, etc.**

**Zip-lock bags** (2 gallon sizes, **2.5 gallon, quart** size)

This list changes from time to time, so go to the website for an up-to-date list of needs.

Please put the items that are in **bold** at the top of your shopping list.

We ask that all donated items be **new**.

CASH donations are always appreciated.

Deliver your donations on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9Am to 3PM.

To arrange for a donation drop-off at a different time, please call the office at 724-837-9540.

### **Bathroom**

Children's Toothpaste

Hairbrushes

**Hair care products for women of color**

Paper products: toilet paper

**Shower Curtains & Liners**

**Toddler/Training Toothpaste**

### **Bedroom**

**Air Mattresses (any size)**

Bed-in-a-bag sets (twin & full)

**Comforters (twin & full)**

Baby monitor

**Underwear: Women's sizes 9-12**

***Travel-size toiletries are not needed at this time.***

*Regular size adult toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, and menstrual hygiene products are needed.*

### **Miscellaneous**

Adult coloring books

Flashlights

Duffel Bags

Extension cords

**Gasoline cards** (Get Go & Sheetz)

**Gift cards** (Giant Eagle, Shop n' Save, Walmart & Target)

**Long distance calling cards**

Square Sterilite Laundry baskets

**Mops**

Mr. Clean Magic Erasers

**Sweat suits** sizes S,M,1X,.2X,.3X

**Tool kits**

**TracFones & Cards**

If you have used items to donate, the agency can provide a list of thrift shops in the area that make items available to Blackburn Center residents at no cost to them.