



Every Christmas, we express our gratitude for the birth of our savior by supporting the **Christmas Joy Offering (CJO)**, which equally supports the [Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions](#) and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

You know the stories – of retired colleagues who, after many years of independent living, suddenly need care they cannot afford ... of ministers whose life-threatening illnesses take a toll on them physically, emotionally, and financially ... of other church workers who, flooded out of their homes, see the bills mount along with their worries.

The CJO provides a way for congregations to care for Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ministers, other church workers, and their families in need. "It really is **brothers and sisters helping brothers and sisters**," said one grant recipient.

Thanks to the CJO, the Assistance Program is able to provide much-needed financial assistance to hundreds of brothers and sisters each year. But with a growing number of natural disasters disrupting church workers' lives, the Offering has never been more crucial. How can you help? Share this [Minute for Mission story](#) with church leaders and/or congregation.

Donations to the Assistance Program can be made directly [online](#) at any time of year, but every gift is especially meaningful now, when the need for funding is at its height. If you are able to help, please do.

For more information about the CJO, contact Special Offerings at 800-728-7228, ext 5047, or email specialofferings@pcusa.org.

Thank you for your compassion and commitment to our connectional church.

Wishing you peace and joy this Christmas!

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