

Presbyterian Women Report on Mission Donations

Remember the MarketPlace sale, the Parade of Homes event and TulipTime's Information Booth in 2007? How about the Thank offering last November and, most recently, the Birthday Offering as well as cards for Mother's Day?

Your participation in these events provided funds for Presbyterian Women to distribute. The PW Coordinating Team has donated more than \$5000 during this program year and is most appreciative of your assistance. In making determinations about our mission donations, we consider requests that are local, domestic (within the US) and world-wide. For the current program year (2007 – 2008), our giving included the following missions:

	<u>Mission Recipient</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Amt. Donated</u>
	Ottagan Addictions Recovery	Women's Program	\$300
	Boys and Girls Club		\$150
	Community Health Center		\$500
	Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women (LMPW)	Celebrations Program through LMPW	\$500
	Networker's Malaria Prevention	Through LMPW	\$815
	Thank Offering	Through LMPW	\$829
	FPC Senior High Mission Trip		\$500
	FPC Nursery School	1 scholarship	\$460
	Community Action House		\$500
	Holland Rescue Mission	Women's housing	\$500
	Presbyterian Church USA	AIDS Orphans & vulnerable children program in Africa	\$300
		TOTAL MISSION GIVING	\$5354.00

In addition, PW at First Presbyterian Church in Holland pledges funds to LMPW which supports the world-wide mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Each PW circle member also donates money at each circle meeting toward this pledge and two others. The pledged amount (determined by the Coordinating Team) and the Least Coin contributions will be sent to LMPW at the end of the program year. In turn, LMPW funnels the funds to selected mission projects. Money collected for leprosy is sent directly to American Leprosy Missions. As of the mid-May this includes the following recipients.

	<p>Fellowship of the Least Coin</p> <p>\$30 collected from PW's circle members</p>	<p>Coins gathered from around the world become a sign of our oneness in the common quest for peace, justice and reconciliation.</p> <p>An international committee selects special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, awareness-building among women and relief throughout the world.</p>
	<p>Pledges</p> <p>\$500 collected from PW's circle members</p>	<p>Presbyterian Women make the following pledge to support the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) worldwide through the General Assembly Mission Budget and the basic operating budget of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, Presbyterian Women in the Synod, and Presbyterian Women at the church-wide level.</p>
	<p>Leprosy</p> <p>\$134.50 collected from PW's circle members</p>	<p>Funds are sent to ALM, an international charitable organization, whose mission is to find children and adults before leprosy and Buruli ulcer maim bodies and destroy dreams.</p>
	<p>Birthday Offering</p> <p>Collected from the congregation in early May, the offering totals are not yet complete.</p>	<p>Collected each spring, this offering celebrates the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. Two projects in 2008 will be funded: the Presbyterian Church of Congo and the Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo), and the Lakeview Presbyterian Church Weekday School as well as their Weekday School Restoration project in New Orleans, LA.</p>

One more area of giving includes you – each member of the congregation who provide items for donation. These in-kind donations reflect the care and understanding of our congregation regarding the needs of others. During this program year, the following donations were distributed:

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| • Center for Women in Transition | \$1542.05 | • Hope in a Box project | \$150.00 |
| • Maine Mission | \$ 490.00 | • PW – Opportunity Giving | \$ 50.00 |
| • Ministry with Community | \$ 840.00 | | |

Thank you for your generosity this program year and assisting Presbyterian Women with the means and help to make all of these donations possible.

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