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Thanksgiving Offering.**

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MNA Thanksgiving Offering

Mentoring Leaders for Our Diverse Communities

Throughout the US and Canada, God is calling people into ministry. Each year, the MNA Thanksgiving Offering provides valuable financial support to men and women who are training for ministry leadership among the many people groups who are largely unreached by the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The Offering is supported by PCA churches and individual members. Through the Thanksgiving Offering, you have the opportunity to invest in future leaders of the denomination—and the opportunity to provide valuable resources for the advancement of the Gospel.

As the population of North America continues to grow in diversity, the need for leaders from the many different people groups represented in our neighborhoods has never been more crucial. Your gifts through the Thanksgiving Offering support these future pastors and lay ministry leaders. In this brochure, you'll read how Thurman Williams, a former recipient of several grants from the Offering, is now mentoring other grant recipients. You'll also read how other men and women who have received grants are laboring to advance the Kingdom of Christ. They are just a sampling of the impact the Offering can have on our communities, with your support.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of God's work—through tomorrow's leaders—as you give to this year's Thanksgiving Offering.



For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

~ Mark 10:45

Sustaining the Great Commission



Left to Right: Raymond Pierre, Sainvil Dorsainvil and Josue Jean-Baptiste

El Shaddai Ministries—based in Miami FL and led by pastor Dony St. Germain—plants Haitian churches in the US and Haiti, and trains and equips Haitian leaders for ministry. Dony has mentored Sainvil Dorsainvil, a former Thanksgiving Grant recipient and El Shaddai intern, who is now planting a church in Naples FL.

Christ Liberation Fellowship seeks to call Butch Patrick as full-time associate pastor of community outreach. The grant they received through the Thanksgiving Offering provided support for Butch's internship.



Lance Lewis with Butch Patrick



Leonardo Rodriguez

LAMP (Leadership and Ministry Preparation) is an MNA program developed by Brian Kelso to mentor and train men for ordination through a high quality, comprehensive program, without attending a resident seminary. During his LAMP training for ordination, Leonardo Rodriguez was a recipient of a Thanksgiving Grant.



Brian Kelso (right) LAMP founder.

MNA serves PCA churches and presbyteries as they advance God's Kingdom in North America by planting, growing, and multiplying biblically healthy churches through the development of intentional evangelism and outreach ministries.



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Grant Recipients Give Back to Community

The face of North America is rapidly changing. Although Caucasians continue to make up the largest percentage of people across North America, other ethnic groups now outnumber them in many places. The face of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) is changing as well. Grants given to minority leaders through the MNA Thanksgiving Offering provide on-the-job training that will equip them to meet the needs of our ever-diversifying communities and churches. As you read the stories below, please prayerfully consider contributing to the Thanksgiving Offering—helping PCA churches minister among the many people groups of North America.

In 1995, Faith Christian Fellowship (PCA) in Baltimore MD had only one pastor. The church needed an additional leader to assist in ministering in their predominately African American community but didn't have the means to support another full-time staff person. Thurman Williams was able to help fill the void at Faith with the assistance of two MNA Thanksgiving Grants and enrolled as a student at Chesapeake Theological Seminary. While serving as Faith's Minister of Outreach and Youth, Thurman gained valuable experience—such as preaching on a monthly basis — while working toward his ordination.

“The grants not only helped Faith to pay me during my internship, but supplemented my seminary expenses as well,” says Thurman. “I was supported by the grants at every step of the process toward my ordination.”

Below: Darryl Jordan leading worship as New Song Community Church Intern.



Christ Central, Charlotte NC, staff and interns circa 2003.

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Thurman Williams Today, Thurman is pastor at New Song Community Church (PCA) in Baltimore. An urban church, New Song is composed of an economically and racially diverse congregation of about 150 people. Each year since coming to New Song, Thurman has applied for MNA Thanksgiving Grants and served as mentoring pastor to the men who have received them. “The grants have helped New Song meet the needs of our church, which were outgrowing the size of our congregation,” Thurman says. He emphasizes that the grants help small congregations, like New Song, with limited financial means.

One of those men is Darryl Jordan, a musician whose talents made a valuable contribution to worship at New Song. Darryl, who took classes with Reformed Seminary in Washington DC's online program while interning at New Song, was “a much-needed addition,” says Thurman. “In an urban, cross-cultural setting, it's important to have someone who can play a wide range of music. Darryl was able to play music appropriate to the context of not only the traditional African American community here, but across ethnic lines as well.” Today, Darryl is teaching at a music school in New York City and assisting in worship leadership at a church plant there, one with an even broader range of people groups.

Thurman Williams and Darryl Jordan are only two of the many men and women who have received Thanksgiving Grants. Continue reading for more stories of how past offerings have helped further the Kingdom of Christ.

Supporting the Great Commission

Under pastors Howard Brown and Giorgio Hiatt, Joel Brown, Omari Hill and Terrence Brown served as interns at Christ Central Presbyterian, an ethnically diverse church in Charlotte NC. Terrence continues to work part-time at Christ Central as Worship Music Coordinator. Joel is now Youth Pastor at New City Chattanooga TN, and Omari plans to serve as RUF campus minister at UNC Charlotte.

Albert Chang, a third-year student at Westminster Theological Seminary in Escondido CA, assists with various aspects of church ministry, as well as the campus ministry of Harbor Presbyterian at the La Jolla campus of the University of California.



University of California at La Jolla

“The Thanksgiving Offering grant helped greatly in compensating Albert for his internship with us.”
~ Bob Klein, Harbor Presbyterian La Jolla Pastor

Eunice Mendoza continues to help lead Latino Ministries at New City Fellowship in Chattanooga TN. She recently began a second ministry at New City East Lake, a new church site of New City. The East Lake area of Chattanooga has a high percentage of Latino families—Eunice is developing a tutoring ministry for Latino children, leading English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, as well as visitation and evangelism.

Below: Eunice Mendoza helps lead Latino Ministries at New City.

