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Mentoring Leaders for Our Diverse Communities

How the Thanksgiving Offering Works



We want you to do something wonderful - contribute to the Thanksgiving Offering Fund so that we can help equip and empower some marvelous people to do crosscultural ministry and ministry to the poor.

If each church in the PCA contributes to the Thanksgiving Offering, we will have enough to meet the many requests for grants that we now receive. For many years we have sent out small grants around the country for PCA churches to hire interns and apprentices, to train staff, and even to provide small mercy grants when church plants have no Deacon funds. If we all chip in, we will have the resources to encourage many small and struggling works, some of whom are in areas challenged by poverty, violence, and suspicion. We are sending out church planters and pastors to communities who have never attended a PCA church, who have never experienced the preaching of the whole counsel of God, and who have never seen Christ's love break through social and cultural barriers. Please help us evangelize, disciple, and raise up local leaders from these communities. Eventually you will see them on the mission field and in heaven.

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Please plan how you will participate. Share this brochure with your congregation or Sunday school class and challenge them to contribute. You could put it on your refrigerator and pray for this effort. You could look up these ministries on Facebook, or call them, or visit them. You could decide to take up a special offering from your congregation and send it to Mission to North America. Or, you might want to sit down right now and make a personal donation. Whatever you do, please pray for the Lord to move in the hearts of our denomination to plant churches among the poor and across cultural and social boundaries. Thank you.

New York City, Richmond & Orangeburg

NEW YORK CITY – Jon Storck has been laboring with Grace Fellowship Church in the borough of Queens NY. Queens is a very diverse area made up of many smaller communities. The Storck family has been ministering in the Sunnyside neighborhood, and it has not been easy. In the midst of trying to pastor, revitalize a congregation, and cast a vision of compassionate outreach, there is the challenge of crossing ethnic and cultural boundaries with the gospel.



A view of Manhattan from Sunnyside, Queens

Grace Fellowship Church has created a summer outreach art, music, and sports camp for area youth. Several PCA congregations have sent teams to NYC to help run the camp each summer. Over the years children who attended the camp grew up and are now helping to run the ministry. This is exactly how we build the next generation of leaders - through evangelism, discipleship, and entrusting them with



Former campers of City Camp, now in Leadership Training

opportunities to gain leadership experience. Please pray for Grace Fellowship Church and especially their summer ministry outreach. Your financial support gives us the ability to supply small grants for internships in programs such as this.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA – Pastor Matt Lorish has planted a church on the north side of Richmond in a racially and socio-economically diverse neighborhood. Northside Church has intentionally pursued being a crosscultural church and the congregants have poured themselves out to love the people of the neighborhood. The Lord has been adding new people to their congregation, where they are experiencing great worship and love. Leaders are being raised up and the congregation is pursuing a plan to bring on seminary students and graduates who wish to apprentice in crosscultural ministry and pastoring.



L to R: Nii and Shaqrah Aryee, with Northside Church members Anthony and Lukeythia Bastardi

The church needs to strategically recruit volunteers, interns, apprentices, and future church officers to build a solid ministry and church. One of the men in the church is Nii Ayite Aryee, who is of Ghanaian descent but was raised in Newark NJ. After completing studies at Alliance Theological Seminary in NYC, he and his family relocated to Richmond, where Nii is expanding his ministry skills. Grants from the Thanksgiving Offering can help support future leaders like Nii.

THE CONGREGATION IS PURSUING A PLAN TO BRING ON SEMINARY STUDENTS AND GRADUATES WHO WISH TO APPRENTICE IN CROSSCULTURAL MINISTRY AND PASTORING.



Prayer Against Racism gathering in Orangeburg Town Square

ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA – New City Fellowship of Orangeburg SC is pastored by JP Sibley, an Orangeburg native. Like many small towns across the nation, Orangeburg has struggled economically. There are two Historically Black Colleges and Universities there, including Claflin University, with about 2,000 students, and South Carolina State University, with about 2,500 students. It is significant that a man who grew up in this small town has felt called to go back and plant a crosscultural church in a place unfamiliar with that kind of ministry.

The PCA has a number of churches in South Carolina, but only a few have focused their ministry within the African American community. In fact there has been a history of exclusion and separation. By God's grace, those days are over! A small town might seem an insignificant place to do this kind of ministry, but this is exactly where it needs to be lived out. The Lord is at work, people are being brought together, and the gospel is being shared and demonstrated. This young church would benefit from a Thanksgiving Offering grant for leadership development.



Back-to-school block party at the Orangeburg Spray Park

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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 critical. Your gifts through the Thanksgiving Offering support these future pastors and lay ministry leaders. Featured in this brochure are several individuals who have received grants from the Offering for their training in leadership. 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

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Mission to North America exists to celebrate the gospel of Jesus in the US and Canada by coming alongside the local and regional church in church planting, missional partnerships and church renewal.

PLEASE JOIN US

in continuing these fruitful
endeavors by prayerfully
considering a generous gift to the
2018 Thanksgiving Offering.

Your gift has a significant role in training those who will minister among ethnic groups not currently well reached by the PCA.

Please enclose your gift in this envelope and place it in the offering plate, or mail your gift to Mission to North America. You may also make a donation online at: pcamna.org

THANK YOU for participating in the
Advancement of the Gospel in North America!

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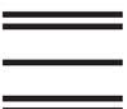
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