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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for all that you and God's people in your congregation are doing for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the work of his kingdom. Many of us are in the Presbyterian Church in America because we love her commitment to the Word of God. Because of that we are assured that the gospel is preached from our pulpits, our people are challenged to live godly lives by the power of the Holy Spirit, and we are motivated into missions and evangelism. We follow Jesus as fishers of men, and to seek and save the lost.

At Mission to North America, we are mindful of urban and poor communities who need gospel preaching and gospel-centered churches. We are aware of the need to cross ethnic, cultural, and economic boundaries to spread the good news of Jesus.

To accomplish this mission, right here in the United States and Canada, we need to raise up leaders and support churches who have insufficient resources of their own. Each year, the Thanksgiving Offering gives us a great opportunity to raise up and train new leaders. It provides emergency mercy funds for church plants who don't have their own mercy funds to help people out of difficult circumstances.

Please spread the word about this missions opportunity that is especially focused to serve among the poor, and help us raise the money we need to give strategic grants to help. Please forward the electronic Thanksgiving Offering brochure and donations links to encourage your congregation to support this very important mission, assisting in the training of future leaders and in supplying helping grants for those who serve in communities of need. You may find of this information on our website here:

<https://pcamna.org/thanksgiving-offering/>

Updating from our past practice of mailing appeal letters and printed brochures, we are shifting to electronic communications this year as the sole means of getting the word out. This will save considerable printing and mailing costs.

We suggest these steps to get this opportunity before your congregation, or to pass the word on to individuals who might prayerfully consider giving:

- In your regular electronic communications with others in your congregation, include a brief lead-in summary of the appeal and links to the brochure

(presented in two formats). You are welcome to copy any content from this letter or from the brochure.

- Stress the importance of the Offering to your Session and your congregation. You might want to mention a story or two from the brochure or tell a personal story of how you know the Offering has helped further the gospel of Christ among different people groups. Ask for prayer for God to provide in great ways.
- During November, post reminders in your church's printed and electronic communications.
- Choose a Sunday worship service in November to feature the Thanksgiving Offering, providing a summary in your printed announcements to the congregation, pointing them to the MNA website pages and links. On your chosen Sunday, make a specific announcement and urge members to give generously. The content posted on the MNA website provides links for giving electronically, along with the mailing address to which checks may be sent.

Make your online donation here:

<https://give.pcamna.org/to/mna-thanksgiving-offering/>

Designate "Thanksgiving Offering" on your check and mail to:

Mission to North America

P.O. Box 890233

Charlotte, NC 28289-0233

Please pass the word on to others, and pray that many will step up to be part of the answer to the prayer Jesus told us to pray, *Pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest* (Matthew 9:38).

May the Lord bless you greatly in serving him,

Randy Nabors

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P.S. MNA is ready to help any PCA congregation with training for Deacons, mercy ministry, and benevolence policies. Contact me at: rnabors@pcanet.org. Please contact me also if you have any questions or need further information to encourage God's people to give to this Offering.