



# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

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*(the "Red Door"), Oneonta, NY*

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger and poverty have been the prior emphasis of OGHS, but starting this year climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees are added to these efforts.

The PC(USA) works with mid-councils and churches to provide immediate support after natural and human-caused disasters. It also assists with long-term recovery efforts, connecting mid-councils and churches with resources to help them rebound and thrive. This emergency ministry enables our congregations and mission partners to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. In recent years some of these efforts have included Ukrainian Refugees relief in Moldova, disaster relief in Ghana after widespread flooding of the Volta River, installing solar panels and battery storage in Puerto Rico, and relief after the widespread Southern California wildfires.

OGHS also works to alleviate hunger and eliminate its root causes, working through relationships and partnerships in the United States and around the world. Hunger is an extremely complex phenomenon with economic, political, environmental and social causes. The PC(USA) seeks to find out why people are hungry and to encourage action that will help address the underlying causes.

The PC(USA) is committed to eradicating systemic poverty and evaluating the forces that push people into poverty and keep them there. This is done by entering into partnership with groups of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people; interacting with presbyteries; helping to facilitate their work; and encouraging a deeper understanding and involvement of the Church in the process of self-development.

The work and ministry of PC(USA) offices, advocates, and partners enable the church to provide direct support to those navigating the complexities of the immigration system, advocate for compassionate and just immigration laws and policies, and collaborate with partners who directly respond to these critical and complex issues in a range of communities and settings. Through these ongoing efforts, the PC(USA) seeks to embody Christ's call to justice, compassion, and welcome for all who journey in search of safety and hope.

The program of Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns accompanies all who wish to reflect on, live out, and act on economic and environmental decisions as part of their faith and values. The PC(USA) has created resources and presentations created for reflection on economic and environmental justice issues, including environmental racism.