

How

Our Mission Moves Forward:



Equipping, Supporting, and Connecting Congregations

2012 Congregational Giving
in Providence Presbytery

Pictures of a Church at work

Mission!

This is the Church's big picture word for:

- the local congregation in ministry
- the work of the Presbytery with its programs and personnel
- the Presbyterian Church as it works nationally
- and our cooperation and support for sister churches around the world as they lift up the cross of Jesus Christ

All of this is "mission" in the broadest meaning of the word. Don't get boxed in by the old sense of this word that once meant sending missionaries to the darkest corners of the globe while the congregation stayed home. Mission in this new day is your particular congregation, this Presbytery, and our Presbyterian Church (USA) as we spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The purpose of this booklet is to tell you how this happens, explain the process for supporting mission, and provide resources for your congregation's full, joyful participation.

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It is a glorious work we do as the Presbyterian Church ... and through the action of the Holy Spirit, it is God's work.
Thank you for your faithful participation in God's work!

About MISSION PARTNERSHIP GIVING

How do we support this new sense of mission in the Presbytery and beyond?
Through the Mission Partnership Giving of your congregation.

What is Mission Partnership Giving? This is your congregation supporting:

- the program of Providence Presbytery as you undergird work with congregations and provide compensation for Presbytery staff. In undesignated and selected Mission Partnership Giving, 86% remains within the Presbytery.
- the larger Presbyterian Church as we work in ministry in this country and with partner churches and agencies around the world. Of the 14% we send to the larger Church through General Assembly, Synod, and other agencies, \$36,558 will return to us this year from General Assembly & Synod Partnership Funds.

At the “end of the day,” your support all comes down to people:

- people in the Presbytery who work with congregations, pastors, leaders and members to transform our congregations and to respond to their needs
- Presbytery staff who work with great energy and dedication
- dedicated staff at the national level who serve the larger church, and Christians all over the world engaged in “hands-on” ministry.



People! Gifted people, dedicated people, women and men energized by the Spirit.

The Good News is that support for this work of the whole church comes from local congregations just like yours. Congregations are the bedrock and foundation of our Presbyterian Church.

The support of local congregations moves the church forward, witnessing to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in a hurting world.

Mission Partnership Giving in Providence Presbytery is lifting up the true connection in Christ we have with each other.

Simply put: Your congregation's giving is the primary source of funding that undergirds the entire church. We are linked together in this Presbytery, regionally with the Synod of South Atlantic, nationally with General Assembly and all over the world with partner churches. Your support enables us to bring resources to sister congregations.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), with denominational offices in Louisville, Kentucky, has 2.2 members, 10,960 congregations, with over 14,000 ordained and active ministers, and 173 presbyteries. Our Synod consists of 16 presbyteries and 997 churches in Florida, South Carolina, and Georgia, and 281,266 confirmed members. The Presbyterian Church (USA) encourages cooperation among sessions, presbyteries, the Synod, and the General Assembly.



Mission Partnership Giving is the contribution of your congregation to:

- support educators, doctors, administrators, nurses, youth workers, evangelists and other Christians working with global partners who do God's work to carry the Good News to God's children around the world
- enable Providence Presbytery to offer a wide range of services for congregations, church members, and clergy. Such services include the Presbytery Resource Center, strategic planning for congregations, curriculum consultations, Mustard Seed Grants, leadership development for pastors, educators, and lay leaders.
- start new congregations, provide assistance for congregations, make it possible for children and youth to experience life enriching encounters at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center
- strengthen clergy for their demanding and fulfilling work
- provide resources and workshops to revitalize congregations
- and touch the lives of people as close as our back door and as far away as Honduras and Guatemala.

This is what it means to be Presbyterian; it is the concrete realization of living and working together. In Mission Partnership Giving, Paul's image of the body of Christ comes alive with all the parts connected. Congregations across the nation provide more than \$100 million each year for the whole church. It is an awesome connection!

The Ministry Teams and the staff of this Presbytery bring their best energy to support the mission and ministries of the Presbytery, working to help churches, pastors, special ministries, candidates for ministry, commissioned lay pastors, educators, and lay volunteers.

Your congregation's support means the work of Jesus Christ is strengthened within our geographical bounds ... and beyond as well.

Congregational Giving: Terms and Meanings in Your Giving

Mission Partnership giving is ...

Gifts and contributions which support the adopted budgets of Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. This unrestricted giving from congregations represents the main support of Presbytery programs and personnel.

In Providence Presbytery, the Mission Partnership Goal for our congregations is a tithe: 10% of your congregation's regular contributions less building funds.

Providence Presbytery is proud of the fact that in 2009 we were ranked 14th among all 173 presbyteries in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in per member giving to validated mission expenditures beyond the local church, giving \$89.28 per member for a total of \$706,212, plus another \$774,904 to local missions and other missions within their churches. You can see that God is at work in exciting ways around the world. It is truly amazing what we can collectively do to support the mission and ministry of the Church!



A boy looks out from his tent home following the earthquake. Many survivors are living in tents in this park in Petionville, Haiti.
Photo by Paul Jeffrey, ACT

How is Mission Partnership Giving used?

It is Presbytery's policy to divide unrestricted Mission Partnership Giving in this fashion:

- 86.01% of every Mission Partnership Giving dollar remains in the Presbytery to support program and staff
- 7.11% goes to the General Assembly level for our denomination's work nationally and internationally with partner churches
- 4.27% goes to agencies of the Presbyterian Church (USA), such as Presbyterian Communities, SC Home at Montreat, Presbyterian College, SC Christian Action Council, Villa International, SC Campus Ministry, and Saluda Center
- 2.61% goes to Synod of South Atlantic. The Synod is involved in two areas of programming: Racial Ethnic Ministries and New Church Development

This is in addition to the per member per capita to the General Assembly of \$6.63 and \$1.45 to Synod.

Per Capita Assessments

Each year, the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly establish an amount per active member so that all Presbyterians share in the necessary costs of the administrative, legislative, and judicial functions of Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. These services benefit all congregations equally.

The 2012 Per Capita Assessment is \$9.34 per member, which includes the following:

\$1.26	-	Presbytery
\$1.45	-	Synod
\$6.63	-	General Assembly

In Providence Presbytery, the Per Capita Assessment is used for the maintenance needs at the Presbytery office.

Per Capita is separate from Presbytery program and staff compensation which is provided through Mission Partnership Giving.

Extra Commitment Opportunities

Extra Commitment Opportunities (ECO) - gifts from individuals and sessions support projects *over and above* the adopted Presbytery or General Assembly budget. Because this is beyond the budget, extra commitment giving requires approval for each project. For information on available projects, ask the General Assembly for the two booklets or contact Presbyterian Distribution Services at 1-800-524-2612.

- Directed Mission Support Book (issued annually)
 - Extra Commitment Opportunities Book (issued annually)
- (Copies of these resources are also available in the Presbytery Resource Center)



Presbyterian Church (U.S. A.) provides support for mission programs

You may also go to the Presbyterian Church website for a wealth of information on Mission Funding and Development: www.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections.

ECO giving **does not** count towards your Fair Share Mission Partnership Giving Acceptances. Usually, an ECO project will not receive funding unless gifts designated for this purpose are made.

Directed Mission Support

Directed Mission Support - gifts that are given for a particular cause, restricted gifts, for use *within* the adopted budgets of Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Funds may be directed by sessions to specific line items up to the total approved budget amount. Projects in the Directed Mission Support Book are already included in the mission budget for funding.

Providence Presbytery supports missionaries in: Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Malawi, Mexico, Northern Ireland, Republic of South Africa, and South Korea. Current PC (USA) missionaries are listed in the International Mission Personnel Almanac which is available from Presbyterian Distribution Services (PDS #12120-10-103). Except for those serving in sensitive areas that prevent them from being identified on the Internet, missionaries are also listed on the PC (USA) website at: www.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections

Missionaries supported by churches in Providence Presbytery



In 2010, Providence Presbytery gave \$43,468 to Directed Mission Support !

Church Wide Special Offerings

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has established four church-wide offerings with a special purpose. Well in advance of the date to receive the offerings, the denomination sends your congregation excellent materials for interpretation.

The offerings include:

- One Great Hour of Sharing - on Easter Sunday
- Pentecost Offering - on Pentecost Sunday
- Peacemaking Offering - on World Communion Sunday
- Christmas Joy Offering - in December

Providence Presbytery receives two additional offerings:

- Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina - on Mother's Day



- Thanksgiving Offering - in November for Thornwell Home for Children



As a ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Thornwell is a joyful Christian community offering hope and wholeness to children and families.

...for generations to come...
seminaries and churches together

PC(USA) Theological Education



The Theological Education Fund (TEF)

One of the fundamental patterns of our Presbyterian tradition is that we seek leaders who are trained...educated...shaped by their investment in worship, Bible, theology, polity, the best pastoral practices, and efficient administration. The life of the church produces seeds of passionate interest in all these areas...but where can these seeds best be nurtured? The word "seminary" comes from the Latin word that originally referred to nursery or garden place, where seeds were sown. Our seminaries are the places where the seeds of the church's life are nurtured, strengthened, and shared with the church.

The only church-wide funding of our seminaries is the Theological Educational Fund (TEF). This support comes from congregations who designate the equivalent of 1% of their operating budget for the training of future pastors and educators. Some churches start lower than this and build to 1%. Each gift to TEF makes it more feasible for men and women to attend seminary and grow in their gifts for leadership.

The Synod of South Atlantic ranks second among sixteen synods in support of the Fund for Theological Education. Within the bounds of our Synod there are two theological seminaries: Columbia (Decatur, GA) and Johnson C. Smith (Atlanta, GA). In 2010, Providence Presbytery had 12 churches who contributed \$4,805.46 to the Theological Education Fund.



God's Mission Matters

"God's Mission Matters," a monthly podcast of Presbyterian World Mission, helps you learn how to engage more faithfully and effectively in God's mission. "God's Mission Matters" brings you insights from mission workers and scripture based on a guiding "tip of the month" for mission involvement.



Mission Crossroads

Share and discover mission stories, best practices and concerns in a joint search for more faithful and effective mission involvement at www.missioncrossroads.org. Presbyterians come together as branches of the same vine, connecting people with resources and tools for engaging with each other and with God's mission in the world.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. — John 15:5



What is the Big Tent?

The Big Tent has been called "a denominational happening" and "a big Presbyterian family reunion." Big Tent inspires people and makes them proud to be Presbyterian. The event is geared to be celebratory, diverse, participatory and inter-generational. It is a time to worship together and share meals. There are partner conferences schedules with plenary sessions, panels, Bible studies, workshops, tours and networking opportunities. The exhibit hall will feature displays of the PC(USA) agencies and some of their related organizations. Many Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ministries and groups will hold conferences in conjunction with the Big Tent event.

In 2011, The Big Tent Event will be in Indianapolis, June 30 through July 2, 2011

Providence Presbytery Capital Campaign Projects

Faith New Church Development

Faith Presbyterian Church was chartered on Sunday, October 3, 2010.



New church development is one of the most important ways we live out the great commission of Jesus Christ. While we may define and plan our growth one church at a time, the concept of new church development is not about a particular project or short term goal – it is an ongoing effort that never ends. It is truly a form of evangelism and requires the strength and support of every member from every congregation. The New Church Development

Commission was created in 2005 to move the Presbytery forward in our plan to establish a new church every ten years.

Providence Presbytery owns 6.5 acres at the corner of Six Mile Creek Road and Highway 521 – a perfect location from which to serve the highest growth points in the area. The Rev. David Bender was called as the organizing pastor of the new church, which was named **Faith Presbyterian Church**. Temporary worship space was secured at the nearby Indian Land Recreational Center. There was a five-year step-down schedule for funding staff (2006 - 2011). Between their first worship service in October 7, 2007 and December 31, 2010, Faith Church has given \$44,214 in Mission Partnership Giving and \$2,222 in non-designated giving to the greater church. Faith Presbyterian Church was chartered on October 3, 2010 with 84 adults and 18 children.

Faith Church opens their arms and hearts and doors, envisioning God's blessing and growing in the community in nurture, calling, ministry and membership as they anticipate growing a worshipping community with membership between 700 and 900 in the decades to come. The property is almost directly across Hwy 521 from Sun City Carolina Lakes, and it is on this property that they plan to build.

Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center



Bethelwoods has been one of Providence Presbytery's "crown jewels" for over 40 years. It is a shared resource among our congregations, the local community, and Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. In order to keep Bethelwoods as a lasting and effective ministry for our congregations, we have embarked on several capital improvement projects at the camp. These improvements include a new pool and bathhouse (completed in 2005), new multi-purpose cabin

construction (Providence Cabin- completed in 2009), construction of a new maintenance building (In Process), renovations to Hopkins Lodge and the Main Lodge (In Process), and future goals of construction of a Bethelwoods Inn and Meeting Room.

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY - 2012 ASSESSMENTS		
	2010 MEMBERS	ASSESSMENTS \$9.34 (GA \$6.63), (Synod \$1.45), (Presbytery \$1.26)
Allison Creek	147	\$1,372.98
Beaver Creek	15	\$140.10
Beersheba	29	\$270.86
Beth Shiloh	175	\$1,634.50
Bethesda (K)	533	\$4,978.22
Bethesda (Y)	267	\$2,493.78
Bethlehem First	33	\$308.22
Bethune	28	\$261.52
Blackstock	3	\$28.02
Bowling Green	102	\$952.68
Camden Second	23	\$214.82
Cane Creek	53	\$495.02
Carmel	18	\$168.12
Catholic	35	\$326.90
Cedar Shoals	4	\$37.36
Clover	323	\$3,016.82
Community	22	\$205.48
Cornwell	38	\$354.92
Covenant	159	\$1,485.06
Dobys Bridge	188	\$1,755.92
Douglas	110	\$1,027.40
Faith	80	\$747.20
Fishing Creek	37	\$345.58
Fort Lawn	7	\$65.38
Grace (L)	105	\$980.70
Grace (Y)	413	\$3,857.42
Great Falls	70	\$653.80
Hebron	32	\$298.88
Hermon	44	\$410.96
Hopewell	40	\$373.60

	2010 MEMBERS	ASSESSMENTS \$9.34 (GA \$6.63)(Synod \$1.45), (Presbytery \$1.26)
Kershaw 1 st	64	\$597.76
Lancaster 1st	210	\$1,961.40
Liberty Hill	245	\$2,288.30
Lockhart	22	\$205.48
Messiah	10	\$93.40
Morningside	15	\$140.10
Mt. Pleasant	49	\$457.66
Mt. Tabor (U)	28	\$261.52
New Cut	118	\$1,102.12
Oakdale	214	\$1,998.76
Oakland Ave.	908	\$8,480.72
Old Waxhaw	45	\$420.30
Pleasant Grove (C)	65	\$607.10
Pleasant Grove (Y)	47	\$438.98
Pleasant Ridge	52	\$485.68
Purity	186	\$1,737.24
Ramah	37	\$345.58
Riverview	141	\$1,316.94
Rock Hill 1st	386	\$3,605.24
St. Paul's	76	\$709.84
Tirzah (L)	70	\$653.80
Tirzah (Y)	158	\$1,475.72
Union 1st	193	\$1,802.62
Unity	1,128	\$10,535.52
Uriel	61	\$569.74
Van Wyck	100	\$934.00
Wade Memorial	29	\$270.86
Woodlawn	230	\$2,148.20
York 1st	430	\$4,016.20

It's all about Y/**OUR** mission in life

Every day upon awaking, our minds teem with those things that we want to get done before we close our eyes again, this becomes our daily mission. It is the same with our life of faith as well. As we awake to faith, we feel the need to put Christ's teaching into action. Yet there is so much that needs doing, what can one individual do?




The glory of the Presbyterian system is that we are a connectional church and you are never alone in mission. And here in Providence Presbytery, we benefit from a broad network of expertise, skills and enthusiasms, and together, our giving empowers us to meet more needs than any one person--or one congregation--might do alone. Our words, actions and stewardship as a body of believers play a significant and important role in God's Mission to the world.

This sense of community is one of our most powerful assets as a Presbytery. We continue to develop meaningful and effective relationships with each other and with those inside and outside the faith community through clustering events and feeding the hungry through Second Harvest initiatives and providing relief for disaster areas like Haiti. And you are invited to collaborate and to share your gifts so that all can benefit. Mission in Providence Presbytery is about empowering individuals, congregations, and communities by developing shared ministries that encourage and promote the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

God is calling us to move outside the walls of our churches and to go into the communities and towns to spread the good news where people are suffering. We seek to respond faithfully to the call of Jesus Christ, as this year's Dimes for Hunger Theme reminds us:



"If You Offer Your Food to the Hungry and Satisfy the Needs of the Afflicted, Then Your  Shall Rise in the Darkness And Your Gloom Shall Be Like the Noon Day. The Lord Will Guide You Continually, And Satisfy All Your Needs in Parched Places."
ISAIAH 58: 10-11A

Finding **YOUR** mission in Providence Presbytery

Some of the ways that the churches of Providence Presbytery work together in mission include...

Dimes for Hunger

Each year the dimes that are given, one meal at a time, for a single month raise about \$ 55,000 to help feed hungry people here in the five counties of the Upstate, through 15 relief agencies located within the bounds of our Presbytery, as well as helping the poorest of the poor in Honduras, Guatemala and Malawi (Africa). 100% of what is



collected is turned over to these agencies. Since 1978, Providence Presbyterians have given over \$1.6 million to Dimes for Hunger. Dimes are transformed into mission and touch the lives of many of the “least of these” in the name of Jesus Christ.”



Central American Travelers

Each year we send concerned Christians from our presbytery to Central America to assistance in rural and impoverished areas. These travelers and their churches partner with presbytery to provide these services and no Dimes for Hunger funds are used. However, another part of their work is to carry the Dimes for Hunger funds personally to the agencies who will use it to for self-sufficiency projects in the areas of agriculture, literacy, and health. This year we plan to branch out in a new way, through educational and agricultural mission to Guatemala, as well as inviting youth to volunteer for a week with Frontera de Cristo on the US/Mexican Border. Through these partnerships we have carried the words and deeds of Jesus across the barriers of culture and language and through them, strengthen our own faith and commitment here in South Carolina.

Providence Carpenters



This is the ministry of our Presbytery which provides critical renovations and home repairs for those needing assistance in the communities of Providence Presbytery. Leaky roofs, yard work and clean-up, window replacement, and painting are just some of the requested repairs. Providence Carpenters involves volunteers of all ages in working together to make a difference in the lives of others

What We Can Learn from the New Testament Church

Paul is writing to the Church in Corinth:

Now, friends, I want to report on the surprising and generous ways in which God is working in the churches in the Macedonia province. Fierce troubles came on the people of those churches, pushing them to the very limit. The trials exposed their true colors. They were incredibly happy, though desperately poor. The pressure triggered something totally unexpected: an outpouring of pure and generous gifts. I was there and saw it for myself. They gave offerings of whatever they could - far more than they could afford! - pleading for the privilege of helping out in the relief of poor Christians.

This was totally spontaneous, entirely their own idea, and caught us completely off guard. What explains it was that they had first given themselves unreservedly to God and to us. The other giving simply flowed out of the purposes of God working in their lives. That's what prompted us to ask Titus to bring the relief offering to your attention. You do so well in many things - you trust God, you're articulate, you're insightful, you're passionate, you love us - now try to do your best in this, too.

II Corinthians 8: 1 - 7

From The Message

(A contemporary rendering by Eugene Peterson)



Faith Presbyterian Church's First Worship Service on October 7, 2007 - Children's Time



Faith Presbyterian Church was Chartered on Sunday, October 3, 2010

How a Congregation Gives: the "Flow" of Funds



Annually, your session adopts a budget for the ministry and mission of your congregation. That budget includes the commitment to Mission Partnership Giving you make for the work of the Presbyterian Church beyond the congregation's doors. The goal is a tithe of your congregation's local operating budget.

Who decides where my congregation's mission money goes?

Your session. The session of each Presbyterian church is responsible for the mission and governance of that congregation, including leading the congregation in its participation in mission and determining what will be done with the funds the congregation gives for mission support.

1. Complete the 2012 Mission Partnership Giving Pledge Form (sample on Page 21) which will be sent to your Clerk of Session on November 1st. Please return the form by December 31, 2011 to:

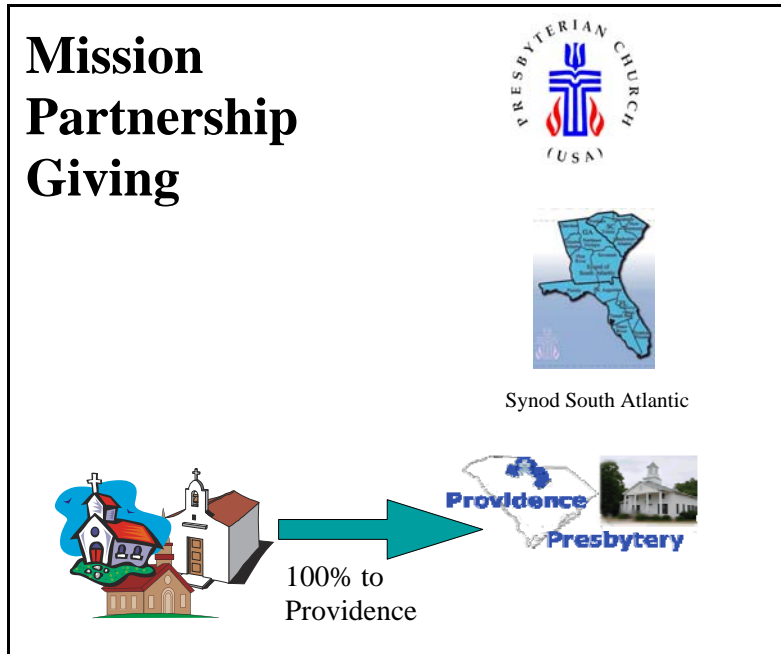
Providence Presbytery
515 Oakland Avenue
Rock Hill, SC 29730

2. Each month, the Treasurer of your congregation sends *all funds* to Providence Presbytery, using the new 2012 Providence Presbytery Mission Partnership Giving Remittance Form to ensure accurate recording. This includes:
 - Mission Partnership Giving
 - Per Capita payments
 - Theological Education Fund
 - All special offerings, etc.
 - All other giving to the broader church
3. Make the check payable to "Providence Presbytery" and use the Mission Partnership Giving Remittance Form to detail each item contained in your total amount. (sample on Pages 29 - 30)

An Overview of How the Mission Partnership System Works

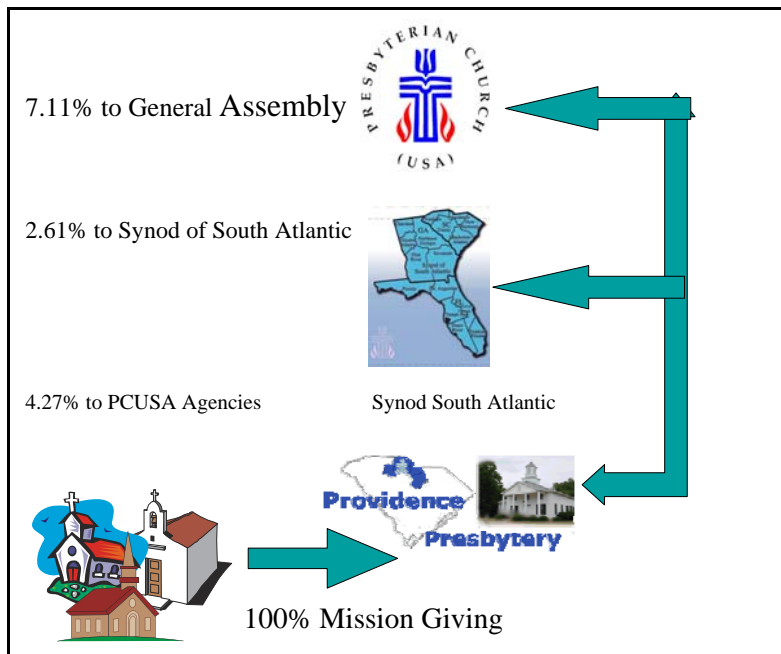
Step 1

Congregations in Providence Presbytery send 100% of their Mission Partnership Giving to the Presbytery office for the mission and program of the Church beyond the local congregation.



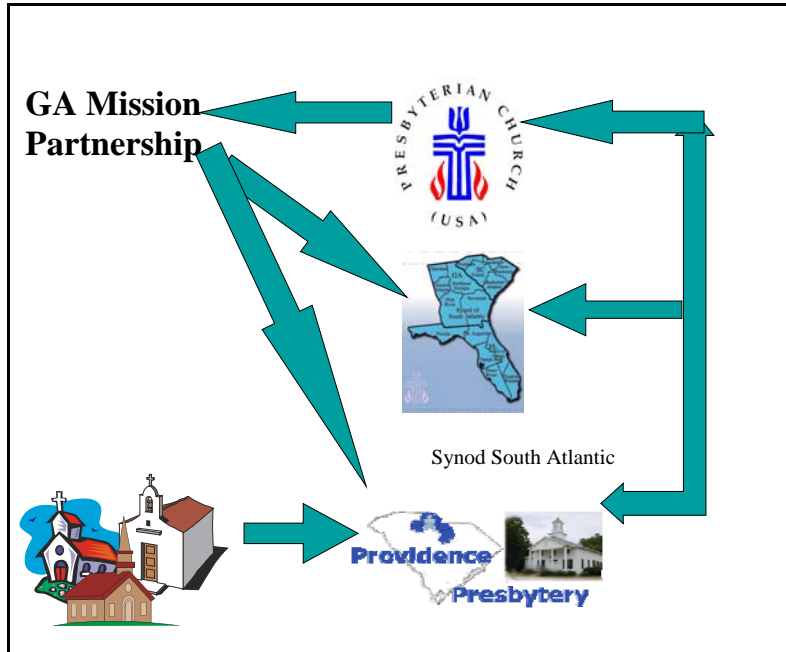
Step 2

Providence Presbytery sends 7.11% of the congregation's unrestricted Mission Partnership Giving to the General Assembly, to use for the work of the church nationally and throughout the world as the denomination works with partner churches and organizations. For questions related to PC (USA) mission & funding, contact Worldwide Ministries Office at 888-728-7228.



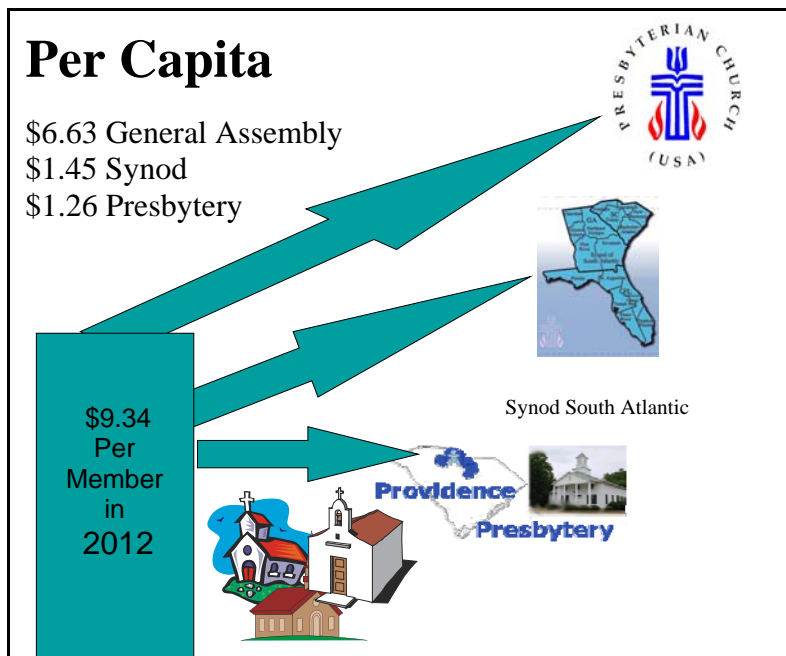
Step 3

A portion of the 9.72% given to the General Assembly and Synod actually returns to Providence Presbytery through the Synod of South Atlantic funding system. In 2011, that amount will be \$36,558 (\$31,558 - GA and \$5,000 - Synod). From our Program Budget, we contribute to our Presbyterian work within the boundaries of the Synod of South Atlantic.



Per Capita

The Per Capita from a congregation is sent to Providence Presbytery (there is a line for this on the remittance form) and we send the proper amounts to the national Church and Synod. Your one check is able to disburse funds to many areas of mission, program, personnel, and administration.



**2012 PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY FAIR SHARE ASKING FOR
MISSION PARTNERSHIP GIVING TO
PRESBYTERY, SYNOD, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

CHURCHES	2010 Members	2010 Regular Contributions Less Building Campaign Funds	2010 Undesignated and Selected Benevolence Giving To Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly	2011 Pledge	% 2011 Pledge Is Of 2010 Regular Contribu- tions	Fair Share Asking 2012
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Allison Creek	147	\$134,824	\$10,000	\$5,000	3.71%	\$13,482
Beaver Creek	15	\$46,338	\$5,290	\$5,000	10.79%	\$5,100
Beersheba	29	No Report	\$1,218	\$1,035	??	\$1,056
Beth Shiloh	175	\$149,950	\$12,099	\$16,000	10.67%	\$16,320
Bethesda (K)	533	\$595,319	\$52,238	\$51,127	8.59%	\$59,532
Bethesda (Y)	267	\$301,227	\$25,584	\$26,684	8.86%	\$30,123
Bethlehem First	33	No Report	\$1,636	\$1,632	??	\$1,665
Bethune	28	\$32,286	\$2,000	\$2,000	6.19%	\$3,229
Blackstock	3	\$1,897	\$500	\$500	26.36%	\$510
Bowling Green	102	No Report	\$8,731	\$8,500	??	\$8,670
Camden 2nd	23	\$16,503	\$1,250	\$1,300	7.88%	\$1,650
Cane Creek	53	\$50,000	\$6,600	\$6,600	13.20%	\$6,732
Carmel	18	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,530	102.00%	\$1,561
Catholic	35	\$27,032	\$3,875	\$3,671	13.58%	\$3,744
Cedar Shoals	4	No Report	\$408	\$416	??	\$424
Clover	323	\$344,863	\$10,440	\$15,000	4.35%	\$34,486
Community	22	\$27,623	\$1,238	\$1,200	4.34%	\$2,762
Cornwell	38	No Report	\$6,694	\$5,891	??	\$6,009
Covenant	159	\$193,520	\$18,645	\$15,000	7.75%	\$19,352
Doby's Bridge	188	\$138,750	\$8,137	\$7,000	5.05%	\$13,875
Douglas	110	\$137,608	\$14,347	\$12,000	8.72%	\$13,761

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		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Faith	80	No Report	\$14,479	\$11,000	??	\$11,220
Fishing Creek	37	\$33,915	\$2,000	\$2,000	5.90%	\$3,392
Fort Lawn	7	\$10,930	\$650	\$650	5.95%	\$1,093
Grace (L)	105	\$130,624	\$15,323	\$15,606	11.95%	\$15,918
Grace (Y)	413	\$369,107	\$39,058	\$37,901	10.27%	\$38,659
Great Falls	70	\$120,398	\$8,500	\$8,500	7.06%	\$12,040
Hebron	32	\$27,522	\$3,350	\$3,300	11.99%	\$3,366
Hermon	44	\$48,145	\$5,942	\$6,061	12.59%	\$6,182
Hopewell	40	No Report	\$1,035	\$1,056	??	\$1,077
Kershaw First	64	No Report	\$4,565	\$4,150	??	\$4,233
Lancaster First	210	\$249,162	\$29,426	\$25,000	10.03%	\$25,500
Liberty Hill	245	\$330,907	\$26,687	\$33,502	10.12%	\$34,172
Lockhart	22	\$30,325	\$8,078	\$7,571	24.97%	\$7,722
Messiah	10	No Report	\$200	\$600	??	\$612
Morningside	15	\$17,894	\$1,657	\$1,600	8.94%	\$1,789
Mt. Pleasant	49	\$51,047	\$5,986	\$5,886	11.53%	\$6,004
Mt. Tabor (U)	28	\$500	\$459	\$459	91.80%	\$468
New Cut	118	\$115,136	\$9,150	\$9,200	7.99%	\$11,514
Oakdale	214	\$194,120	\$31,050	\$31,050	16.00%	\$31,671
Oakland Ave.	908	\$942,017	\$113,266	\$112,700	11.96%	\$114,954
Old Waxhaw	45	\$25,312	\$1,400	\$1,400	5.53%	\$2,531
Pleasant Grove (C)	65	No Report	\$6,307	\$5,700	??	\$5,814
Pleasant Grove (Y)	47	\$14,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	10.71%	\$1,530

CHURCHES	2010 Members	2010 Regular Contributions Less Building Campaign Funds	2010 Undesignated and Selected Benevolence Giving To Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly	2011 Pledge	% 2011 Pledge Is Of 2010 Regular Contribu- tions	Fair Share Asking 2012
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Pleasant Ridge	52	No Report	\$6,200	\$3,100	??	\$3,162
Purity	186	\$221,770	\$18,379	\$18,800	8.48%	\$22,177
Ramah	37	\$35,958	\$4,111	\$4,000	11.12%	\$4,080
Riverview	141	\$111,920	\$10,900	\$11,000	9.83%	\$11,192
Rock Hill First	386	\$398,096	\$15,554	\$15,500	3.89%	\$39,810
St. Pauls	76	\$17,575	\$2,032	\$1,840	10.47%	\$1,877
Tirzah (L)	70	\$88,532	\$6,346	\$7,446	8.41%	\$8,853
Tirzah (Y)	158	No Report	\$21,671	\$21,500	??	\$21,930
Union First	193	\$247,150	\$21,000	\$21,000	8.50%	\$24,715
Unity	1,128	\$865,907	\$104,193	\$105,088	12.14%	\$107,190
Uriel	61	No Report	\$1,500	\$2,400	??	\$2,448
Van Wyck	100	\$115,120	\$9,500	\$9,500	8.25%	\$11,512
Wade	29	\$26,981	\$2,080	\$2,000	7.41%	\$2,698
Woodlawn	230	\$159,673	\$16,600	\$16,600	10.40%	\$16,932
York First	430	\$429,917	\$32,526	\$32,026	7.45%	\$42,992
	8450	\$7,628,900	\$795,090	\$785,278		\$907,071

The 2012 Fair Share Askings FOR Partnership Mission Giving are based on a number of statistical facts such as:

- (1) A church's regular Regular Contributions Less Building Campaign Funds for the previous year
(A 10% tithe is the base figure in computing Askings, ex. Regular Contributions Less Building Funds x 10%)
- (2) Previous mission giving to Presbytery
- (3) Per member giving
- (4) Size of church
- (5) The mission needs of Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly divided by the number of members in Providence Presbytery

L:Administrative Council/Budgets/2012Fair Share Askings
L:Presbytery Meetings/Handbooks/June 12, 2011/Fair Share Askings

2012 MISSION PARTNERSHIP GIVING PLEDGE FORM

SAMPLE

TO: Clerks of Session, Treasurers, and Ministers
FROM: Providence Presbytery

This letter is the request for your church's commitment towards Budgeted Mission Partnership Giving for 2012. Presbytery approved the Askings for the **2012 Budgeted Mission Partnership Giving**, and your Asking is as follows:

Church: XYZ Asking: \$ 50,000

The Asking represents some increase, and we sincerely hope your church can reach this higher level of Mission Partnership Giving. Please return a signed copy by **January 1, 2012**, so we can get the Spending Budget ready!

Grateful for God's own gift in Jesus Christ, and committed to our congregation's ministry and mission outreach through Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly, our Session intends to give through Providence Presbytery in 2012 as our ACCEPTANCE:
\$ _____

Included in this Acceptance are the following Selected (Designated) items:

World Missions \$ _____
Thornwell (expected) \$ 1,000
(Other) _____ \$ _____

Missionary Support \$ 2,000

Name of Missionary: Mark Adams Project #: D506011 Amount: \$2,000
Name of Missionary: _____ Project #: _____ Amount: _____
Name of Missionary: _____ Project #: _____ Amount: _____

NOTE: It is our understanding that the total amount of the Acceptance listed above does **include** Selected Giving for Budgeted Mission Partnership items such as: Thornwell (Thanksgiving), Missionary Support, Global Missions, program support of the Presbyterian Homes and Campus Ministry.

NOTE: Mission Partnership items which are **NOT included** in the Acceptance:

- (1) various "**over and above**" offerings, such as: **Mother's Day Offering, Pentecost, Peacemaking, Easter Offering, "Dimes for Hunger," and the Joy Gift (Christmas offering),**
- (2) **gifts to various Capital Funds Campaigns** (colleges, seminaries, homes, etc.).
- (3) the "one-percent" for **Theological Education Fund,**
- (4) the **PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT.**
- (5) funds to the **Columbia Seminary Campaign Fund.**

Theological Education Fund for 2012:

This fund will support the seminaries of our denomination. Each congregation is asked to contribute 1% of its local mission program expense as reported for the year 2011. This pledge is over-and-above your Mission Partnership Acceptance. Please indicate how much your church will pledge to the Theological Education Fund in 2012: \$ 500

This is a faith commitment of our church, and we understand we can change our **ACCEPTANCE** listed above to a higher or lower amount because of changing circumstances.

Signed: John Smith - Clerk of Session Date Action Taken By Session: 12/21/11

PLEASE RETURN ONE COMPLETED FORM BY JANUARY 1, 2012

(Note: Forms are also available at www.providencepres.org - under the events/forms tab)

Instructions for Completing the 2012 Mission Partnership Giving Pledge Form

These guidelines will help you prepare your 2012 Mission Partnership Giving Pledge Form. If you need help filling out the form, please contact Rose Lemmons-Berry at the Presbytery Office: (803) 328-6269 Ext. 4 or 1-800-922-1609 Ext. 4 or email her at lemmonsberry@providencepres.org

Mission Partnership Pledge Forms should be returned by: January 1, 2012 to:
Providence Presbytery, 515 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29730

Please note: Additional copies of this form and the Monthly Remittance Form may be downloaded from the Providence Presbytery website at www.providencepres.org - under the events/forms tab.

MISSION PARTNERSHIP GIVING PLEDGE:

This is the total of your unrestricted giving. This is the way most congregations give and is the preferred plan for Mission Partnership Giving in the church. These funds are distributed throughout approved budgets of the Presbytery, General Assembly, and the Synod, and is the base from which all program and Presbytery personnel is possible.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION:

The General Assembly asks each congregation, as its proportionate share to make a voluntary gift equal to 1% of its local operating budget to help support the 11 theological schools. (If 1% seems too large an amount for your congregation to give the first year, you might start with another proportionate figure such as ½% or ¾%.)

DIRECTED GIVING:

Allows local churches to give to specific projects in the Presbytery or General Assembly budgets.

Prior to designating funds to General Assembly projects/ministries, churches must obtain approval by submitting a Request Form for Specific Projects to:

Presbyterian Church (USA),
Office of Gift Administration, Room M006
100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202-1396
Phone:1-800-338-5013 Fax:1-502-569-8884
Website:www.pcusa.org/missionconnectons/

About Providence Presbytery

We are 8,450 disciples of Jesus Christ serving in 59 congregations and one new church development in the South Carolina counties of Chester, Kershaw, Lancaster, Union, and York.

Providence Presbytery is a regional body of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are one of 16 presbyteries in the Synod of South Atlantic and one of 173 presbyteries in the denomination.

Providence Presbytery is enriched by our partnership with the four other presbyteries in South Carolina: Charleston Atlantic, Foothills, New Harmony, and Trinity. The South Carolina presbyteries are exploring the possibility of engaging jointly in an adaptive change process that can lead to missional transformation of our member congregations as well as our own governance organizations. Partnering with our four sister presbyteries, we engage in the following ministries:

- Fall Ministers' and Educators' Retreat
- Lay School of Theology
- Permanent Judicial Commission Training
- General Assembly Commissioners' Orientation
- Leader of Leaders Training Event
- Committee On Ministry Training
- Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center (with Charleston Atlantic)

We also partner with Union/PSCE in Charlotte and/or Charlotte Presbytery to sponsor:

- The Metrolina Educator Connection
- TOOLS Program



The Mission Of Providence Presbytery

Guided by the Holy Spirit, the mission of Providence Presbytery is to equip, support, and connect our congregations as they faithfully serve Jesus Christ in a changing world.



Our mission statement reflects our determination to support and encourage the work of congregations as they share the gospel. Our statement likewise lifts up the centrality of Jesus Christ as we meet him through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Providence Presbytery's Three Emphases

- ***Leadership Development***
- ***Building Relationships and Creative Partnerships among Churches and People***
- ***Evangelism***

Leadership Development

The ongoing changes within our culture have been noted by many different observers. While it is not clear exactly what forms our ministry will take in the future, it is clear that leaders must be trained for times of change. One popular image in recent years has been that of being on a white water rapid. We need leaders who can navigate rapidly moving streams with uncertain destinations and this will require ongoing training and orientation.

Building Relationships and Creative Partnerships among Churches and People

The time for lone ranger ministry has long since passed. We need to work together as individuals and as congregations to maximize our God-given gifts, to learn from one another, and to strengthen our common ministry. We continue to develop meaningful and effective relationships with each other and those inside and outside the faith community. Attention has

been given to building relationships among ministers, among churches members, and among congregations so that all will be strengthened in common ministry. Providence Presbytery is here to empower individuals, congregations, and communities by developing shared ministries that encourage and promote the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

Evangelism

Sharing the good news of Christ's love for the world in word and deed is a pressing need for our current time. Such evangelism takes seriously the real needs of people and the real questions that people ask. A post-modern evangelism invites intellectual honesty as well as a passionate spirituality within those who may or may not know the traditional language of the church. God is calling us to move outside the walls of our churches and to go into the communities and towns to spread the Good News. We seek to respond faithfully to the call of Jesus Christ.

As we move into 2012, our Ministry Teams will use our three emphases to guide us through our mission and ministry. At the May 23, 2010 Presbytery Meeting the following motion was made:*

That a Mission Discernment Assessment Task Force be created to review the Mission Discernment foundational document "A Time for Folding Tent" approved by Presbytery in 2006. The Task Force will make recommendations to the Presbytery by the June 2011 Meeting, including:

- (1) The three Presbytery Emphases – Leadership Development, Building Relationships and Creative Partnerships between Churches and People, and Evangelism: whether any or all should be revised, changed, or continued.
- (2) Structural and other changes that might need to be made in this time of discontinuous change
- (3) Any other recommendations they deem necessary and helpful as we seek to live out our mission.

That the Task Force be composed of one member from each Ministry Team and Committee on Ministry. That the current three Presbytery Emphases continue for one additional year (2011) while the Task Force goes about its work.

*At its request the task force has been given permission to make its report to the October 16, 2011 meeting instead of the June 12, 2011 meeting.



Presbyterian Times, an online periodical, features news of people associated with Providence Presbytery, articles related to ministry best practices executed by the churches of the presbytery, and programming available to members, volunteers and staff of churches in the Providence Presbytery family. Formatted as a monthly bulletin insert and made available to churches electronically, the Presbyterian Times reaches families of Providence Presbytery through church-printed bulletin inserts, church newsletter electronic links or printed inserts, In the Know and the presbytery website at www.providencepres.org.



Living Out Our Mission And Emphases

What is EEMT (Education & Equipping Ministry Team) doing that reflects Presbytery's mission statement and three emphases?

Leadership Development

1. In January each year, EEMT provides an annual Leader Development day of workshops for officers, church staff, and lay leaders in the church called E3: Educating, Equipping and Empowering God's People for Ministry. In recent years, this event has expanded to meet the needs of leader development in all ministry areas of the church. The 2011 E3 event was held at Rock Hill First Presbyterian Church and once again included workshops for both adults and youth in leadership roles in their churches. In addition, Bethelwoods had "Camp-for-the-Day" for elementary aged children. We had over 200 participants and are looking forward to another great event in January 2012.
2. Providence Presbytery participates in the SC 5 Presbyteries' Leader of Leaders Event held in our state each March for Educators and other Church Professionals. Providence Presbytery hosted the 2011 event at Grace (Y) in Fort Mill in March of 2011. Rev. Kim Long, Worship Professor at Columbia Seminary and Eric Wall, Music Director at First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC challenged and spiritually fed our participants as we learned about intentional worship. Providence Presbytery's Leader of Leaders delegation is available to share with your church some ways to improve worship at your church. In addition, they will be leading worship at our June Presbytery meeting.



3. EEMT oversees a scholarship that is available to church professionals and lay leaders to assist them in attending a continuing education event that would enable them to better serve in their church. Scholarship recipients are asked to send a written summary of what they learned to the EEMT following their event and to be willing to share what they learned in some venue in their church or the presbytery. EEMT awarded 6 scholarships in 2010 and has awarded 3 scholarships so far in 2011. The scholarship application form is on pages and can be accessed on the presbytery website at:
<http://www.providencepres.org/Communications/forms/leadership%20scholarship.pdf>



Building Relationships and Creative Partnerships between Churches and People

1. EEMT is helping youth across our presbytery build relationships with each other through participation in the annual Youth Rally, a Sunday afternoon event filled with recreation, music and fellowship; the annual Youth Mission Day, which expanded to an overnight retreat at Bethelwoods in 2009; and the Providence Presbytery delegation to the Montreat Middle School Conference at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC in July of each year. For the past two years, EEMT has partnered with Bethelwoods to offer four Youth Worship Services at Bethelwoods (Worship 4 YOUth), another way to allow youth the opportunity to build relationships within our presbytery.

2. In addition to the presbytery wide youth events and trips mentioned above, 2011 marked our first Providence Presbytery Confirmation Cluster. Thirteen youth from three Providence Presbytery churches and four youth from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery met together at Bethelwoods for two retreats and three Sunday afternoons to complete their confirmation classes. Leadership was provided by the Bethelwoods staff and the Education and Equipping Ministry Team in partnership with local church pastors and educators. Each youth also had a covenant partner from their home church who met with the youth between large group meetings to help personalize the experience and make the connection back to their home church. We are proud to say that these youth have joined their local church congregations following this experience and are already sharing their gifts with their churches and communities. Information will be available in the fall if your church would like to participate in the 2012 Confirmation Cluster.



Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center



Bethelwoods Camp is one of the largest Presbyterian camping programs in the southeast and a 'crown jewel' of Providence Presbytery in partnership with Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and is an active ministry to the Presbyteries and the communities in which we live. Bethelwoods continues to grow with now over 1,000 campers per year.

With the addition of the new "Providence Cabin" in 2009 and ongoing renovations to older cabins and the dining hall, Bethelwoods continues to thrive. Other groups include Girl Scouts, MDA, Camp ARC, and many spiritual retreat weekends such as Emmaus, Disciple Walk, Jesus Encounter as well as many other church, family and non-profit organizations.

Bethelwoods continues to strive to meet church needs with new programs like the Camp In A Van program where camp comes to the church or by hosting non-summer events for youth like, Kids Night Out, Youth 4 Worship, Spring Break Day Camp and partnering with Confirmation Retreat Series. The Older Adult ministry (TTT, Third Tuesday Together) continues to grow with one onsite event every non-summer month and one off-site event every other month.



Bethelwoods believes that all children deserve a quality camp experience to hear the proclamation of Christ in the outdoor setting. The growth and demand for Bethelwoods causes further needs for building improvements and additions. Bethelwoods is currently at the ceiling for the number of campers we can house in the summer. Our hope is that ongoing capital campaign funds will allow us to build another cabin and finish the maintenance building. However, one more cabin will only be a step in meeting the current and future needs of this ministry of the Presbytery.

Further, the economic state of the area has caused increased demands for scholarships for summer camps. Bethelwoods is also working to improve its scholarship endowment funds to continue this great space and “holy ground” for children.



Second Harvest Partners began in 2007 as an outreach effort of Hermon Presbyterian Church. Since that time, the ministry has become an ecumenical cooperative mobile food pantry ministry co-sponsored by Providence Presbytery and St. Mary’s Catholic Church. The goals of Second Harvest Partners are to decrease hunger in the greater York County area by 10%, and to assist people in becoming self sufficient in their daily lives. There are currently 27 congregations participating in Second Harvest Partners. These include, Roman Catholic, Non-Denominational, Baptists, Lutherans, United Methodist, A.M.E. Zion, and

Presbyterians. In addition, the York County Department of Social Services and the Catawba Area Agency on Aging have become partners, and provide volunteers at the distribution sites. All food recipients must meet USDA Eligibility Income Guidelines.

2011 Hunger Relief Sites

April 19	Mt. Zion Baptist, Mt. Do-Well Baptist, Great Joy Baptist, Bethlehem First Presbyterian, Bethesda Presbyterian at Mt. Zion Baptist (McConnells)	Aug 30	Ebenezer Baptist/Mt Prospect Baptist @ Ebenezer
April 26	St Luke # 1 (Sharon), St. John Baptist, Woodlawn Presbyterian, Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion (Hickory Grove), Mt. Vernon United Methodist, @ St. Luke # 1 (Sharon)	Sept 13	St. Luke # 1, St. John Baptist, Mt. Vernon United Methodist, Woodlawn Presbyterian, Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion (Hickory Grove) @ Woodlawn
May 10	Foundation A.M.E. Zion Church (Lesslie, SC)	Sept 20	First Calvary Baptist
May 17	Faith Presbyterian (Indian Land)	Sept 27	Flint Hill Baptist/Grace Lutheran @ Flint Hill
May 24	Mt. Olive & New Hope United Methodist Churches @ Mt. Olive	Sept 29	Mt. Zion Baptist, Mt. Do-Well Baptist, Bethlehem First Presbyterian, Bethesda Presbyterian, Great Joy Baptist @ Bethesda
June 7	Open Date Mobile Pantry available	Oct 6	Union Baptist Community and Family Life Center
June 14	Oakdale Presbyterian Church	Oct 11	Open Date Mobile Pantry available
June 21	Open Date Mobile Pantry available	Oct 18	Unity Presbyterian, Jerusalem Baptist @ Jerusalem
July 26	Unity Presbyterian/Jerusalem Baptist @ Unity (Ft. Mill)	Nov 3	Hermon Presbyterian/St. Mary’s Catholic @ Hermon
Aug 9	Freedom Temple Ministries	Nov 15	Faith Presbyterian (Indian Land) Foundation A.M. E. Zion (Lesslie, SC)
Aug 23	Faith Presbyterian (Indian Land)	Dec 13	Open Date Mobile Pantry available
Aug 25	Open Date Mobile Pantry available	Dec 15	First Calvary Baptist

2012 MISSION PARTNERSHIP GIVING REMITTANCE FORM

Please use this form for remittances to Providence Presbytery's Mission Partnership Giving. It is not necessary to issue a check for individual items; just be sure to show how the check is to be broken down on this form. (Check the instructions on the opposite side, if you are unsure where to put an item!). **Mail Checks To: Providence Presbytery, 515 Oakland Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730.**

**Thank you for your partnership in mission and ministry in Christ's name.
(Please write a separate check for Capital Campaign Money)**

BUDGETED MISSION PARTNERSHIP GIVING

GENERAL MISSION PARTNERSHIP GIVING: _____
(4002-00) \$1,000

DESIGNATED MISSION PARTNERSHIP GIVING:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(1) Missionary Support: _____ \$300
(4003-30 to 4003-99)

Missionary Name Jane Smith
Project # D 1111

(2) Global Missions: _____
(4003-10)

(3) Other : _____
(4003-20) **Project #** _____

SYNOD

(1) Other: _____
(4004-30) **Project #** _____

(2) Thornwell: _____
(4004-40)

PRESBYTERY

(1) Presbyterian Home: _____
(4005-10)

(2) Campus Ministry: _____
(4005-20)

(3) Other: _____
(4005-30) **Project #** _____

TOTAL DESIGNATED _____ **(A)**

PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS _____ **(B)**
(4001-00) \$450.25

MANSE EQUITY (8008-90) _____ **(C)**

NON-BUDGETED MISSION PARTNERSHIP GIVING

CHURCH XYZ Church

TREASURER John Smith

ADDRESS 123 Any Place Drive
Small Town, SC 11111

PHONE # 803-xxx-xxxx **DATE** 1/1/12

Email: Anybody@hotmail.com

() Check for more remittance forms

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 2,800.25

(A + B + C + D)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(1) Joy Gift: _____ \$50.00
(8006-10)

(2) Pentecost Offering: _____
(8006-61/8008-84)

(3) One Great Hour of _____
Sharing: (8006-30)

(4) Theological Education _____
Fund: (8006-50)

(5) Peacemaking _____
(8006-60)/(8009-11)

(6) Disaster Assistance _____
Project # _____

(6) Other: (8006-70) _____
Project # _____

Synod

(1) Presbyterian College _____
Capital: (8007-20)

(2) Columbia Seminary _____
Capital: (8007-30)

(3) Other: (8007-50) _____
Project # _____

PRESBYTERY

(1) Mother's Day: (8008-10) _____

(2) Saluda Center: (8008-20) _____

(3) Bethelwoods: (8008-30) _____

(4) Campus Ministry: (8008-40) _____

(5) Presbyterian Communities _____
Capital: (8008-50)

(6) Dimes For Hunger (8008-60) _____

(7) SC Home-Montreat (8008-70) _____

(8) Honduran Youth Project _____
(8008-83)

(9) Other: _____ \$1,000.00
Project # Capital Campaign

(Please write a separate check for Capital Campaign Money)

TOTAL NON-BUDGETED _____ **(D)**

2012 MISSION PARTNERSHIP GIVING FORM REMITTANCE INSTRUCTIONS

(Forms maybe downloaded from the website at www.providencepres.org - under the events/forms tab)

Each church accepted an amount towards **Budgeted Mission Partnership Giving** for 2012. This is the amount the church will give, usually in monthly payments, towards all the items listed in the Presbytery's Spending Budget [your Acceptance divided by 12 would be a good way to submit remittances].

Some churches wish to make contributions through Budgeted Acceptances to some special items of the Budget. That is one way to personalize your giving, if you choose. As long as this giving is **PART OF** the Budget, these amounts are counted towards fulfillment of your **Acceptance**. On the remittance page such items are listed by Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly.

Therefore, the total of **items A** is made up of **Budgeted Mission Partnership Giving plus Designated Mission Partnership Giving**. This should represent one-twelfth of the Acceptance if it is paid monthly - it should total the Acceptance at the end of the year.

The Per Capita Assessment **item B** for 2012 is \$9.34 (\$6.63 for General Assembly, \$1.45 for Synod, \$1.26 for Presbytery) for each active member on roll (this is based on active members as of 12/31/10. This is usually paid in one sum - **DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2012**.

Manse equity **item C** is basically an in-an-out for the Presbytery. This is paid by churches who provide a manse for their minister, and it is based on the size of the church. (See 2011 Salary Studies Report)

There are a number of contributions that both individuals, groups, and local churches want to make to special causes that are of interest to them, or that they feel some concern to support in a special way. These are **NON-BUDGETED MISSION PARTNERSHIP GIVING**. They are listed on the right hand column of the page. They are **NOT**, repeat **NOT**, part of the Mission Partnership Acceptance of the church! While some of them are in the Presbytery's Spending Budget for certain amounts of support, these are special kinds of concerns that some churches want to give to **OVER-AND-ABOVE**. That's what the right hand column is all about. The **OVER-AND-ABOVE'S** total **item D**. They do not count as part of the Acceptance. Please read this carefully - we hope it is clear - but if it isn't, please get in touch with the Presbytery Office, so we can clarify any questions. "**Dimes for Hunger**" is an Over-And-Above, too, for the Presbytery. **Please write a separate check for Capital Campaign monies.**

TOTAL REMITTANCE is the sum of **A + B + C + D**. Please check over the page each time to be sure you have written the church's contributions on the appropriate line.

Each month you will receive a computer print-out of your giving by general categories as shown on this remittance page -- and a report showing your Acceptance and the amount left as a balance toward your acceptance. We hope this proves helpful. If there are any discrepancies, please notify the Presbytery Office when you discover the discrepancy. This will help bookkeeping if the changes can be made throughout the year instead of the end of the year.

Please get in touch with the Presbytery Office, if you need any help or information - we want to assist you in your important job as treasurer. It is **very important** to put the Church Name, Treasurer's name, and date you remitted! Please list the name of your missionary and their project #, if you know it. If you are supporting more than one missionary, please list the name of each missionary and the amount of money you want to contribute to each one. **Please mail your remittances to: Providence Presbytery, 515 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29730.**



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY Leader Development Scholarship Application

Education & Equipping Ministry Team

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church membership: _____ City: _____

Conference Planning to Attend: _____

Sponsored by: _____ Date(s): _____

Leadership role(s) in local church and Presbytery: _____

Funding Requested: Approximately how much will this event cost? (Include registration fee, transportation, housing, and meals) What other sources of funding are being sought?

Have you requested funds from your local church?

Other Funding: Have you received or do you anticipate receiving other funds for this event? Please describe, detailing sources and amounts. *If you are a church professional, what is your annual continuing education budget?

Description: Please provide a brief description of the conference as well as the outcomes you anticipate from participating in this conference. * Please attach a copy of the brochure or link for the conference.

Benefits: Please describe how your congregation and/or Providence Presbytery will benefit from your attending this event.

____ I have consulted with and have the support of the pastor and/or session of my church.

Clerk of Session or Pastor's name, phone & email:

____ I agree to send an evaluation of this conference to the Education & Equipping Ministry Team of Providence Presbytery within 30 days of returning from the conference. At this time, I will also suggest how I can share this information with the Presbytery.



PROVIDENCE 2012 HABITAT BUILD ORGANIZING

Sponsored by: Providence Presbytery Mission and Outreach Team

Join the 2012 Providence Presbytery Habitat Build

In previous years Providence Presbytery churches have teamed up and have created something wonderful, a home for a family who could not otherwise own one. We have the opportunity to do it again.

We are inviting churches of Providence Presbytery who might not be able to afford to build a Habitat home on their own to join together with other churches and care for a family working to escape from poverty in York County.

See the box to the right for the two levels of commitment available to Providence churches.



LaTonya White and her family celebrate owning their own home in August 2009.

A Job for Everyone

From hammering and sawing to cooking and cleaning, there really is a job for everyone on the Providence Habitat Build.

If you like carpentry, your church might volunteer on the Saturday the walls are erected or the roof trusses are hung.

Steve Hardy, project coordinator says that exterior siding is an easy and rewarding job that lots of people can do.

People always seem to enjoy the painting days. Hardy says. He said LaTonya's children enjoyed helping to paint their own rooms on painting day at the 2009 Faith build.

Towards the end of the project volunteers install blinds, plant shrubs and flowers and clean the newly built home.

Anyone concerned that they might be asked to do something requiring skilled labor, rest at ease. Professional labor is hired to pour the foundation, install electrical, plumbing and drywall. This makes up the lion's share of the cost to build.

Volunteer labor can make a home that appraises from \$115 to \$150 thousand actually cost around \$70 thousand build.. Just imagine, a few hours of volunteering by you and your church family can pull a family out of poverty.

Workers must be 16 years or older for construction work. Younger volunteers can help with food .

How can my church get involved?

•A "Lead Church" is asked to contribute \$4,500, a \$450 tithe for building a habitat home internationally, and provide 12-17 workers for one Saturday. Also, provide food/drinks for these workers.

•A "Partner Church" is asked to contribute financial and volunteer support within their means. "Partner Churches" will be scheduled together to provide the necessary workers and food for each workday.

Want to Participate?

1. Decide whether your church will be a Lead Church or a Partner church
2. Contact Steve Hardy at stevehardy59@yahoo.com
3. Get commitments from volunteers within your church family.

What Shall We Give To The Broader Church?

That is an honest question...,
One that many congregations ask.

They sincerely want to know what is appropriate support for an institution that has done so much good down through the years.

It is hard to imagine what our world, or our local community,
would be like without the Church and the ministry of its members.

Today, we are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world;
Christ depends on us!

Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead folks in His way;
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell folks how He died;
He has no help but our help
To bring them to His side.

The giving of your congregation is moving mission forward ...

- ▶ in Providence Presbytery
- ▶ in the Synod of South Atlantic
- ▶ in our nation
- ▶ and throughout the world

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