



November 2009 : Presbyterian Women, USA, celebrate their annual Thank Offering. November is known for giving thanks. We continue to praise the Lord for his divine guidance and providence. We, as women of the Presbyterian Church, USA, also celebrate praise to the Lord this month. Our Thank Offering originated in the late 1800s with Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio. Her plan was to ask each woman to give a gift in addition to her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to our Lord.." From this humble beginning, the legacy continues today.

This mission is supported by circle members and it is opened to the members of your church. What you give today will be used to support 2010's projects.

Twenty-seven projects received grants from funds of 2008's donations for use in 2009. The Thank Offering Committee reviewed nearly 70 requests. Fourteen projects are in the United States and thirteen projects are in other parts of the world. The generosity of 2008's giving came to a total of \$684,000. **At least 40 percent of the offering is designated for health ministries.**

Our Synod of Living Waters was accepted for it's application for the following: Village Community Development Corporation, **Youth at the Family Room**, Nashville, Tennessee, \$50,000. Mission/Purpose Statement: Empower Nashville youth and adults through education, spiritual development, cultural enrichment, social justice advocacy and civic engagement.

If you know of a special project you would like to request funding to support, please plan to make application by September of 2010. For more information about the Thank Offering, please go to the web site: www.pcusa.org/pw/thank/2009-project/

Send your PW's offering to Vicki Schramm, St. Andrew Treasurer, 110 Kingston Court, Starkville, MS 39759. vschramm@bellsouth.net

Thank you so much,

Janice Kinard, Moderator Elect for St. Andrew Presbyterian Women