



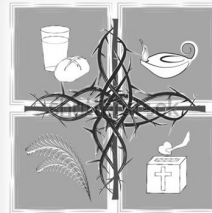
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Lenten Devotionals on Facebook

If you haven't been on Facebook lately, then you might be missing the daily Lenten Devotionals on the PSEC Facebook page.

From Ash Wednesday thru Easter (except Sundays)
PSEC will post a Lenten devotional daily on Facebook.

MANY THANKS to the Clergy and Lay Leaders who contributed their devotions!



2021 Annual Spring PSEC Meeting

June 4-5, 2021
via Whova



Watch for registration to open soon!

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Wider Church Ministries, I wish you blessing for this calendar year. We are grateful for your on-going support and prayers with us as we minister with you and your partners around the world.



As many of you are aware, the One Great Hour of Sharing, experienced significant decrease in 2020 due to the pandemic. The date for the collection of the offering was March 22, the first day that many of our churches were out of their building due to lockdowns across the country. We are extremely grateful for the gifts we received and for the opportunity to journey with our partners in the US and around the world as they found ways to provide for the emerging needs and health concerns they faced.

We begin 2021 with the hope that the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will regain the momentum lost due to the pandemic, and we are noticing a few good signs of a potential rebound. Our promotional efforts for the offering have shifted to accommodate the virtual worship environment, and also includes options for churches with in-person worship. Here's a brief update:

1. OGHS packets with sample rinted materials were mailed to all congregations, and links to online OGHS resources were also sent via email: http://new.uccfiles.com/pdf/OGHS_email_update.pdf
2. Since most of our congregations continue to worship virtually, additional videos were created for use in virtual settings. This video depicts the local and global reality of the pandemic and the need for "masks": <https://youtu.be/7zukT3gNoRg>
3. The other OGHS videos will be available here: www.ucc.org/oghs_resource
4. Recently, we heard from one congregation that plans to receive their OGHS offering over a 6-week period (expanding the opportunity to give beyond the Sunday, March 14 recommended offering date). We are thankful for new insights and ways to take the offering.

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support of the

Peace and Blessing,

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