



March 27, 2022

## One Great Hour of Sharing

The theme for the 2022 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering is *"Love Remains,"* based on 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." These words were written to a church in turmoil to remind them what love looks like in community.

What does love look like today? Through our collective generosity, the United Church of Christ has worked with both domestic and international partners to provide food, water, medicines, education, disaster recovery resources and opportunities for sustainable development, bringing hope to places of despair. Gifts to OGHS allow us to put love into action to make a difference in the lives of individuals and communities in crisis in this country and around the world.

### What is One Great Hour of Sharing®?

One Great Hour of Sharing, part of Our Church's Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. One Great Hour of Sharing also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.



### Where and how are One Great Hour of Sharing funds shared?

The United Church of Christ responds to humanitarian and development needs in the world. Specifically, the UCC supports sustainable development and refugee needs internationally and provides disaster relief and immigration assistance in the United States. The United Church of Christ responds as a member of organizations such as Church World Service and the ACT Alliance. We also support the direct mission efforts of churches and church-based organizations that the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have direct partnerships with through Global Ministries. Nearly one-fifth of the UCC's OGHS offering is shared through Church World Service to support refugee, and disaster programs worldwide.

## Babysitters needed for Spring Annual Meeting

We are looking for babysitters for our upcoming Spring Annual Meeting taking place June 3-4 at West Chester University.

Anyone interested must be over the age of 18 and must have their PA clearances. Time slots being sought are as follows:

Friday, June 3: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

1:15 pm – 4:00 pm

6:15 pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, June 4: 8:45 am – 12:00 noon

1:15 pm – 5:30 pm

Sitters may work one shift, an entire day or both days. Sitters will receive free lunch and/or dinner if covering both shifts on either side of those meal times. Compensation will be \$20/hour. Please share this opportunity with childcare/ nursery attendants you know. Anyone interested should contact Susan at the Conference office at [susan@psec.org](mailto:susan@psec.org).



## From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Giving something up for Lent

Many of us come from traditions that ask us to give something up for Lent. The Addiction and Recovery task force would like to suggest that we remind everyone that any prescription medication we have in the house that is not being used should be given up. Our own medicine cabinets can be a source of drug abuse for teens. Statistics have shown that up to 1 in 4 teens who use drugs have taken some from a medicine cabinet.

I recently had a total knee replacement. I was sent home with a bottle of 42 Tramadol for pain. I used one. As soon as I am able, I will get the rest to my local police station to turn them in to a secure drug destruction box. We all have these locations to turn in drugs in a number of places in our communities. Please post a list of these places for your congregation and remind people to clean out their medicine cabinets.

This is one thing we can all give up for Lent that can save lives.