



## One Great Hour of Sharing

Millions of people around the world do not have reliable access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, or opportunities. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) supports causes like disaster relief, hunger, poverty, climate change, and helping immigrants and refugees. Through this work, people receive safety, nourishment, and hope.

### **Brunswick Church, Albany Presbytery, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: A Partnership in Community Support**

During a crisis, community support is especially important. Many people know about the worldwide work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), but its local impact is sometimes overlooked.



### **Support for Natural Disasters**

Brunswick Church and Albany Presbytery have both helped with and received help from PDA during hurricanes, fires, and floods. After Hurricane Katrina struck Mississippi and Louisiana in August 2005, Brunswick Church sent teams to Mississippi. They stayed in temporary shelters and helped clean and restore homes.

Albany Presbytery has also faced its fair share of natural disasters over the years. Thanks to grants from PDA, local churches within the presbytery have been able to rebuild and continue serving their communities.

After Hurricane Irene in August 2011, PDA helped five churches that were damaged by flooding. Grants gave important resources to churches like Schoharie United Presbyterian Church and First United Presbyterian Church in Salem so they could recover.

When fires damaged Mayfield Central Presbyterian Church and First United Presbyterian Church in Troy, PDA provided both financial help and pastoral care.

### **Community Support**

PDA has also helped Albany Presbytery during other community crises. For example, in January 2016, when the Hoosick Falls congregation had water damage from a local water crisis, PDA gave grants to support their recovery.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, PDA gave two grants in 2020. These grants helped First Presbyterian Church in Hudson and the Cambridge United PC(USA) Good Neighbors Project as they faced challenges from the health crisis.

### **Emergency Refugee Support**

When people face displacement and uncertainty, PDA continues to help those most in need. Grants for projects like Proyecto Faro/The Lighthouse Project have given important support to immigrants in Albany Presbytery, helping them rebuild their lives.



### **Self-Development of People Fund**

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) is a ministry that shows God's care for all people. As Presbyterians and partners, we are committed to fighting poverty and oppression.

We work together to empower people who are poor or disadvantaged and to change the systems that keep them in poverty or injustice.

Kim Deal recently visited Guatemala with a group that met a Women's Sewing Collective supported by SDOP. You can read more about how partnership and local leadership are helping these women through Self-Development of People, PC(USA).

[Learn more: Threads of Opportunity in Guatemala | Self-Development of People](#)

### **Thank you for your donation!**

We appreciate your contributions. By giving, you help support people in need both in our local communities and around the world.

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