

December 15, 2011

Dear Session:

Each year every congregation is asked to make a pledge to General Mission. Your mission dollars support the mission of the Presbytery of Riverside, the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii and the General Assembly.

A portion (20%) of your mission dollars is sent to the General Assembly to support mission projects and missionaries across the nation and around the world. A small amount is sent to the Synod in support of the Racial Ethnic Pastoral Leadership Fund which provides scholarships to students preparing for ministry.

Eighty percent of your General Mission giving remains in the Presbytery of Riverside.

Eighty percent of mission income staying in this Presbytery supports mission projects. These projects include and are not limited to:

- Supporting pastors of churches engaged in transformation—Fontana is an example.
- Providing grants for pastors and church leaders to receive training in evangelism, stewardship and mission
- Joining Hands Against Hunger with our mission co-worker in El Salvador
- Supporting the camping program of Big Bear Conference Center and provide scholarships for children and youth to attend camps and conferences
- Hosting major continuing education events for pastors and church leaders with well-known church consultants—Eric Law is an example.
- Mission Work Days and other events that support our local churches
- Assisting churches facing financial difficulties
- Supporting local mission projects and exploring global partnerships
- Undergirding the work of committees and teams and task forces of the Presbytery that support pastors, nurture new pastors, encourage faithful stewardship of resources entrusted to us, inspire and lead churches in evangelism and witness to our faith in our neighborhoods
- Assisting churches facing traumatic change such as the unexpected loss of a pastor
- Connecting PCUSA congregations in mission together in the Inland Empire

Thank you for prayerfully considering your pledge to be in partnership with the Presbytery of Riverside in furthering our witness to Jesus Christ.