



Mission Council Offers Christmas Giving Opportunities



Purchasing alternative gifts for family and friends are tangible ways that we can share our faith by supporting people at home and around the world who are in need of hope and relief from the traumas of poverty and upheaval. A small gift has a big impact and adds joy to families celebrating Christmas. Below are giving opportunities that will directly impact the children and families who receive your gift.

Gift Cards for Gemma Services (formally theVillage)

Gemma Services changes lives by transforming hope into action for children, youth and families facing emotional and behavioral challenges often caused by loss or serious traumas such as abuse, neglect and addiction. Your donation of gift cards or monetary support will help children and families experience joy and hope during the Christmas season.

_____ **Gift Card Total** (Gift Cards in the amount of \$25: Target, Walmart, Amazon, 5-Below.) Complete this form and return with your gift card to the church office. If you rather, make a \$25 donation (check made payable to Abington Presbyterian Church) and we'll purchase a card for you.

Presbyterian Giving Catalogue

Gifts purchased from the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue are tangible ways that you can provide help and relief to people, families and communities around the world.

_____ **Fishing Net, \$15.** Small-scale fishermen rely on their catch for income and food. When damaged, nets are too expensive to replace, some use mosquito nets which can introduce insecticides into waterways. Help protect livelihoods and the environment with a gift of a fishing net.

_____ **Family of Chickens, \$25.** Eggs for food, feathers for pillows and fertilizer for crops. By giving a family of chickens, you can help improve the food security and livelihoods of farmers and families around the world.

_____ **Kitchen Kit, \$25.** Food requires preparation and families who have lost everything in a disaster often lack the basic tools needed to cook a meal. A kitchen kit contains cooking pots, utensils, bowls, cups and spoons.

_____ **Sewing Machine, \$50.** New sewing equipment can launch a business that mends, alters and sells clothing and linens. Your gift can help provide a stable source of income for a family in a developing part of the world.

_____ **Water Filter, 50.** In places like Flint, Michigan, Puerto Rico and other communities, residents must cope with contaminated local water systems. Your gift of a water filter provides a family with safe water for drinking, bathing and cooking and keeps empty water bottles out of local landfills.

_____ **Teacher Training, \$85.** Your gift can increase access to education for girls around the world by expanding teacher training. Through an innovative learning program that doesn't require any technology – not even electricity – more teachers can be effectively trained to serve in remote communities where girls may otherwise have little opportunity for schooling.

_____ **Women's Empowerment Project, \$100.** Where women receive education and economic opportunity, communities thrive. By helping to provide agricultural and vocational training, literacy education and access to loans and credit services for women, you are helping them in their efforts to care for their families and reduce hunger and poverty in their communities.

Alternative Gift donations should be made by December 19.

Please fill out this form with your Gift Card and/or Check for gifts from the Presbyterian Gift Catalogue and mail to the church. *Please make checks payable to Abington Presbyterian Church and add your member number.* We will mail you a card(s) with the project(s) you purchased for your honoree.



NAME _____ Total \$ _____ Member # _____

Your address: _____

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