

MISSION

The International Partnership Ministry Team of Pittsburgh Presbytery exists in order to help strengthen and encourage the church for faithful and fruitful discipleship in Pittsburgh Presbytery, the Synod of Blantyre, the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church and beyond. Specifically, this ministry team is charged with coordinating the relationship between the ecclesial bodies known as Pittsburgh Presbytery (Presbyterian Church USA), the Synod of Blantyre (Church of Central Africa: Presbyterian), and the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church as well as individual congregations within those expressions of the church.

SHARING GIFTS

Each party in this Partnership has gifts which, when shared with the others, will enrich the life and witness of the others. Second Corinthians 8:13-15 is one key to understanding this. We in Pittsburgh stand in need of the African Church's gift of joy, faith, love, music, simplicity, and Spirit. The gifts we offer our partners include administration, money, music, love, faith, and Spirit. The gospel calls us to build each other up — to be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

In a quote attributed to an Australian Aboriginal woman, this idea is spoken well: "If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up in mine, then let us work together." Our liberation and wholeness in Christ is bound up with those in Malawi and South Sudan and with people throughout the world, including our own neighborhoods here in Pittsburgh.

This brochure explains how individuals and congregations can respond to God's immeasurable love and grace, by sharing a portion of their abundant blessings with our African brothers and sisters in partnership.



International Partnership of Pittsburgh Presbytery The Storehouse

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"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10 NIV



The Storehouse presents opportunities to provide for the most significant needs of our partners in the Synod of Blantyre (Church of Central Africa: Presbyterian), and South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. Please consider donating to one or more of these worthy needs in response to God's love and abundance in your life. Suggested amounts are listed for each category, **but any donation amount is appreciated.**

ROOFING

When the Good News spreads and the kingdom of God expands, villages build local prayer houses and churches. These buildings provide a place to teach the word of God and provide a sense of community. Residents can typically find the means to construct most of the church building, but struggle with the resources necessary to erect a roof. Your gift will enable a new village church to purchase expensive iron sheets and timber for a roof to provide shelter for their congregation.

Designation **PghIP Roof**
Suggested Donation **\$2,000**

DISASTER RELIEF

The African countries where our partners live have an infrastructure that is vulnerable to frequent droughts and flooding. When disaster strikes, it causes food shortages and lack of clean water, medical supplies and other basic life essentials. Your gift will enable our partner churches to respond to the critical needs of the communities they serve.

Designation **PghIP Relief**
Suggested Donation **\$1,000**

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Our international partners, including Malawi and South Sudan, struggle to provide appropriate education for those who are eager to respond to God's calling to serve through the church. Your participation in this ministry will help provide funding for students at the Zomba

Theological College and the Nile Theological College in ways that enlarge the church's capacity for ministry. Gifts may be directed toward general scholarship assistance or specific programs (i.e., three-week intensives, etc.) in either country. We are not in a position, however, to guarantee funding for particular individuals as we are specific institutions.

Designation **PghIP Theol**
Suggested Donation **\$500**

MEDICAL

Since 1991 the International Partnership Ministry Team has shared in the historic commitment to comprehensive care. In Malawi, that has meant offering congregations the ability to "sponsor a bed" for a year at the Mulanje Mission Hospital. Churches in the Pittsburgh Presbytery can help provide low-cost, high-quality care to the underserved populations in rural Malawi by sponsoring a bed or donating to the general hospital budget.

Designation **PghIP Med**
Suggested Donation **\$500**

DEVELOPMENT

From time to time our partners request funds for specific projects. For instance, a rural congregation may want to develop a community irrigation scheme to help raise the quality of life for the entire neighborhood. In another instance, a group of churches sought to purchase a vehicle to help bring produce to market in a way that encouraged local farmers to grow high-quality food. If your partner congregation has a particular vision, please encourage them to talk with their own denominational leadership about using this aspect of the Storehouse to help congregations share in the excitement of new projects.

Designation **PghIP Dev**
Suggested Donation **\$1,500**

GIFT DESIGNATION

All gifts, regardless of amount, will be used for the glory of God as designated. Thank you for being a cheerful and

generous giver! Please mail your check, made payable to "Pittsburgh Presbytery," and this completed form to Pittsburgh Presbytery, 901 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 with your intended designation(s) and amount(s) noted on the memo line. Gifts can be optionally designated to specific projects within a category, as advertised via Storehouse communications.

Note: Churches should continue to utilize the Treasury Service Mission Remittance Form available on the Pittsburgh Presbytery web site to make donations. International Partnership gifts can be designated in Block E: Pgh Presbytery Programs.

Roofing	\$
Disaster Relief	\$
Theological Education	\$
Medical	\$
Development	\$
Total Contribution	\$

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Church: _____