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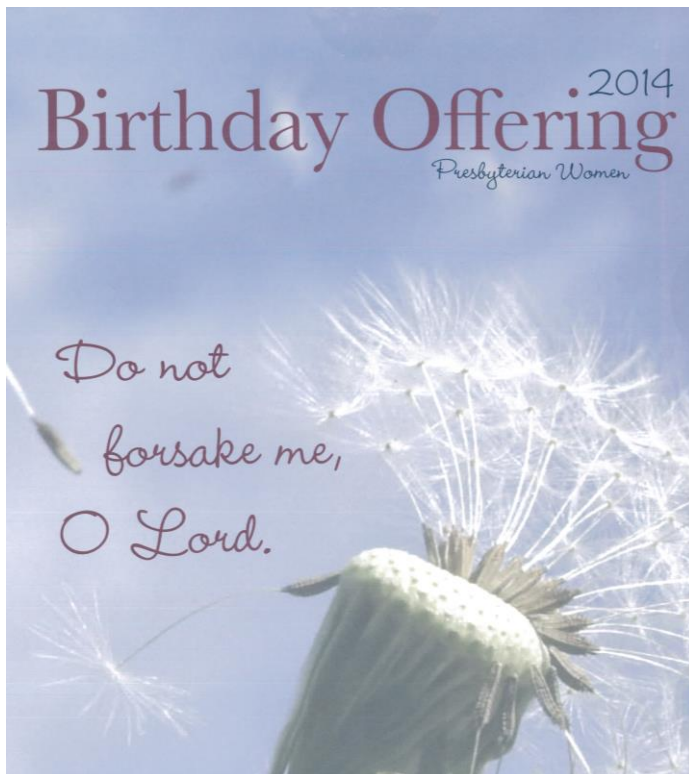
# 2014 BIRTHDAY OFFERING

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Birthday Offering is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women and Men. In 1922, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary (PCUS), it was decided that an offering should be made for a definite cause. That year, Hallie Paxson Winsborough, superintendent of women's work, visited Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan. She challenged members of the Woman's Auxiliary to give one penny for each year of their lives (or a dollar if a woman preferred not to reveal her age) as a birthday gift to the school. The tradition has continued. These offerings have enabled a long succession of new and often innovative mission projects throughout the world. No giving guidelines are suggested other than "give as you are blessed."

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee meets annually to review Birthday Offering proposals, selecting up to five projects. To be considered, projects must meet criteria established by the committee.

The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.



After reviewing numerous proposals, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee chose Blue Corn Mothers Alliance to receive the sole grant from the 2014 Birthday Offering. Gifts to the 2014 Birthday Offering will allow this ministry in Albuquerque to offer culturally-appropriate services for Native American women who have experienced domestic violence. The goal for the offering is \$500,000. Please give as you are blessed!

**Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering is our mission emphasis for the months of May and June.**

Give to the Birthday Offering using the Birthday Offering envelopes found in this Courier or in the church pews. Thank You in advance for your generous gifts!

Submitted by Betty Bell, PW Mission Chair