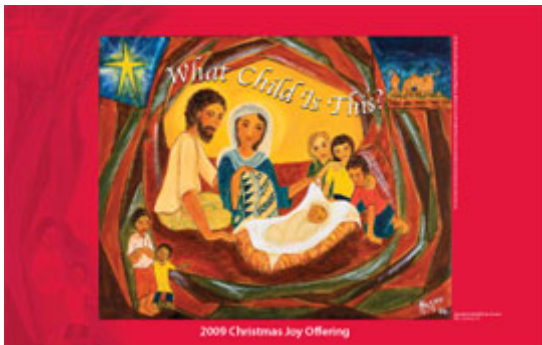




## Give, act and pray to help survivors

Recent disasters have impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in several Asian countries, the Pacific region, and the United States. Especially affected have been Georgia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and the Independent State of Samoa. If you would like to learn more about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's response to these disasters, and also ways you can help, go to [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda).

## What Is the Christmas Joy Offering?



A Presbyterian tradition for almost 70 years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need. As we celebrate the unity of God's family through Jesus Christ, we remember and celebrate persons in our community of faith in a tangible way. Whether helping deserving youth obtain an education or meeting the needs of active and retired servants

of the church, we give to the Christmas Joy Offering in thanksgiving and hope.

## Distribution of receipts

Fifty percent of gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering benefit both active and retired church workers in times of need through such assistance programs of the Board of Pensions as income supplements, shared grants and emergency assistance grants.

Fifty percent of gifts to the offering support [racial ethnic schools and colleges](#) related to the PC(USA). Funds are used for basic operating costs as well as scholarships to deserving students.

## When received

Most congregations receive the Christmas Joy Offering the Sunday before Christmas. For more information or supplies, go to [www.pcusa.org/cjoffering](http://www.pcusa.org/cjoffering).



## **Souper Bowl Sunday ~ February 7, 2010**

Join tens of thousands of other youth and collect food and money for a local agency serving those who are hungry and “food insecure” (at risk for hunger) in your own community.

The Hunger Committee of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will **SUPERSIZE** 50 cents on a dollar AND 50 cents a can of your Souper Bowl Offering in 2010, by supplementing your offering with Nickel-A-Meal Funds. More details will be shared at the Presbytery meeting on January 30, 2010.

**Register at [www.superbowl.com](http://www.superbowl.com)** before Super Bowl Sunday.

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