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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Florida Presbytery,

I am writing to you on behalf of the presbytery's Compassion and Social Justice Committee to highlight the Peacemaking Offering. This offering is one of five designated PC(USA) offerings. The offering is traditionally observed on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. This year, it falls on October 2 and marks the 31st anniversary of the Peacemaking Offering and its tie to World Communion Sunday, demonstrating our peace and unity in the Body of Christ.

The receipts from the Peacemaking Offering are shared by the local congregation, the presbytery, and the PC(USA) Peacemaking Program. Twenty five percent of the offering remains with the local congregation to be used for local peacemaking efforts. Another 25 percent goes to the Presbytery of Florida. The remaining 50 percent funds the PC(USA) Peacemaking Program. The peacemaking Program includes Bible study resources, support for international peacemakers, the Presbyterian United Nations Office and leadership development support. To learn more about the Peacemaking Program, go to www.pcusa.org/peacemaking.

Beginning last year, the Compassion and Social Justice Committee decided to use the presbytery's portion of the offering to fund special needs camps, such as a spring retreat for at-risk youth and an Asperger's summer camp, through 2015 by establishing the "For the Least of These" Fund. The Committee also encourages local churches to join in the effort with their portion of the Peacemaking offering.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider supporting the Peacemaking Offering this year. We thank you for your continued generosity in the name of Jesus Christ!

Sincerely,

Mary Howard Edwards
Chair, Compassion and Social Justice Committee