## What is Presbyterian Benevolence?

A Presbyterian Benevolence donation is requested from every congregation that belongs to Mission Presbytery. Since the Presbytery does not request any per capita payments for its own use, it depends 100% upon Presbyterian Benevolence donations to fund its operating and program expenses. In other Presbyteries, this offering is known as Basic Mission Support. Presbyterian Benevolence provides funding for:

## **Our Presbytery Staff**

- General Presbyter
- Stated Clerk
- Director of Youth Ministry
- Director of John Knox Ranch (Camp & Conference Center)
- (2) Administrative Assistants
- Accountant

## **Our Presbytery Committees and Commissions**

- Church Development and Evangelism
- Committee on Ministry
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- Committee on Representation
- Education and Congregational Nurture
- General Council
- H.M. King Foundation (Church Loans)
- John Knox Ranch (Camp)
- Mission Outreach and Justice
- Nominations
- Pastoral Care Committee
- Personnel
- Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
- Stewardship and Fiscal Oversight
- Trustees
- Youth Connections

## **Invitations to Make Presbyterian Benevolence Pledges and Donations**

The Stewardship and Fiscal Oversight Committee working in collaboration with the General Presbyter, sends written invitations to all churches in September to make a Presbyterian Benevolence pledge for the coming year. Then, throughout the year, in January, May, August, and December, letters are sent thanking churches who have made pledges and encouraging those who haven't to do so. Mission Presbytery's mission statement ends with these words, "we are better together." The Presbyterian Benevolence donation is a concrete way every congregation can live out this shared belief.

 Rev. Peter D. Crouch, Chair Stewardship Committee August 5, 2017