

Presbyterian Women of Hitchcock Church
Benevolence: Policy on Giving

Guiding Principles

The Presbyterian Women of Hitchcock Church (“PW”) agree to be guided by the following principles in our benevolent giving:

- We will focus on providing material and spiritual support to women and children in need, primarily locally; we will offer some national and/or international aid as well.
- We want our gifts to be put to good effect, so we seek to support established, well-run charitable organizations as determined by site visits, interviews, compliance with the Better Business Bureau Standards for Charity Accountability, or other means of verification.
- We are interested in supporting non-profit organizations currently being served by members of PW and of the congregation of Hitchcock Church.

Policy Specifics

The PW Benevolence Fund will:

- 1) support primarily local organizations, and extend some support nationally and/or internationally as well (target mix of giving: 80% local/domestic, 20% international);
- 2) support organizations being served by PW and Hitchcock Church members, provided those organizations are in concert with our guiding principles;
- 3) reserve a small portion of the yearly giving total in order to be able to meet unanticipated needs should they arise in the following year.

In order to be good stewards of our benevolence fund, PW will:

- 1) try to determine an appropriate number of organizations to give gifts to each year, such that each gift can have a meaningful impact on the organization’s efforts;
- 2) review our bequests and our giving policy each year to ensure that PW is satisfied we are fulfilling our goals.

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