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Dear Members and Friends of Abington Presbyterian Church:

As is the tradition here at APC, we take time during this Lenten season to think of others through our participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering.

In places such as Homs, Syria, Huancavelica, Peru, and even Holyoke, MA, people in need are finding hope and help through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People Program, and their partners in ministry. In this media-driven environment of “the next big story,” it can be easy to overlook the reality faced by our brothers and sisters around the world and in our own country as war, poverty, and disaster cause displacement and suffering.

This is the reason we continue to give to One Great Hour of Sharing. When we give this year, we give in faith—knowing that the staff and volunteers affiliated with the three One Great Hour of Sharing programs will be responding in Christ’s name to the needs of our sisters and brothers throughout the next year. We trust that they will respond as they did in South Carolina in the aftermath of last year’s historic flooding: immediately, directly, and through our partners wherever the emergency occurs. But equally important, we know that they will remain in areas of devastation long after the news cameras have moved elsewhere, as they continue rebuilding both lives and communities.

Feeding the hungry, helping people build up their own livelihoods, responding to disasters—these are all ways that your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are changing lives, changing communities, and changing the world. OGHS has been around for a long time and has an unequalled record of performance, not only in terms of minimal administration, but also in terms of effective use of donated dollars.

I hope that you will be challenged in this season of Lent to give generously to OGHS.

With gratitude,

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