

Presbytery of Des Moines
HARVEST OFFERING
2017

Dear friends,

The Presbytery of Des Moines' **Harvest Offering** is nearing four decades of support for programs and projects addressing root causes of hunger and poverty in rural Iowa and around the world. Congregations of the Presbytery have been faithful to the call of neighbors near and far by giving to this, our own special offering, since 1978. Half of the proceeds are designated for rural Iowa, and half are designated for international programs benefitting farmers, with a special emphasis on women in agriculture.

The 2017 **Harvest Offering** materials are ready for distribution and can be downloaded from the Presbytery's website, www.dmpresbytery.org. Click on "Missions" and select "Hunger Action" from the menu to find

- Bulletin insert master copy (or newsletter insert),
- Bulletin cover,
- Poster,
- **Harvest Offering** history,
- **Harvest Offering** Grant Application form (reproduce and share as needed).

Envelopes are available from the Presbytery office, as are hard copies of any of the materials upon request.

The **Harvest Offering** is administered by the Presbytery's Hunger Action Advocate and the Compassion, Peace and Justice Task Force, with minimal expense incurred for printing the materials. Grant requests are considered throughout the year at regular monthly meetings of the Task Force. You are encouraged to share information and grant application forms with others who are working to strengthen rural communities.

If you would like more information about the offering or the grant process, please contact the Hunger Action Advocate through the Presbytery office at 515-276-4991, or email me directly at nlistersettle@dmpresbytery.org.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lister-Settle
Hunger Action Advocate
Presbytery of Des Moines

**The field is the world,
and the good seed are
the children of the kingdom.**

Matthew 13:38a

