

## OFFERING DATE MARCH 10, 2024

## 75 YEARS OF ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - "SHARE THE LIGHT"

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of five special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the UCC within Wider Church Ministries. We will receive this offering on March 10 during our morning worship services. You may bring cash or check (indicate "OGHS" in the memo) to place in the offering plate. Or, see below for the online giving option.

It was back on Easter Sunday in 1949, through a nation-wide radio broadcast, that Christians from across the denominational spectrum were challenged to donate one million dollars in one hour to help people devastated by the aftermath of World War II. Faithful Christians answered the challenge, and the goal was met. That was the beginning of One Great Hour of Sharing. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of its inception. Our world has changed since 1949, but human needs remain. OGHS continues to carry God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. You can help "Share the Light" this year by giving a financial gift to OGHS.

Since that first offering, OGHS has expanded its mission to support domestic and international development, fight poverty and its consequences, bring aid and relief to communities torn by war or ravaged by national disaster, advocate and offer resettlement assistance for refugees and displaced persons, and combat injustice in its many forms. Each year the offering is gathered by several denominations and Church World Service (CWS) under a single theme - this year, "Share the Light" based on Matthew 5:14. Please consider giving toward this important ministry and bring a little "light" to people in need. Click on the image below to view a short video or click here to be directed to the ucc.org giving page.



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