

## United Church of Christ

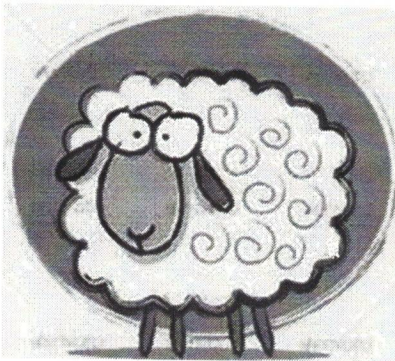
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Dear friends in the Penn West Conference,



Since 2010, the Penn West Conference has enjoyed a robust mission partnership with the Northwest Luzon Conference of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. We sent Melissa McLean and the Rev. Joseph Hedden as ambassadors there in 2014 and received Bishop Elorde Sambat, Conference Minister Noel Pagdilao, and the Rev. Marjorie Belmonte at our Annual Gathering & Meeting in 2016. Since then, we have established the SHEEP Fund (Sharing Hope for Educational Expenses in the Philippines) to help our partners with educational programs for children and for adults preparing for ministry. We recently received reports from our partners about how these funds have helped, and we rejoice that they have found ways to faithfully use our gifts as we had intended.

On Sunday, February 12, we are planning to receive a special offering in support of the SHEEP Fund. We are providing mailing labels [\[link\]](#) for you that you may place on your church's envelopes and distribute to your members to designate gifts for this fund. We are also providing bulletin inserts [\[link\]](#) that we hope you will share in your churches either before or on February 12. We are also providing a litany of celebration/commitment [\[link\]](#) that we hope you will share in worship. Any help that you can give to support our efforts will be deeply appreciated.

Your gifts are making a big difference, so thank you for taking the time and effort to go through these resources and make arrangements to celebrate "SHEEP Fund Sunday" on February 12. May God bless you abundantly as you share in this amazing opportunity for ministry!

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