

# 2008 Peacemaking Offering

## Break the Bread of New Creation



*Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.\**

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and its extended network of presbyteries and congregations are reshaping communities and the world through the reconciling peace of Christ. This year's Peacemaking Offering gets its theme, "Break the Bread of New Creation," from the words of an Easter hymn by Brian Wren. Over and over again committed believers join with others in bringing about a new reality through Christ's peace.



The members of Amherst Presbyterian Church are joining with others in their community to cultivate peace as they "change lives one garden at a time." That's the motto of Lynchburg Grows, a not-for-profit community organization whose mission is to help disadvantaged persons in the Lynchburg, Virginia, area enjoy the benefits of gardening and have access to such spaces.

\*from "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" by Brian Wren.  
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The project began when a young man with mental retardation living in a group home witnessed the destruction of a community garden that he had helped care for. The garden was destroyed due to a communication error. The error could have resulted in a community battle. The situation, in fact, led to an expanded community outreach program that now includes nutritional workshops for elementary school children, vocational training for disabled and low-income individuals, and organizational workshops for anyone interested in improving their gardening efforts.

Amherst Presbyterian Church uses 25 percent of its Peacemaking Offering to support the ongoing ministries of Lynchburg Grows. Another 25 percent is used for peacemaking work by the presbytery. Fifty percent of the Offering is directed to national and international peacemaking ministries coordinated through the PC(USA)'s Peacemaking Program. Won't you join in breaking the bread of new creation? Change the world through your gifts to the Peacemaking Offering.



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