

# Would You Invest in a Tree You May Never Sit Under?



**PALO DURO**  
PRESBYTERY

# Your Presbytery Now

Palo Duro Presbytery is a collection of 35 churches in 72 counties from Perryton to Abilene, from Lamesa to Wichita Falls. Unlike most churches, we are geographically not close to one another, but we are connectional; we are a family, in the same way God is connectional - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We live out I Corinthians 12, *"For just as the body is one and has many members, and the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ!"*

## Community

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With the PC(USA), we gather together as Christ's followers into a distinctive assembly with the capacity to mobilize resources in North and West Texas.

- We unite with not just our denomination but with Christians around the globe.
- Each church is involved with a mission, for an example, NOROC and Laundry Love.
- Creative worship is part of our being.

## Relationship

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We celebrate with each other, and we help each other in hard times.

- We support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).
- We fill empty pulpits.
- We share training.

## Leadership

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Presbytery provides congregations with resources to educate, train, and mediate talent, and with instruction on how to venture out into and serve our communities.



# Your Presbytery Future



## Fill Empty Pulpits by Cultivating Our Leaders

- Offer up to four \$1000 scholarships for studies toward M.Div. degree 3-year programs.
- Provide up to ten \$400 scholarships for tuition at a PC (USA) seminary to help train more Commissioned Pastors (CPs). Most programs are online.
- Fund up to five \$1000 scholarships for all Pastors, Church Professionals, and Congregational Leaders of PDP to attend the Association of Partners in Christian Education (APCE) Annual Event that features creative and renewing worship, inspiring speakers, and workshops on all aspects of Christian formation and adaptive strategies for today's Church.

## Enable Technology to Our Churches



- Enlist Technology Deacons: grants for trained, qualified technicians to assist congregations.
- Share resources to prepare the next generation to serve our congregations well into the future through better equipping their role in the church (communion training, elder training, session training).

# Partner with Our Congregations

Everyone has a mission in their backyard; here we highlight just six examples out of many we can emulate in our Presbytery. Will you financially support these investments moving forward to lift us all up?

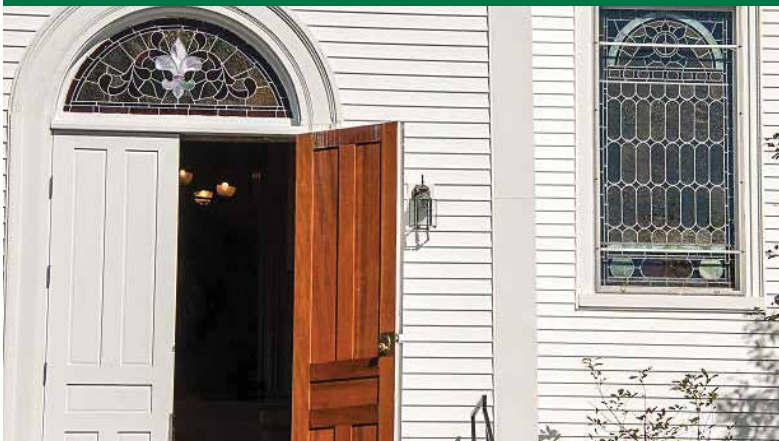
## NOROC, Presbytery-Wide



NOROC (New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children) was founded in 1997 through the compassion of members in the pews; it quickly grew into a presbytery-wide mission.

- Providing consistent care, education, and hope to vulnerable children in Romania's Group Homes, now supplying an ordained mission co-worker.
- Now supporting Ukrainian refugees fleeing conflict with aid over their nearby border.

## United Presbyterian Church of Montague County, Bowie



To support the greater community, United Presbyterian Church of Montague County shares the use of its property with non-profits, such as free office space and monthly financial support to Affirming Texas Families Services (ATFS), which offers licensed counseling for crime victims in Montague County at no cost.

## First Presbyterian Church, Sweetwater



FPC, Sweetwater is not only reaching out to the community but also inspiring many other churches with their missions.

- Blessing Box: Provides essential items to those in need. Members drop-off and individuals pick-up based on need.
- Reverse Offering: Collects donations for the local food pantry.
- Noisy Offering: Raises funds for the Ministerial Alliance.

# We want to invest in more missions like these in every church along with our everyday budget.

## First Presbyterian Church, Canadian



Smokehouse Creek Fire, the largest wildfire in United States history, impacted Canadian and Borger especially.

- The Church immediately responded with a 24-hour kitchen to serve first responders and those who had lost everything.
- Palo Duro Presbytery, along with our denomination, served as a financial relief channel.

## St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Amarillo



By taking care of laundry expenses, the initiative affords customers with extra funds that help with essential needs such as food, medications, and gas.

- Customers express deep appreciation and have built personal connections with the volunteers sharing their joys, struggles, and sense of humor. Often they find their way to the pews.
- The Laundry Love mission has gained significant visibility through social media and flyers posted at the laundromat.

## Chaplaincy



Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) is an intervention protocol designed for traumatic events. It is a formal, highly structured, and professionally recognized process for coping with tragedy and grief.

- Provides a listening presence.
- Offers coping skills for stress reactions.
- Offers and refers to additional support if needed.

# Will You Help Lift Up Palo Duro Churches?

## **Connect Communities**

Enhance our technology and communication to better spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## **Partner Congregations**

Share our time and talents, taking inspiration from other churches unique missions.

## **Cultivate Leaders**

Invest in and nudge members from the pews to be a CP or a seminarian and equip congregational leaders.

## **Support the Budget**

Make the Christian ministry of the Presbytery possible each day.

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would you invest in a tree you may never  
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