

2025 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Birthday Offering RECIPIENTS

Leland Presbyterian Church
Windward Volunteer Housing Facility
Leland, Mississippi
\$150.000

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This Birthday Offering grant will help build a housing facility at Leland Presbyterian Church. Windward Volunteer Housing will offer safe and comfortable accommodations, including showers, laundry equipment and a kitchen. Members of the community who need a temporary place to stay and volunteer groups who come for disaster recovery will find a warm welcome in Leland.

Red Cloud Renewable

Lakota Thiyuha Dome Home Project
Pine Ridge, South Dakota
redcloudrenewable.org
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