



Operation Christmas Joy 2017

October 4, 2017

Dear Pastor and Governance Authority:

The WPA District of The Christian and Missionary Alliance extends a special invitation to you to be a part of *Operation Christmas Joy* (OCJ). OCJ is a program in which our local churches donate gifts or money to assist our pastoral families (active or retired) who may be facing financial limitations during the holiday season. It is an opportunity for individuals and churches to share the blessings God has sent their way.

In 2016 our district churches generously provided gifts for over 100 pastors, evangelists and retired workers during the holiday season. It was encouraging to receive thank you notes explaining how God provided through OCJ for specific needs just *at the right time*.

Once again we are inviting your church to be a sponsor in the program. The guidelines and deadlines are as follows:

✦ If your church agrees to participate in the program and desires a family wish list, please return the enclosed contribution form to the district office by October 30, 2017, or email Marcia at nagelm@cmawpa.org. The family wish list will be sent to your church by November 8, 2017. Your church is not required to purchase every item on the list. The wish lists are being offered to families who have children 12 yr. and under. For the adult children (still living at home) and the parents, please consider a monetary gift or purchasing gift certificates. Churches that are purchasing gifts need to deliver them to the district office by December 8, 2017, in order for us to deliver the packages on a timely basis to the families.

✦ If your church desires to send a monetary gift, please indicate this choice on the enclosed contribution form. Monetary gifts should be sent to the district office by December 8, 2017.

✦ Pastors and their families who have been chosen by the district office staff according to the prescribed criteria should pick up the gifts at the district office in Punxsutawney by December 15, 2017.

We express our deepest appreciation for sharing this project with your congregation. It is a real blessing to serve our district family in such a unique tradition.

Sincerely,

Marcia Nagel
Administrator of Operation Christmas Joy



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Contribution Form

Name of Church: _____

Name of Group: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please make your selection and return this form to the district office:



Monetary gift. Amount enclosed \$_____. Due by December 8.

We would like a family wish list. Due by October 24.

Mail this form to the WPA C&MA District Office, 341 N Chestnut Street, Punxsutawney, PA 15767. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Marcia at 814-938-6920 or email nagelm@cmawpa.org.

Thank you for participating!