

**July 29, 2019**

**Attention: Presbyterian Women leaders of PC(USA) Churches**

**Letters of Support are needed from leaders of Presbyterian Women groups for an application for Thank Offering funding. EPDRA, an agricultural development program of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana needs your letter of support for their proposal to provide for food sufficiency and agricultural training to 50 families of accused “witches” in one of Ghana’s “Witches Camps”.**

**Directions to Presbyterian Women (PW) Leaders:**

Support letters may come from individual PW group leaders, a church’s PW program leader, and from a presbytery’s PW moderator.

Please put the thoughts in the draft below into your own words. Please sign your letter, upload the signed letter onto a computer, and **email it to: Ruth Brown at [roots4health@gmail.com](mailto:roots4health@gmail.com)** (Please do NOT send your letter to Louisville!).

**Please try to email your letter to Ruth by Monday, August 12, 2019.**

**Absolute deadline for letters to be emailed to Ruth is Friday, August 30, 2019.**

Ruth Brown, a PC(USA) mission co-worker working with health and development in northern Ghana, is assisting Upper Northern Presbytery members with this application. Your letter will be included in the appendix of the grant proposal and, with the entire proposal, it will be sent to Presbyterian Women, PC(USA) to be considered as a proposal for this year’s Thank Offering grants.

Thank you very much for your help!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Ruth Brown ([roots4health@gmail.com](mailto:roots4health@gmail.com)).

**Sample Letter of Support of a Sustainable Agriculture for Families on Gnani Witches Camp in Northern Ghana:**

Your return street address.....

City, State, zip code....

Date.....

Ms. Cheri Harper  
Mission Associate  
Presbyterian Women  
100 Witherspoon St  
Louisville, KY. 40202-1396

**(Note: Please Do NOT mail the letter to Louisville.  
Please read above directions for submitting the support letter.)**

Dear Ms. Harper:

Please convey to Presbyterian Women, PC(USA), our strong support of the Evangelical Presbyterian Development and Relief Agency (EPDRA), Ghana, for their application for Thank Offering funding. We support EPDRA’s plans for a sustainable agricultural program of leadership formation targeting 50 families of accused persons on the Witches’ Camp in Gnani, Yendi District, in the Northern Region of Ghana.

This 2-year program planned by EPDRA would develop an on-going system of train-the-trainer programs for agricultural workers with the objective of increasing yields of the food staple, maize (field corn), by 80% and by introducing soya (soy bean) production for added nutritional benefits. According to current reports from family members on the Ghani camp, harvests are now producing only one fifth the amount of corn possible when correct methods of planting and fertilizing are applied.

EPDRA will present train-the-trainer workshops assisting agricultural laborers with forming and maintaining agricultural unions to increase their standing in the market place, increase their harvest yields, create savings programs to support inputs for future harvests, and contribute to the annual food supplies of individuals in the Ghani Witches' Camp who have no family members to support them.

Components of the planned program that will contribute to sustainability after the grant period include this train-the-trainer formation as well as additional training for a village savings and loan program and bee-keeping for increasing crop yields and for ongoing honey production and sales to bolster family income.

**[Note: Include a paragraph describing how your church has actively supported justice issues and food and nutrition issues both locally and overseas...For example, you could begin with:  
“Combating hunger and malnutrition has been a major concern to our church. Our PW groups have been active in our local hunger-related missions in the following ways: .....”]**

This planned program by EPDRA in Ghana promotes PW's purposes: to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice, and to witness to the promise of God's kingdom. Please support this program that will promote the nutritional welfare of unjustly accused persons who are forced to live apart from the land they own. Let us partner in this effort of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana by funding the program plan of their development and agricultural program, EPDRA.

We strongly urge Presbyterian Women to provide funding for this promising program that will provide sustainable agricultural support and leadership training to the some of the most marginalized people in Ghana: the residents of Gnani Witches' Camp in Ghana's impoverished Northern Region.

Sincerely,

**[A signature is required.]**

(Name)

President (or Moderator?)

(PW group name or number as appropriate)

Presbyterian Women of (Church Name)