

OFFERING REMINDER

Remind Congregation of special offering next week, or in coming weeks
At some time in worship, share dried dates.

Today you were given a dried date. These fruits grow on date palm trees. Before it reached your hand today it went through countless other hands throughout the whole process of planting, growing, harvesting, and processing. This date in your hands was a long time coming. A date tree takes up to a decade from the moment it is planted until it bears this sweet fruit. It can take eighty to one hundred years for a date tree to reach its full height. The fruit that you taste today is the product of many years investment through work, resources, and time.

Next Sunday we will receive our special offering for Week of Compassion. Through this offering, we invest in programs that create opportunities, empowering people and communities, and yielding fruit for many years to come. When we join our hands together in prayer and in the sharing of our financial gifts, we join together as co-workers in service of the fruitful future God promises for us all.

Take a moment to taste the sweetness of this fruit and to prayerfully consider how you are called to participate in the work of our wider church through Week of Compassion.



Chad, refugee resettlement
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