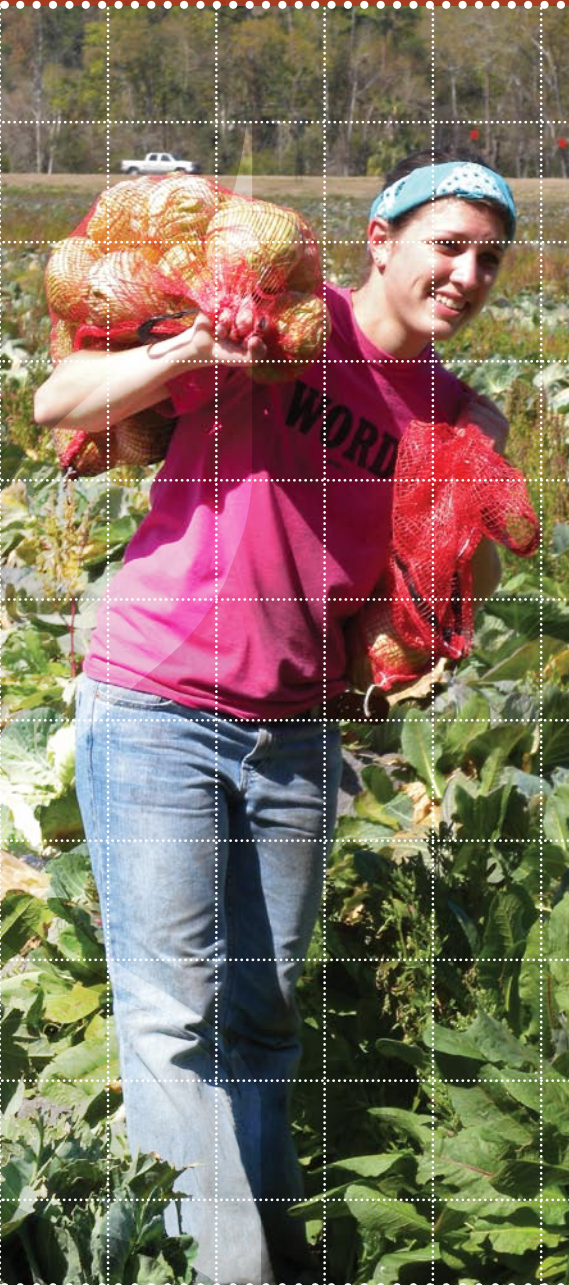


WHY WE GIVE



“For a lot of young people who are paying student loans, making their first car payments and just starting out in life, giving generously in church can seem overwhelming,” says Ana Kelsey-Powell, manager of the Cokesbury Bookstore at Duke Divinity School, Durham, N.C.

“I’ve seen people my age who are embarrassed when they have to turn away when the offering plate is passed,” she continues. “They want to give, but aren’t really able.

“For those of us who struggle to give financially, I think there are other avenues in which we can share what we have – volunteering with the youth group or helping out on trustee clean-up day or helping to raise money for a mission trip.

“Giving is about more than money,” Kelsey-Powell adds. “It’s often underrated, but giving of yourself is often harder than giving from your check-book.”

The former director of youth ministries is a member of Morgan Park United Methodist Church, Chicago.

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