

# Suggestions for Promoting Season of Prayer and Ola Cox State Missions Offering

## Resources

- Monthly Prayer Guide
- Newsletter with several short stories about specific areas of state missions.
- Study materials for preschooler, children and youth.
- Poster
- Offering envelopes

Outdoor advertising  
had its origin in  
Wheeling about  
1908 – use it to  
LOVE West Virginia

## Steps for Planning

1. Pray for wisdom to know the best way to present the opportunity to pray and give to state missions effectively .
2. Plan with your pastor.
3. Enlist others to help. For example, enlist someone to share a brief testimony (verbally and/or written).
4. Ask children mission leaders and Mission Friends (preschoolers) leaders to prepare little bags of coal pieces **and distribute to each of the Sunday School classes. Add a note: “Please pray for state missionaries and give to the Ola Cox state missions offering.”**
5. Set a church offering goal. Ask each Sunday School class to set a class goal.
6. Prepare a visual for the front of the church, vestibule, or missions bulletin board to announce the offering goal and track the receipts.
7. Distribute prayer guides, the last Sunday in August.
8. Distribute offering envelopes
9. Plan a prayerwalk through a new church community (see list on prayer guide).
10. **Prepare “Thank You” cards for each of the state missionaries and let congregation sign them. (See Missionary List in this packet.)**
11. Encourage groups in your church (Sunday School, Missions, Discipleship, Music) to adopt a state missionary. (See Missionary List in this packet.)
12. Share information about Ola Cox to introduce her.

## Who Is Ola Cox?

Ola Cox and her husband Elmo came to West Virginia in 1964, only 6 years after the first home missionary was assigned to West Virgin. They joined the new church in South Charleston called Highland Avenue. They also became involved helping West Virginia become a state convention rather than an association of Ohio Baptist State Convention. She served as a volunteer staff member, leading Sunday School conference, and leading **Woman’s Missionary Union. She conducted the first camp for the Convention. Ola Cox was a fabulous Bible teacher, loved people, and radiated God’s love. She and her husband Elmo were part of the organizational meeting for West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptist in 1970. Her favorite scripture verse for West Virginia was Joshua 14:12 *Give me this hill country.....***

Ola Cox...Who?

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LOVE West Virginia: The New River Gorge Bridge near Fayetteville is the second highest steel arch bridge in the United States. The bridge was (China built one larger) also the longest steel arch bridge (1,700 feet) in the world. Jesus built the longest and strongest bridge in history, it spans from heaven to earth allowing anyone who comes to Him in faith to cross from death to life.

LOVE West Virginia: West Virginia is the only state in the Union to have acquired its sovereignty by proclamation of the President of the United States. Jesus has declared West Virginians who know HIM as part of HIS Kingdom.