

What is Per Capita, and what does it do?

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.

Per Capita is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders, teaching elders and deacons, and ministers, and how Presbyterians are helped to discern God's call in their lives.

Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on General Assembly committees and commissions, regardless of distance or financial resources, as well as being afforded the chance to participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with everyone everywhere.

All Presbyterians are called to take part in the ecclesiastical and administrative work shared by the whole church through per capita giving. All congregations, regardless of membership, are encouraged to participate, either through an annual budget item or through a special direct appeal to their congregations.

Local uses of Per Capita include the costs of maintaining the Presbytery Center, insurance, our telephone system, supplies and copies at our quarterly Presbytery Meetings as well as our committee, ministry and council meetings, and the officer's training for our Elders, Deacons, Treasurers and Clerks.

For a slide show outlining Per Capita regarding our General Assembly, follow this link:

http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/coga/feb_2018/f_-_per_capita_budget_presentation.pdf