

WHAT PER CAPITA DOLLARS DO FOR YOUR CONGREGATION

All Presbyterians benefit from each congregation's payment of their share of Per Capita. 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.

The per capita amounts are determined by General Assembly nationally, regionally by the Synod and locally by the Presbytery. These monies are used to perform and coordinate the responsibilities, functions, and missions of each governing body. The amount for 2019 is set at **\$27.10 per member**. **\$15.85** is for the **Presbytery**, **\$2.30** is for the **Synod of the Trinity**, and **\$8.95** is for the **General Assembly**.

The Carlisle Presbytery is committed to remitting the full amount of the Per Capita assessment to the Synod and General Assembly. The churches that do not honor their full financial commitment place an unfair burden on the Presbytery and those churches that do.

Per Capita directly benefits your church as it:

- Maintains a physical office and staff at all three levels of governance.

- Provides tools for your congregation if searching for a pastor.

- Assures the future of the Presbyterian Church by preparing those in our Presbytery, who are called to ministry.

- Assists in conflict resolution if your congregation is having internal disagreements.

- Supports your youths' faith journeys through Camp Krislund, Youth Triennium, and other youth events.

- Insures prudent business administration by assisting your congregation with property issues, loans, insurance, and record keeping.

- Educates your church leaders to become better ruling elders, deacons, and ministers by providing free learning opportunities such as REACH, etc.

- Represents your congregation's disaster assistance mission through Lend-A-Hand and work of mission committee.

- Improves your congregation's ability to discern God's call in the life of the Church Universal and working and living in fellowship with "all persons in every nation."

- Holds General Assembly meeting bi-annually where each Presbytery is represented to discern God's plans for congregations and denomination.

- Supports the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia.