

What Per Capita Dollars Do For Your Congregation

The annual giving of all Presbyterians, in the form of our **Per Capita offerings**, is a “tie that binds” the entire church and benefits every congregation. Per Capita provides the means to strengthen the connections of our work and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God’s love through mission and ministry. 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 amounts are determined by General Assembly nationally, regionally by the Synod and locally by the Presbytery. These monies are used to administer the responsibilities, functions, and mission of each governing body.

General Assembly	\$9.85
Synod of the Trinity	\$2.40
Presbytery of Carlisle	\$18.75
TOTAL per member	\$31.00

The per-member amount for 2023 is \$31.00 per member: Of this amount \$18.75 is designated for the Presbytery, \$2.40 is for the Synod, and \$9.85 is for the General Assembly. This assessment is paid by Sessions to the presbytery, with the designated amounts passed along to the Synod and General Assembly.

Sessions of all congregations – large and small – are encouraged to participate through an annual budget item. Some Sessions use a special direct appeal to members of the congregation, to help off-set this cost. **We greatly appreciate each Session’s payment in full, as the Presbytery of Carlisle is committed to making full payment to the Synod and General Assembly, regardless of the amount received from congregations.** Thank you for your generosity!

Per Capita funding serves and resources your church as it:

- Maintain physical offices and staff.
- Provides training and leadership development for church officers, learning opportunities for pastors and members of congregations, and faith formation initiatives for youth through Camp Krislund, Youth Triennium, and other special events.
- Supports the health and well-being of congregations with tools and guidance for congregations searching for a pastor, assistance with conflict resolution, as well as property issues, loans, insurance and record-keeping.
- Provides oversight and preparation for those discerning God’s call to ministry.
- Supports and directs the administration of your congregation's participation in mission funding and hands-on mission initiatives.
- Strengthens your congregation’s connections to the wider church through:
 - Commissioners elected to bi-annual General Assembly meetings,
 - Support of the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, and
 - Participation in the life of the Church Universal, as we seek to work and live in fellowship with “all persons in every nation.”