

Presbytery Unified Mission recommended ratio:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY	15%
SYNOD	15%
NORTHERN PLAINS	70%



*"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."*

James 1:17

## A LOOK AT MISSION

More than 10,000 congregations, 170 presbyteries, 16 synods and the General Assembly Mission Council accomplish mission together on a larger scale than any of us could do alone. Per Capita pays for the ecclesiastical responsibilities and Unified Mission supports the mission and ministry of our presbytery, our synod, and the General Assembly Mission Council.

Unified Mission giving is a contribution, without restriction, that allows for presbyteries and synods to strengthen and support our connection to each other and helps grow the church deep and wide. It's a concrete way we follow in the footsteps of the early Christians as they formed the first church.

The Presbytery sets a recommendation ratio; however, local Sessions may set a different rate.

# OUR MISSION DOLLARS AT WORK!

## General Assembly level:

Domestic Mission Work:

- Compassion, Peace and Justice;
- Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries;
- Theology, Formation and Evangelism

International Mission Work

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

And much, much more . . .

## Synod Level:

Leadership Development:

- Synod School
- Newly Ordained Clergy Seminars
- Training & Resourcing for Presbytery

Church Development & Redevelopment

Loan Programs for Congregations

Partnership Funding:

- Presbytery Staff & Mission Support
- Disaster & Emergency Shared Assistance for Churches & Pastors
- Scholarships

Ecumenical & Institutional Ministries

## Presbytery Level:

Pods and Committees

Task Forces/Administrative Commissions

Ministry Teams: Chogoria Partnership Team,

Bdecan Team, Youth Connection Team,

Presbyterians for Earth Care Team, & 1001

Worshipping Communities Team

Pledges to Clearwater Forest, University of

Jamestown and Bdecan Food Pantry

Larger Parish Development

Educational & Inspirational Events

And more. . .

Growing our connections by:

**Understanding  
Per Capita  
and Unified  
Mission Giving**

Presbytery of the Northern Plains



# A LOOK AT PER CAPITA

## Current Per Capita Apportionment:

2021 Per Capita as approved at the October Presbytery Meeting is:

General Assembly (GA)	\$ 8.98
Synod of Lakes & Prairies	\$ 5.50
Northern Plains Presbytery	\$ 33.52
Total 2021 Per Capita	\$ 48.00

The 2021 apportionment is based on a church's membership as of December 31, 2019, as reported in the 2019 General Assembly Statistics.



# PER CAPITA DOLLARS AT WORK!

Some of your per capita apportionment goes toward the following areas.

## General Assembly Level:

GA Meetings  
Ecumenical Relationships  
Permanent & Special Committees  
GA Mission Council  
Vocational Matters  
Church Leadership Connection  
Immigration Issues  
Presbyterian Historical Society  
Constitutional Services  
And much, much more . . .

## Synod Level:

Synod Meetings  
Ecumenical Relationships  
Permanent & Special Committees  
Leadership Training Event  
Governing Body Partnership  
Consultations

## Presbytery Level:

Presbytery Meetings  
Permanent & Special Committees  
Administrative Commissions  
Administrative Expense  
- Presbytery Staff  
- Office Expenses

## History

Per capita payment began in 1755 as a means of equalizing the cost of travel of commissioners to meetings of General Assembly. The fund was raised by apportioning a fair share among the Presbyteries according to their numbers. Over the years, presbyteries came to raise the apportionment by asking each congregation to pay according to the number of members.

If the Presbyterian Church (USA) were a tree, per capita apportionment would be the nutrition used to provide for the roots (General Assembly), the trunk (synod), branches (presbyteries), and leaves (congregations) to remain healthy and connected. Each part of the tree is crucial for the survival of the tree. Each congregational members' payment of per capita ensures the Presbyterian system can function on behalf of us all.

## Figuring Per Capita

Per capita apportionments for a given year are based on the memberships of the churches two years earlier. The 2021 apportionment is based on 2019 membership figures from the annual report to the General Assembly - the most recent figures available when budgets are adopted.

## Your Responsibility

*Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).*

The payment of per capita can be seen as a sign of healthy relationships within the church, giving tangible witness to the unity and wholeness promised to us in Jesus Christ.