

How Does This Work?

As members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) we are part of a connectional denomination that works together to bring the message, love, and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to our communities and to the world. One of the ways that connection is made possible is through per capita. Per Capita giving in the Presbyterian Church (USA) dates back to the 1700s and is the way we spread across the whole church membership the basic operating costs of presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly. These dollars continue to provide funding for the administrative expenses of the governing bodies, which benefits the entire church including our local congregations.

For 2024, \$9.85 goes towards the administrative expenses of our General Assembly (national office). \$2.40 goes towards the administrative expenses of the Synod of the Trinity headquartered in Camp Hill, PA. The remaining \$23.43 goes toward the administrative operating expenses of the Presbytery of Northumberland, including salaries, office, office supplies,travel,committee work, and equipment.

Both amounts for Presbytery and the Synod are the same as 2023. The General Assembly voted to increase their per capita at our national meeting this past summer.

We collect the per capita in various ways. Many congregations encourage each of their active members to pay for their share of the per capita, while other churches pay the per capita in full understanding that the individual's offerings and pledge payments include their per capita payment.

If you have any questions about per capita or the numbers you see, please feel free to contact the presbytery office.

The Presbyterian form of government could not function without the support of all our members participating in the paying of the per capita. We deeply thank you for your support.