

**Per Capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church and Synod to cover the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system and is shared by everyone.**

## **2017**

- The apportionment per member is \$9.30.
- The PC(USA)'s constitution states that Presbyteries are obligated to pay per capita, as funds are available, even if all churches do not pay it to Presbytery.
- If churches do not pay, their apportionment still has to be paid and therefore has to come from the mission support to Presbytery.
- The rate is based on the membership of PC(USA) churches two years earlier, the most recent figures available when the GA and Synod budgets are adopted.

### **The Per Capita at PC(USA) is used to fund the following:**

- a) General Assembly meetings and other related gatherings
- b) Permanent and special GA committees and commissions-staff, training, meetings
- c) Vocational Matters - support to identify and develop PC(USA) leadership
- d) Church Leadership Connection (a web-based matching and referral system for all Presbyterian church leaders).
- e) Immigration Issues and Policies - offers advice, counsel to Presbyteries, etc.
- f) Presbyterian Historical Society - collects, preserves and shares information
- g) Constitution Services-maintains judicial and legislative services
- h) Moderator of General Assembly - coordinates schedule and ministry of the GA Moderator and Vice-Moderator.
- i) Communications-develops and implements electronic communication
- j) PC(USA) Statistics-preparation of annual statistics
- k) Standard Ordination Exams-prepares, administers, and grades exams
- l) GA Publications-publication and distribution of the Book of Order, and
- m) The Book of Confessions, the GA minutes, and other publications
- n) Leadership Development-polity conference and other leadership seminars
- o) Middle governing body relations-coordinates with Presbyteries and Synods
- p) PC(USA)'s participation in the ecumenical world - coordinates the ecumenical responsibilities of the OGA and the Stated Clerk; extends the church's mission efforts and work for peace and justice beyond what can be done alone and promotes Christian unity. Includes the National Council of Churches, The World Council of Churches, and the World alliance of Reformed Churches.
- q) Office of the General Assembly (Presbyterian Mission Agency)-one of six agencies of the PC(USA) and under the direction of the Stated Clerk, OGA provides for the overall coordination of work of the GA between meetings and assists the Stated Clerk in carrying out the duties assigned to the Clerk by OGA.
- r) A Portion of the activities of the General Assembly Council (GAC) executive's director's office-includes GAX meetings, advisory and advocacy committees, task forces, legal services, and communication.

**Synod Per Capita**--is apportioned by Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

The Per Capita at Synod is used to fund costs of that governing body.

**Shared Mission** is the money requested to operate the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina