



First Presbyterian Church — of Brighton —

What is Per Capita?

Why Does it Matter to Me and to the Church?

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.

All Presbyterians are called to take part in the ecclesiastical and administrative work shared by the whole church through per capita giving. The annual rate is a per-member apportionment that is assessed biennially by the General Assembly. (Book of Order, G-3.0106) All congregations — large and small — are encouraged to participate, either through an annual budget item or through a special direct appeal to their congregations.

What Does This Mean for our Particular Church?

As committed members of our denomination our budget covers the full per capita apportionment based on our membership. In 2026, we are at 441 members which is \$18,081 or \$41.00 per member.

Presbytery - \$26.34
Synod - \$3.40
General Assembly - \$11.26
Total - \$41.00

When you cover the per capita, it goes a long way to provide more of our budget for ministry purposes particular to our congregation.