

## 2019 Per Capita Rate

The 2018 General Assembly approved an increase of \$1.22 to their per capita assessment. The Presbytery is passing one half of this increase to our congregations and will pay the other portion of the increase for our churches. The Presbytery of Chicago and Synod of Lincoln Trails portions of the per capita rate are not changing.

Per capita assessments for 2019 will be based on active membership of each church as of December 31, 2017 as reported to the General Assembly.

<b>Presbytery of Chicago</b>	<b>\$ 22.07</b>
<b>Synod of Lincoln Trails</b>	<b>\$ 3.81</b>
<b>General Assembly</b>	<b>\$ 8.34</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 34.22</b>

### How to Pay Per Capita?

Please mail all payments to:  
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Chicago, IL 60607

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Chicago**

## PER CAPITA 2019

Rate and Overview

*Together We Can Do More*

## **What is Per Capita?**

Per capita is how Presbyterians share equally, responsibly, and interdependently in the costs of governing the Presbyterian Church (USA). Per capita is:

- The major source of funding for the Presbytery
- Requested from every congregation
- Based on total active membership of each church
- Paid by the Presbytery to the Synod of Lincoln Trails and General Assembly regardless of what we actually collect

## **What Does Per Capita Provide?**

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is a connectional church. Presbyterian congregations worship, serve, and govern together. Per capita contributions fund the shared governing responsibilities for the whole church. Together with the per capita contributions from churches throughout the country, they support the governance work of the presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly.

Presbyterian ministers and elected elders serve as representatives to each governing body. Commissioners to each Assembly represent their individual churches, or governing bodies, but their main purpose is to prayerfully and obediently seek to discern the will of Jesus Christ together. Per capita contributions support ministries such as:

- The work of Presbytery of Chicago's Commission on Ministry and Commission on Preparation for Ministry
- The work of our staff and various committees
- Official meetings of the governing bodies of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly

## **How Do We Calculate Each Church's Share of Per Capita?**

The Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly each set per capita based on their annual budgets and the number of active members in the churches of each organization.

It is important for churches to accurately report their membership annually. Each church's share of per capita is calculated with the membership figures reported by the Session and recorded in the most recent General Assembly Minutes.

- The rate for 2019 is based on the total number of active members reported at the end of 2017.
- Each church is encouraged to give its full requested share of per capita, regardless of how it collects the funds.

## **Per Capita Helps Churches**

Through per capita, the Presbytery of Chicago is able to:

- Help congregations with pastoral transitions
- Train and support interim ministers
- Resolve congregational conflicts
- Care for ministers, Christian Educators, and their families
- Help prepare people for service as ordained ministers
- Organize and run presbytery assembly meetings
- Provide staff to support congregations