

2020 Per Capita Rate

The rate for 2020 is \$36.00 per active member. This new rate was approved by your Presbytery Assembly at the September meeting. You will note this is an increase over 2019 and includes a \$.61 increase approved by the General Assembly in 2018. It also includes an increase in the amount to support the presbytery of Chicago operating budget. The Synod of Lincoln Trails portion of the per capita rate is not changing.

Per capita assessments for 2020 will be based on each church's active membership as of December 31, 2018 as shown on your clerk's annual statistical report to the General Assembly.

How to Pay Per Capita?

Please mail all payments to:
Presbytery of Chicago
Attention Accounting
815 W Van Buren St, Suite 415
Chicago, IL 60607

Questions?

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2020 PER CAPITA Rate and Overview

Presbytery of Chicago	\$ 23.24
Synod of Lincoln Trails	\$ 3.81
General Assembly	\$ 8.95
Total	\$ 36.00

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 2020 is based on the total number of active members reported at the end of 2018.
- 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