

## 2021 Per Capita Rate

The rate for 2021 is \$36.00 per active member. This rate was approved by your Presbytery Assembly at the September 15, 2020 meeting, and it is the same rate as 2020. The General Assembly is requesting a 3-cent increase for 2021; the Presbytery decided to decrease our request the same amount, to keep the overall rate at \$36.00 - per active member, for the year 2021.

Per capita requests to each church for 2021 are based on each church's active membership as of December 31, 2019 as submitted by your Clerk of Session 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?

Please contact Ken Hockenberry  
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## 2021 PER CAPITA Rate and Overview

<b>Presbytery of Chicago</b>	<b>\$ 23.21</b>
<b>Synod of Lincoln Trails</b>	<b>\$ 3.81</b>
<b>General Assembly</b>	<b>\$ 8.98</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 36.00</b>

*Together We Can Do More*

## **What is Per Capita?**

Per capita (Latin for “by head / person”) is how Presbyterians share equally, responsibly, and interdependently in the costs of governing the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). 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 each year.

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

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 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 three councils of our church - presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly.

Presbyterian ministers and elected ruling elders serve as representatives to these three councils.

Commissioners to each council represent their individual churches, or council, 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 2021 is based on the total number of active members reported at the end of 2019.
- 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