

2023 Per Capita Rate

The rate for 2023 is \$36.50 per active member, reflecting an increase of 50 cents, to help cover the General Assembly increase of 87 cents. The Presbytery is absorbing the 37 cents difference. This rate was approved by your Presbytery Assembly at the September 20, 2022 meeting. The total rate for 2023 is \$36.50 per active member, per year.

Per capita requests to each church for 2023 are based on each church's active membership as of December 31, 2021 as submitted by your Clerk of Session in the Annual Statistical Report to the Presbytery and General Assembly.

How to Pay Per Capita?

Please mail any check payments to:

Presbytery of Chicago - Attention Accounting
815 W Van Buren St, Suite 415
Chicago, IL 60607

*(Arrangements for online ACH payments can be made;
please contact khockenberry@chicago-presbytery.org)*

Questions?

Please contact Ken Hockenberry -
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2023 PER CAPITA Rate and Overview

Presbytery of Chicago	\$ 22.84
Synod of Lincoln Trails	\$ 3.81
General Assembly	\$ 9.85
Total (per member)	\$ 36.50

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 councils / assemblies 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 2023 is based on the total number of active members reported at the end of 2021.
- Each church is encouraged to give its full requested share of per capita, regardless of how it collects these funds from among church members.

Per Capita Helps Churches

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

- Help congregations with pastoral transitions
- Train and support interim / transitional 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