



One of the Stewardship and Finance Committee's goals for 2017 is to communicate financial information to the congregation, regularly.

Per capita or per head... is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the larger Presbyterian Church's system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system.

A presbytery's per capita rate depends on its geographical location and size, its mission needs, and the needs of the respective synod.

For 2017, our church's "per member" amount is \$46.26. This is \$20 more than 2016's per capita. This amount is larger because in prior years, a portion of the "per capita" was excluded from the total amount communicated to the members. Starting in 2017, if the church is paying something that is "per capita" – then it is added in to the total per capita, hence the amount of \$46.26.

Presbytery (Connectional Support) portion = \$35.51. Synod is \$3.25. General Assembly is \$7.50. Total is \$46.26.

Our church pays the Synod and General Assembly amounts from the General Operating budget, amounting to \$4,096. The Presbytery payment is paid from the Brill's 4% annual draw, amounting to \$13,529 for 2017.

The per capita for 2017 is based on 381 members so our total is \$17,625.

This per capita is used for the expenses of General Assembly meetings, special committees and commissions, leadership development, communications, tools to develop and administer ordination exams, and new church development, to name just a few.

I'll say the obvious, if we pay our per capita of \$46.26 per member, then this allows money budgeted to pay the per capita to be used instead to support the missions of the OPC.

Per Capita envelopes are available in the narthex or by contacting the church office. If you are able to contribute toward your per capita (per member) portion, please place \$46.26 in the envelope. And thank you as we seek...serve... and share!