



August 20, 2025

To the Presbyteries of the Synod of South Atlantic,

The Inspire committee of the Synod of South Atlantic greets you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and pray that your ministries are going well this Fall. After our Synod's restructuring, we have been tasked with the per capita and mission giving of our synod.

The Synod's per capita and mission giving are designed to support our Journey together:

*The Synod of South Atlantic, PC(U.S.A.) **embodies** the grace and love of Jesus Christ, **cultivates** authentic community within and across presbyteries, and **inspires** impactful ministries, developing leaders so that the church becomes united in faith, hope, love, witness, and service.*

We have reached a critical point with receiving the Synod per capita in its current model at \$1.50 per member that was designated in 2015. This is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$2.03 today, an increase of 53 cents over 10 years. The dollar had an average inflation rate of 3.09% per year between 2015 and today, producing a cumulative price increase of 35.63%. We are in the second largest synod in the denomination and currently have the lowest per capita amount with approximately 74% collected in 2024.

We recognize times for the presbyteries and churches are hard, especially financially. The Synod Assembly voted as a body last year to start a renewed journey, and we are making strides. This year, we have awarded over \$24,000 in scholarships and anticipate awarding over \$20,000 in grants, as we cultivate networks old and new and begin the Embody Leader Formation Cohort. Still, being on a journey, we need the fuel to get there together.

We ask you to partner with us on this journey as we continue to Embody, Cultivate and Inspire impactful ministry.

Embody: The Embody Leader Formation cohort, with a vision for sustainable and holistic leadership, equips leaders at every level to lead impactful ministry for tomorrow's church, today. Examples include Human Systems & Organizational Culture, Communicating for Change, Transforming Conflict, Building Agreement, and Emotional Intelligence.

Cultivate: We are developing and nurturing networks. Synod Networks are open, collaborative groups, centered around a shared interest, purpose, mission, or ministry, building relationships and connections across the Synod. Synod Networks will have voice

in deliberations of the Synod and its committees, providing better communications and opportunities for wider impact.

Inspire: We provide grant and scholarship opportunities. Categories have been deepened and broadened to offer more support to networks, partnerships, and new ministries. The creation of a Youth and Young Adult Grant program beginning in 2026 will support networking and leadership development efforts with our young(er) Presbyterians.

There is a Special Meeting of the Synod of South Atlantic on September 4th that will consider the following recommendation for a vote:

“The Inspire committee recommends an increase of per capita to the synod from \$1.50 to the following:

In 2026: \$2.00

In 2027: \$2.75

And for those presbyteries that choose to participate in the funding model experiments with the General Assembly, the synod Inspire committee will walk alongside of those presbyteries during the course of those experiments.”

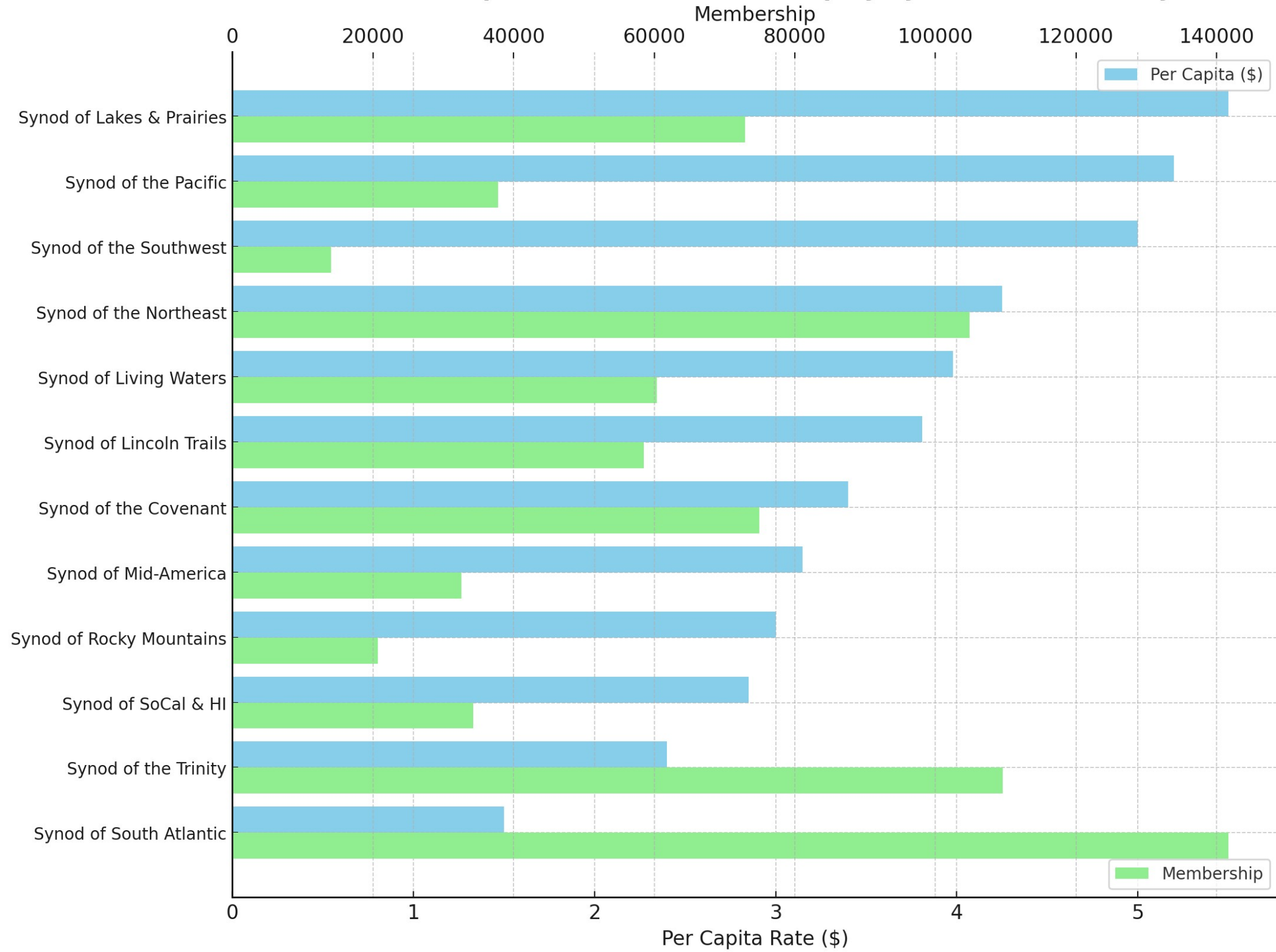
We send this letter in advance of the meeting because we recognize that many of you are working on your budgeting process for 2026 and we are hopeful that this information can be shared with your congregations.

We are grateful to God for your continued ministries and your continuing support of the Synod of South Atlantic.

On behalf of the Inspire Committee, may the peace of Christ be with you all.

Timothy Cureton, co-Chair
Croskeys Royall, member

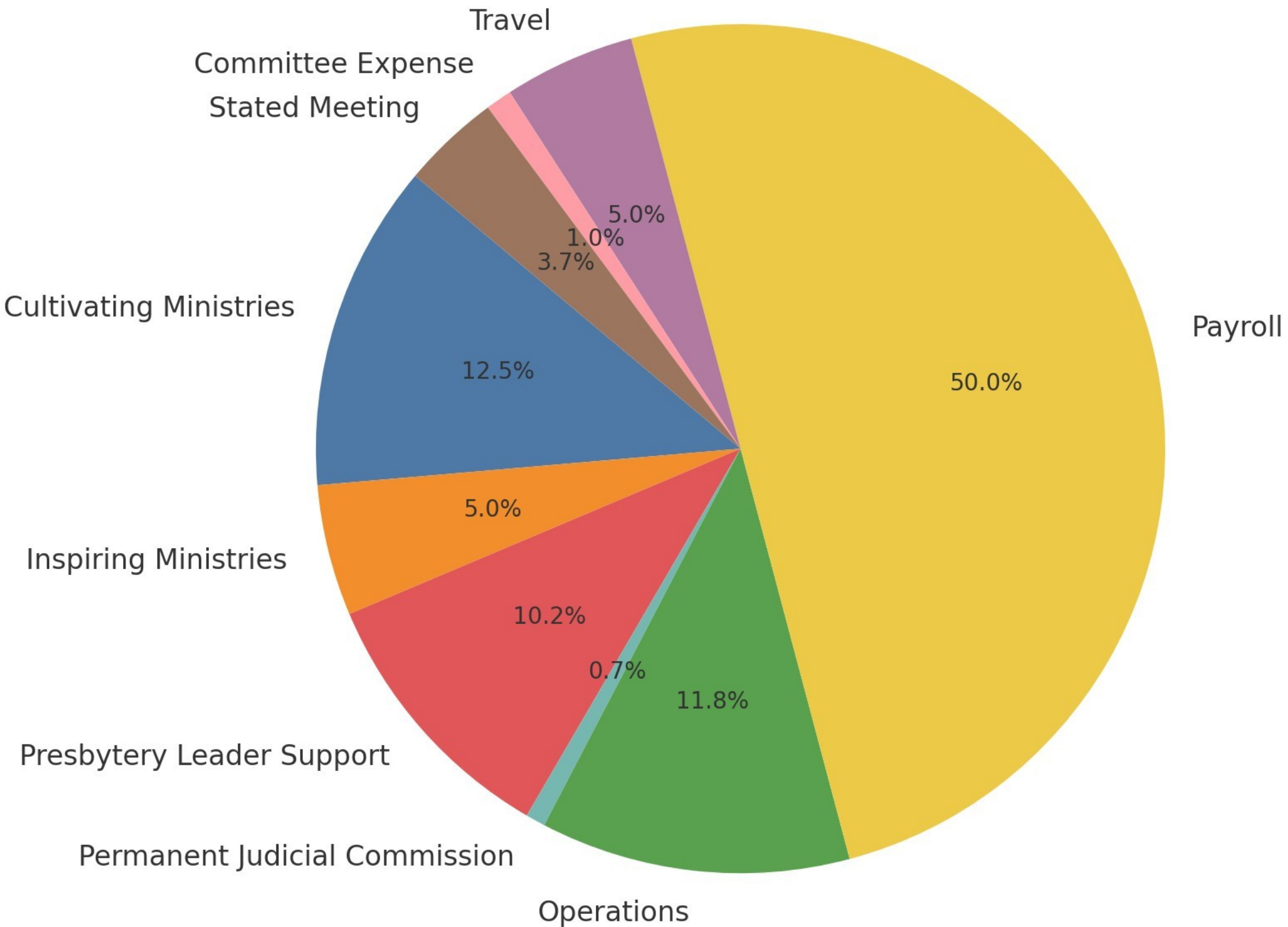
2025 Per Capita Rates and Membership by Synod (Non-Zero Only)



PRESBYTERY PER CAPITA & MISSION GIVING
31-Jul-25

	Per Capita Assessed	Per Capita Received	YTD %	Mission Giving Goal	Mission Giving Received	YTD %	Total Asked	Total Received	YTD %
110 - Central Florida	18,270.00	12,094.07	66%	12,180.00	1,547.25	13%	30,450.00	13,641.32	45%
125 - Charleston Atlantic	20,248.50	10,125.00	50%	13,499.00	1,875.00	14%	33,747.50	12,000.00	36%
128 - Cherokee	5,307.00	5,784.00	109%	3,538.00	500.00	14%	8,845.00	6,284.00	71%
218 - Flint River	3,939.00	2,000.74	51%	2,626.00	1,698.23	65%	6,565.00	3,698.97	56%
221 - Florida	6,540.00	4,995.00	76%	4,360.00	0.00	0%	10,900.00	4,995.00	46%
223 - Foothills	18,867.00	9,471.75	50%	12,578.00	3,157.25	25%	31,445.00	12,629.00	40%
254 - Greater Atlanta	44,085.00	19,725.91	45%	29,390.00	4,375.00	15%	73,475.00	24,100.91	33%
442 - New Harmony	9,751.50	4,875.76	50%	6,501.00	3,250.50	50%	16,252.50	8,126.26	50%
472 - Northeast Georgia	8,551.50	4,988.40	58%	5,701.00	875.00	15%	14,252.50	5,863.40	41%
528 - Peace River	16,519.50	10,670.51	65%	11,013.00	6,971.22	63%	27,532.50	17,641.73	64%
554 - Providence	8,004.00	6,567.00	82%	5,336.00	3,848.90	72%	13,340.00	10,415.90	78%
579 - St. Augustine	14,673.00	8,475.00	58%	9,782.00	5,333.00	55%	24,455.00	13,808.00	56%
624 - Savannah	4,819.50	0.00	0%	3,213.00	0.00	0%	8,032.50	0.00	0%
704 - Tampa Bay	15,703.50	10,415.58	66%	10,469.00	218.54	2%	26,172.50	10,634.12	41%
713 - Trinity	15,819.00	6,220.79	39%	10,546.00	5,166.00	49%	26,365.00	11,386.79	43%
714 - Tropical Florida	7,833.00	4,527.53	58%	5,222.00	597.50	11%	13,055.00	5,125.03	39%
	218,931.00	120,937.04	55%	145,954.00	39,413.39	27%	364,885.00	160,350.43	44%

Synod 2025 Budgeted Expenses



PRESBYTERY PER CAPITA & MISSION GIVING						
2026 Pledges						
	Membership 12/31/2024	Per Capita Assessed \$2.00	Mission Giving Goal \$1.00	Total Asked 2025	Total Received 7-31-25	YTD %
CENTRAL FLORIDA	11,742	\$ 23,484	\$ 11,742	\$ 30,450	\$ 13,641	45%
CHARLESTON ATLANTIC	13,304	\$ 26,608	\$ 13,304	\$ 33,748	\$ 12,000	36%
CHEROKEE	3,352	\$ 6,704	\$ 3,352	\$ 8,845	\$ 6,284	71%
FLINT RIVER	2,257	\$ 4,514	\$ 2,257	\$ 6,565	\$ 3,699	56%
FLORIDA	4,265	\$ 8,530	\$ 4,265	\$ 10,900	\$ 4,995	46%
FOOTHILLS	12,152	\$ 24,304	\$ 12,152	\$ 31,445	\$ 12,629	40%
GREATER ATLANTA	29,083	\$ 58,166	\$ 29,083	\$ 73,475	\$ 24,101	33%
NEW HARMONY	6,358	\$ 12,716	\$ 6,358	\$ 16,253	\$ 8,126	50%
NORTHEAST GEORGIA	5,549	\$ 11,098	\$ 5,549	\$ 14,253	\$ 5,863	41%
PEACE RIVER	10,704	\$ 21,408	\$ 10,704	\$ 27,533	\$ 17,642	64%
PROVIDENCE	5,048	\$ 10,096	\$ 5,048	\$ 13,340	\$ 10,416	78%
ST. AUGUSTINE	9,383	\$ 18,766	\$ 9,383	\$ 24,455	\$ 13,808	56%
SAVANNAH	3,170	\$ 6,340	\$ 3,170	\$ 8,033	\$ -	0%
TAMPA BAY	10,218	\$ 20,436	\$ 10,218	\$ 26,173	\$ 10,634	41%
TRINITY	10,078	\$ 20,156	\$ 10,078	\$ 26,365	\$ 11,387	43%
TROPICAL FLORIDA	5,013	\$ 10,026	\$ 5,013	\$ 13,055	\$ 5,125	39%
	141,676	\$ 283,352	\$ 141,676	\$ 364,885	\$ 160,350	44%
		\$ 212,514	\$ 63,754.20			
		2026 Budget	\$ 276,268	Based on 2024 Collection		