



## What's this thing called Per Capita?

"Per capita" is what each church pays per member to support the work of the Presbyterian Church USA at regional, national, and international levels. The per capita amount for 2022 is \$34."

Quoting from the Presbyterian Church-USA website: "Presbyterians have a form of government built upon shared power and mutual accountability as we seek together to find and represent the will of Christ." The connection we have with our home church is strong but as we look outward to the John Knox Presbytery (JKP), the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and the General Assembly (GA) of the Presbyterian Church USA, the connection we have individually may be felt less.

Per capita is also known as the **Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund** which perhaps describes it better and can create more of a community bond among PC-USA's approximately 11,000 congregations. The per capita amount each church pays is calculated annually based on the membership from the previous year. The annual assessment is determined by the JKP Presbytery Council and this year the annual charge is \$33.70 (Covenant rounds to \$34) per member. Of this total, the JKP Presbytery receives \$19.22, the Synod of Lakes and Prairies receives \$5.50, and the GA receives \$8.98. Per capita is shared between the higher councils and is used toward supporting committee work, training, scholarships, and assisting our congregations through the Presbytery, Synod, and GA.

Per capita can be an additional annual commitment or considered part of the overall commitment on the commitment card. Either way, Covenant will pay per capita to the John Knox Presbytery Service for each member of the church. The Presbyterian Church is connectional, and it is good to remember that we at Covenant are connected to our communities, our Presbytery, our Synod, and our General Assembly. Covenant actually has numerous members currently serving on committees at all three levels above our own congregation — we are, indeed, all connected!

Learn more here: [oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/](https://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/)