

## 2021 Per Capita Rate Is \$38.50

The 2020 General Assembly approved an increase of \$0.03 to their assessment. The Presbytery of Blackhawk and Synod of Lincoln Trails portions of per capita are not changing for 2021.

Per capita assessments for 2021 will be based on active membership of each church as of December 31, 2019 as reported to the General Assembly.

<b>Blackhawk Presbytery</b>	<b>\$ 25.71</b>
<b>Synod of Lincoln Trails</b>	<b>\$ 3.81</b>
<b>General Assembly</b>	<b>\$ 8.98</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38.50</b>

### How to Pay Per Capita?

Please mail all checks, payable to  
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### Questions?

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## Per Capita Helps Our Churches

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

- ◆ *Help congregations with pastoral transitions*
- ◆ *Train and support interim ministers*
- ◆ *Resolve congregational conflicts*
- ◆ *Care for ministers, pastors, and their families*
- ◆ *Help prepare people for service as ordained ministers and commissioned pastors*
- ◆ *Organize and run presbytery assembly meetings*
- ◆ *Provide staff to support congregations*

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## What is Per Capita?

Per capita is how Presbyterians share equally, responsibly, and interdependently in the costs of governing the Presbyterian Church (USA). Per capita is:

- ◆ The major funding source 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 regardless of what we actually collect

## What Does Per Capita Provide?

The Presbyterian Church (USA) 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 the presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly.

Presbyterian ministers and elected elders serve as representatives to each governing body. Commissioners to each Assembly represent their individual churches, or governing bodies, 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 Blackhawk Commission on Ministry and Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- ◆ All other committees and commissions such as Mission, Personnel, and Finance and Property
- ◆ The work of our staff and various committees
- ◆ Official meetings of the presbytery assembly, 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.



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