

Why pay Per Capita and support Mission Giving?

Per Capita contributions fund the shared work of our church. In its true nature, the Presbyterian Church is connectional. We believe that each church has been given gifts for ministry, some have received many and others have received fewer. Together, we make a more complete body of Christ to serve in a hurting world.

In the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, per capita supports the cost of operating the presbytery office, where records are housed, reports are gathered and funneled on to provide guidance to those who lead us, and volunteers gather to participate in the leadership of the churches located in the 21-county geographic area we call Scioto Valley.

As churches become smaller, more help is needed to provide guidance, direction, and help in all the tasks that churches do in their service to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some churches have plenty to share with others: elders to serve on commissions and committees, pastoral leaders who can help cover pulpit vacancies with moderating, and people who can offer skills in building, maintaining, and finding needed insurance coverage.

As the local church supports the regional presbytery, so the presbytery also supports the Synod and the General Assembly. We provide elders to serve on commissions and committees, funds to help cover overhead, and overtures that guide our leaders.

Mission giving at the presbytery level provides needed funds for neighborhood mission grants, higher education grants that offer chaplain coverage at schools in our area, training events, and youth activities.

What can you do?

Encourage your session to participate in per capita contributions and mission giving by including per capita in your annual budget OR by budgeting for your share of per capita. Support your local congregation by donating toward per capita and mission giving. Express your interest in volunteering at the presbytery, synod, or General Assembly level. Keep the presbytery and your home congregation in prayer!