



We aspire to be beacons of God's love and truth ...

January 27, 2021

Dear Friends of FPC Moorestown,

On behalf of the Session and Stewardship Committee, thank you for generously supporting our ministries this past year. Because of your faithful response, we are able to share Christ's love with others locally and globally, especially when the world was transformed by a global pandemic.

With 2021 underway, the church is preparing to pay its **denominational per capita apportionment** and asks your help in supporting the larger church. Members pay this per capita in recognition that the Presbyterian Church (PC-USA) is a connectional church and we are part of a larger family throughout southern New Jersey and the country. This connection includes our Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assembly. Your financial support sustains meaningful partnerships that are essential for the work and mission of our Presbytery and sister churches. *For more information about the per capita fund and how it benefits PC-USA ministries across the country, please see the enclosed information.*

- Our 2021 per capita apportionment is **\$38.75 per member**. If you'd like to cover your per capita payment for the church, thank you! Please return your contribution in the enclosed return envelope **by February 28, 2021**.
- In 2012, the Session voted that if a member prefers that the church NOT pay his/her portion, he or she may "opt out" and request that their portion be deducted from the total amount paid by the church. To request that your portion NOT be sent to support Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly, please fill out the attached form and return it to the church office.

The enclosed pre-addressed envelope can be used to return your contribution or your opt-out form. You may also pay online at www.fpcmoorestown.org. Please return the envelope by mail or in the offering plate **by February 28, 2021**. Thank you for prayerfully considering how God is inviting you to partner with the body of Christ this year! *Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church marked "Per Capita."*

Yours in Christ,

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

Nancy Chumney, Stewardship Chair

Enclosed: per capita envelope, return addressed envelope

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FAQ: How Does Your Per Capita Donation Benefit Our Church and the West Jersey Presbytery?

Your per capita donation allows the Presbytery to have administrative and mission personnel work in a variety of ways:

- Helping local churches and building community in our 54 churches / 7 counties
- Hosting leadership training events
- Supporting churches in pastoral searches
- Coordinating Presbytery meetings
- Resourcing various committees

Your per capita offering:

1. Funds administrative mission personnel who assist churches without pastoral leadership in your name. Provides resources, assistance in conflict, coordinates mission opportunities and networks in the presbytery. Funds committee work at the presbytery level and the office in Haddon Heights. Pays for annual training events for Presbytery executives, stated clerks, moderators, committee chairs, and others who help lead our work and mission. This year especially, the presbytery has supported the work of our Pastor Nominating Committee and its ministry.
2. Funds the preparation and care of our seminary students;
3. Helps pay for the General Assembly meeting every two years, where Presbyterians gather together to worship and seek to discern the will of Christ for the church;
4. Funds the staff that organizes, disseminates, and sustains the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund to areas of immediate relief. These funds allow Presbyterians to connect with people of other Christian churches to organize mission work on a larger scale to reach places around the globe;
5. Pays to produce the *Book of Order* and *Book of Confessions* to extend our mission: including versions in Spanish, Korean, and Braille. Additional valuable resources produced with these funds are the Mission yearbook and the Planning Calendar.



Per Capita Giving Letter
January 27, 2021

DID YOU KNOW ... Our Church paid \$42,431 in 2020 for our participation in this Connectional Church. Last year 280 members of our church individually contributed their membership per capita. The Per Capita envelope enclosed is to assist in offsetting this “good obligation” of every Presbyterian. The Trustees and Elders thank you.

\$38.75 per church member provides:

- \$25.70 to our West Jersey Presbytery office
- \$4.10 to the Synod
- \$8.95 to the General Assembly

Please note that the Presbytery has not raised its per capita for ten years even though Synod and General Assembly have raised theirs. This means that presbytery staff have been eliminated in empathy with the congregations. Our Presbytery has been a constant support to our staff and leaders this past year. Our Presbytery staff prayed for us, offered us the latest information and resources to help us through the pandemic, and answered many of our questions. We are deeply grateful for their leadership and support.

As one of 54 churches in the West Jersey Presbytery of the PC-USA, we are connected with the larger church in ministry. One concrete form of that connection is the per capita apportionment, through which every Presbyterian church in the country pays an amount for each active member on its rolls. In doing so, the churches support the work of our denomination throughout the country. There are staffing and ministry expenses for the denomination’s governing bodies and per capita funding provides the needed financial support (see insert).

OPT OUT: I/We choose NOT to contribute my/our portion of the church’s 2021 Per Capita Apportionment and would ask that the church NOT PAY my/our share.

For Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Date _____

Kindly return to the church office no later than February 28, 2021
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