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February 7, 2023

Dear Members of FPC Moorestown,

On behalf of the Session and Stewardship Committee, we gratefully thank all who gave in support of our ministries this past year. Your steadfast giving allowed us to continue serving the Lord, our congregation and community in meaningful and Christ-honoring ways.

With 2023 underway, we are preparing to pay our denominational per capita apportionment and ask for your help in supporting the larger church. Members pay this per capita, in addition to their annual gift, recognizing that the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) 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 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.

Today, we ask each of you to consider covering your individual assessment as an offering in support of the greater church.

- Our 2023 per capita apportionment is **\$38.75 per member**. If you'd like to cover your per capita, please return your contribution to the offering plate, church office, electronically (<https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/giving>), or in the enclosed envelope **by February 28, 2023**.
- 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.

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

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DID YOU KNOW ...

Our Church paid \$37,239 in 2022 for our participation in this Connectional Church. Last year 286 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 Presbytery office
- \$4.10 to the Synod
- \$8.95 to the General Assembly

Please note, this per capita apportionment amount has not been raised in ten years. Our Presbytery has been a constant support to our staff and leaders this past year.

As one of 59 churches in the Presbytery for Southern NJ 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 2023 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, 2023



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

As Presbyterians, we're gratefully connected to other churches throughout our region. These connections take the form of supportive friendships for our Pastors and elders. We also find the blessing of giving in many ways to support the ministry and work of God in these congregations. 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 now 59 churches
- Hosting leadership training events
- Supporting churches in pastoral searches
- Resourcing various committees
- NOTE: our Presbytery is now the *Presbytery for Southern New Jersey* following last year's redistricting of the presbyteries in our state. Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli remains our Executive Presbyter and cherished friend to our pastors and people.

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.
2. Funds the preparation and care of our seminary students.
3. 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 around the globe;
4. 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.