



CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY
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Pastor and Clerk of Session
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Dear Brothers and Sisters of Cherokee Presbytery;

I'm not certain how you've been advised of your per capita apportionments in years past, but as your new stated clerk, I want to make sure that you know how the apportionment is calculated, and what it goes for. So, please allow me to share the following:

Per capita apportionment is one way we affirm the connectional nature of our church by making a per member (aka "per capita") contribution to the **administrative support** of the ministry and mission of the more inclusive bodies/councils beyond the local congregation. You may be interested to know that in all of the other places where I have served, there is a three-level per capita (GA, Synod and Presbytery), but here we have only two components to per capita (GA and Synod of the Southeast). Cherokee Presbytery administrative and mission expenses are covered **entirely** by your mission gifts.

So what do our per capita funds go for? A brief description of the General Assembly and Synod per capita budgets is below.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PER CAPITA BUDGET (\$6.15 per member for 2010)

- Cost of holding GA meetings (so that our commissioners do not have to pay for transportation, room and board and other costs of the meeting)
- expenses of the permanent and special committees of the General Assembly,
- the Office of the General Assembly (including the historical function and the office of ordination exams),
- General Assembly Council meetings,
- the council office and some staff,
- expenses related to membership in ecumenical bodies,
- Fair share costs of Mission Support Services relating to building operations and centralized accounting services

SYNOD PER CAPITA BUDGET (\$2.45 per member for 2010)

- Office Operations and Equipment Updates
- All Committee and PJC Commission Meetings
- Regional Resource Center
- Stated Clerk
- Synod Communication Publications and Website
- Office Staff Salaries and Benefits
- General Mission support (\$1.00)

This brings the total per capita apportionment to \$8.60 for 2010. In a few weeks, you will receive a “Pledge” form which asks you to indicate your giving intentions for mission and per capita for 2010. On that form, we will be asking that you contribute \$_____, or \$8.60 per member as of your last statistical report (2008) to support the support our work through the regional, national and international Presbyterian church. I hope that you will seriously consider fully supporting this line item.

If you have further questions or desire more information, please give me a call at 770-382-6280 or send me an email at Rebecca@cherokeepresbytery.org.

Your partner in following Christ together;

Rev. Rebecca M. Blackwell
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