



PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS

Office of the Stated Clerk

November 22, 2022

Dear Pastors, Clerks of Session, and Treasurers,

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (1 Cor 12:27).

The November Presbytery gathering embodied joy, collaboration, and hospitality. If the Apostle Paul envisioned a “body” where all the members performed their parts in a balletic fashion, the coordination of fellowship, worship, and business would have brought him great cheer.

At the business meeting, elders of the Presbytery voted to NOT raise the Per Capita assessments on congregations. You will notice, therefore, that Per Capita to the Presbytery will remain ***unchanged*** for 2023.

2023 Assessments:

Presbytery of Los Ranchos	\$27.00
Synod of Southern California & Hawaii	\$ 2.85
General Assembly of the PC(USA)	\$ 9.85
2023 Per Capita Amount*	\$39.70

*Your congregation’s total 2023 per capita amount is \$39.70 multiplied by the number of members you reported for 2021.

Please share this information as appropriate with your church's financial officers, bookkeeper, elders and congregation.

Payment Plan Option:

If your congregation is unable to pay your per capita amount in full, you may submit a plan to send payments over a six-month period. Payment plans will be shared with the Presbytery Trustees for planning purposes and reported to Presbytery at the February meeting. Please submit the details of your payment plan, including amounts and the schedule to the Office of the Stated Clerk before **January 20, 2023** by emailing StatedClerk@LosRanchos.org.



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Why Per Capita?

From San Clemente to East Los Angeles, from the Pacific Ocean to the Santa Ana Mountains, 44 congregations and 9 new worshiping communities comprise the Presbytery of Los Ranchos. Per Capita funds a part of the often-unnoticed infrastructure that supports these ministries. This infrastructure includes support services for various partnerships, commissions, and mission undertakings; oversight of pastor-parish relationships and preparation for ministry; and assistance with matters of insurance, law, finance, and administration.

But Per Capita goes further still. Through your Per Capita giving, you make possible:

- expert guidance during times of pastoral transition, congregational turmoil, personal struggle, and polity confusion;
- translation of materials into Spanish, Korean and other major languages;
- professional archiving of and access to the Church's historical records;
- judicial and administrative oversight throughout Southern California;
- ecumenical relations at a national level;
- and a well-run biennial General Assembly.

You are excellent witnesses to the common bond we share in ministry. Presbytery of Los Ranchos has enjoyed a high rate of participation for many years. We are grateful for you and proud of the ministry happening in each congregation. If you have any questions, please call the Presbytery Office at 714-956-3691.

On behalf of the Council and Trustees,

Rev. Jennifer Pattee
Interim Stated Clerk

Rev. Tom Cramer
Presbytery Co-Executive for Vision & Mission