



2025 SHARED MISSION GIVING INVITATION

Witnessing to Christ with All We ARE and Have!

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Dear Pastor and Clerk of Session,

As of last reporting, there were **7,321 members** in our presbytery.

Our presbytery's budget in 2024 was **\$1,058,486** to which there is likely to be small increase in 2025 (decided at the November Gathering of Presbytery).

That means it costs **\$144 per member** to provide **our shared witness** as disciples in the PC(USA). Some of that is paid for by Per Capita giving, which was \$28 for PLR's portion in 2024. The remainder of it comes from **Shared Mission Giving**, investment income, or selling off investments, the last of which will place a higher burden on congregational giving in the future to function as a presbytery.

Please read the attached Shared Mission Giving spreadsheet to see how **your congregation** is contributing to our shared witness as Presbyterians.

Allow me to share a bit of my story. My wife and I became Presbyterians forty years ago. After serving for several years as a pastor in a non-denominational church, I sought ordination in the PC(USA), mainly because I was inspired by its sense of **shared mission** and **accountability**. I was thrilled by this different way of "being and doing church together." Forty years later, I still am.

The Presbytery of Los Ranchos has been my home as an ordained Teaching Elder even as my professional life led me to work with congregations across the country and in many different denominations. Together we are starting new churches, supporting existing churches, and assisting congregations who are struggling. I believe in our communal witness which is held together, facilitated, brokered, and **made possible by presbyteries**. And I hope your session does as well. \$144 per member does not seem like a large ask given what we do together through the Presbytery.

As Moderator now of Trustees, I can assure your congregation that if you **can give more** than \$144 per member, you can know that every dollar you give will be used to benefit our witness to the Living Lord in our region. But please **do give**.

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For your convenience, I have attached a 2025 Pledge Form to this letter, but you may also download another copy with its instructions at www.losranchos.org located on the “Resources” page in the “Treasurer/Session” section. Kindly have your Pastor, Clerk, or Treasurer sign your pledge and return it as an email attachment or US Postal Service **to Gary Pado at the presbytery office by December 15, 2024.**

With you on the journey,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Regele". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Michael Regele
Moderator of PLR Trustees/President of Corporation
Presbytery of Los Ranchos