

TO: TREASURERS, CLERKS AND MODERATORS OF SESSION

FROM: SHIRLEY J. RUSSELL, STATED CLERK

RE: 2010 BUDGETING INFORMATION FOR CONGREGATIONS

The enclosed information is sent to assist you in preparation of your 2010 budget. There are three ways to undergird our common Presbytery ministry and mission with congregations, Synod, and General Assembly: 1) mission giving, 2) per capita apportionment, and 3) salary supplement contributions. Together these gifts of God make a difference for Christ.

Per capita funds cover a diverse set of administrative expenses on the local, synod and national level, from ordination exams to communication and technology, from meetings of General Assembly to Mission Support Services. In this Presbytery, per capita pays for such things as the functioning of the Presbytery Center in Commack, which is used not only as a mission and administrative “hub”, but also as a weekend retreat destination for churches, and as a central site for education events. Staff resourcing for church property or insurance matters or questions on the Book of Order and polity comes from our per capita. Per capita is our way of sharing the costs that belong to the whole Presbyterian church community, expressing the essential unity of the church.

The Salary Supplement Fund of the Presbytery, comprised of the voluntary contributions from churches and minister members of the Presbytery, is used by the Committee on Ministry to provide funds to augment ministers’ salaries which are below minimum standard, to enable the committee to respond to emergency relief needs of ministers, and to assist in professional development of minister members of the presbytery. The administration and award of these funds are the responsibility of the Committee on Ministry. Salary Supplement represents the connectional nature of the P.C.(U.S.A.). Simply put, it is the ministry of one church in the Presbytery supporting the pastoral ministry of another.

Thank you for supporting the mission, ministry, and administration of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly through their budgets, and for your support of ministers of the presbytery through the Salary Supplement Fund.

Some Things You Need to Know

1. The per capita apportionment figures for 2010 total *\$28.81.

Presbytery	\$18.81
*Synod	\$ 3.85
General Assembly	<u>\$ 6.15</u>
Total	\$28.81

2. Membership totals are taken from 2008 Statistics as recorded by the General Assembly (Minutes, Part II).
3. The voluntary appropriation for supplementing salaries for pastors, providing emergency relief for ministers, and assisting in professional development for ministers is also based on the session's 2008 report to General Assembly and is equal to .005 of Columns 20 and 21 of those Statistics.

Column 20	Contributions
Column 21	Capital & Building Funds

4. The per capita apportionment for the Presbyterian Church (USA) for 2010 is based on the active membership of your congregation on December 31, 2008, as reported by you and recorded by the General Assembly in the 2008 Statistics (Minutes, Part II).
5. Checks for mission giving, per capita apportionment, and salary supplement may be made out to "Presbytery of Long Island" and mailed to Arthur Ireland, Treasurer, at the above address; **please be sure to specify for which fund they are intended.**

Please feel free to call me at 631-499-7171 or e-mail me at statedclerk@presbyteryofli.org if you have any questions about this e-mail.