

Please help us Stretch our budget!

As an active member of Donegal Presbytery, Doe Run has been assessed \$5085.69 in “per capita” payments. We are under obligation to pay this amount regardless of whether that income is received in our budget. As of March 1, we have received only \$1126.76 in per capita donations from members. Currently, that means we must make up \$3958.93 out of our budget this year. **Please take a moment to add \$26.51 to your offering this month -- for each member of your family that is a member of the congregation -- and mark it as “per capita giving“.** Help us meet this obligation to the wider church without placing a strain on our budget.

Doe Run Membership - 191.8 x per capita amount \$26.51 =	\$5085.69
per capita received from members as of 2/1/09:	<u>1126.76</u>
Amount to be made up from Doe Run budget:	\$3958.93

What is per capita?

Per capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 11,000 congregations and governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are connected and participate in the work of the wider church.

The official definition: “Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians” (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).

In essence: Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Said another way, it is a Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund — part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)’s system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system should be shared by everyone as well.