



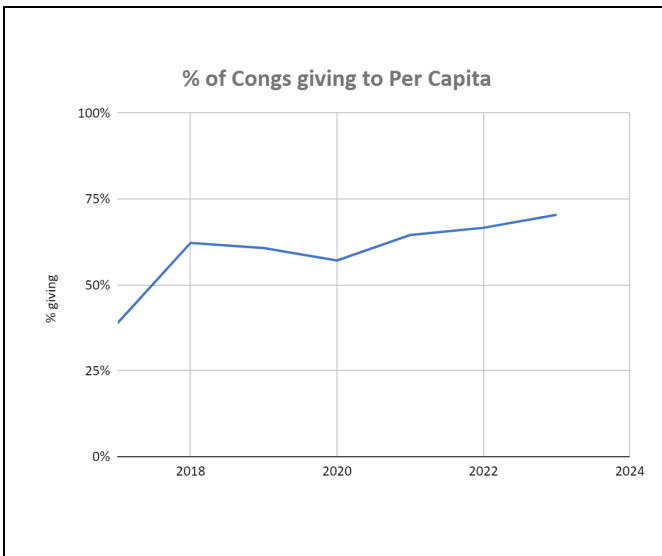
# PSL PER CAPITA



“If the Presbytery of South Louisiana is committed to building a culture that builds and empowers leadership for the present and future church we must financially support a culture of call. One way to do this is through presbytery per capita giving. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry nurtures and empowers individuals who have expressed a desire to pursue a career in church leadership. These individuals are in different stages of their discernment and development. They are learning and growing in our Certified Ruling Elder Program, PC(USA) Seminaries, and theological institutions associated with our protestant denominations.” – *Kelly Couch, Elder, Lakeview Presbyterian & Member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry*

## PER CAPITA DETAILS

- The 2025 PSL Per Capita rate will move to **\$87.07/member**, pending PSL approval at our November meeting.
- The Finance Committee is recommending this change in the Per Capita rate to reflect the increases in the General Assembly Per Capita rate, as well as to place the Presbytery on a sustainable financial footing.
- Per Capita supports the work of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. The Presbytery is required to pay the full amount of the Per Capita for General Assembly, even if it does not receive that payment from the congregation.
- Each congregation’s Per Capita amount is based on the membership the church reported to the General Assembly two years prior - so the 2025 Per Capita amount is based on the membership reported in the 2023 Clerk of Session report.
- In the Presbytery of South Louisiana - the request of each congregation to contribute to Per Capita is the only financial request to our congregations. We do not have additional “Mission Giving” or “Shared Support” budgets. The PSL Per Capita request is a common funding means for our PSL mission, administration, and operating budgets.
- The full budget of the Presbytery is available to all members and congregations, and is voted upon at the November annual meeting of the Presbytery.



## PER CAPITA GIVING TRENDS IN PSL

Congregations in PSL are generous! We have seen sustained increases in per capita giving over the past 5 years! The percentage of PSL congregations that give to support Per Capita has increased from below 40% five years ago to over 70% in 2023. That is a great trajectory!

Along with a higher percentage of Congregations giving, the total amount of dollars received through Per Capita has also increased. We currently receive 74% of the amount of Per Capita that is requested.

***In 2025, help us move that up to 80%!***

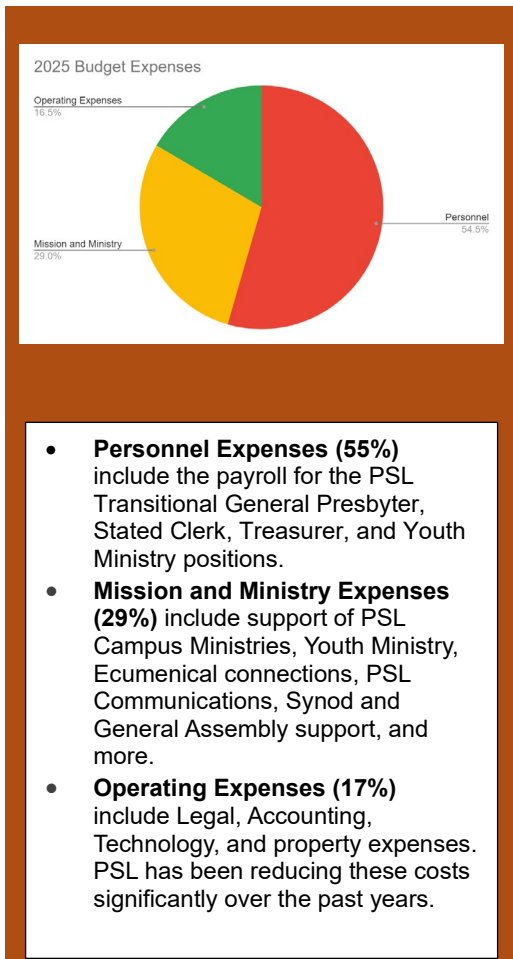
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*As a collective, faithful witness in South Louisiana, a congregation's per capita support of PSL and the larger PCUSA church is one of the ways that we proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Christ and show the visible unity of the church.*

*In much the same way that an individual's tithe to their local congregation is an act of faithful worship and discipleship, a congregation's per capita offering is a collective act of faithful worship and discipleship.*

*Pastor Leigh Rachal, Abbeville Presbyterian*

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## OUR PER CAPITA AT WORK

- This summer, per capita helped young folks from across the Presbytery attend Camp Agape and experiences at MoRanch and Montreat.
- PSL Per Capita funds support five active Campus Ministries, making an open, inviting, and positive campus witness possible.
- Per Capita supports the PSL response to area disasters. In our response to disasters, we help God's people in their times of dire need.
- With your Per Capita support, this year PSL launched an innovative training group of congregational leaders seeking to become pastors.
- This year, your Per Capita support has empowered the work of the Presbytery in ensuring our ministries are safe and loving for all persons. This includes policies and trainings to make sure all PSL's ministries are held to the highest ethical standards.
- PSL is doing new things! The New Worshiping Communities committee is helping nurture new expressions of faith in our region, with 5 active communities now, and several more that will be launching soon.
  - Your Per Capita support goes to the efficient and effective administration of the funds of the Presbytery, which supports our common mission through the Young Adult Volunteer program, Okra Abbey, Campus Ministries, Disaster Response, Westminster Foundation, and more.



Ever think, "I see so much trouble in this world, what can I do to help?" Well, if you give an offering, you are helping! Our church pays Per Capita, which is based on the number of members. That money joins with thousands of others to fund missions locally, regionally, nationally and globally. So remember you can help! Every little bit helps, thank you!

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