

## **UPDATED Financial Data for 2017 Congregational Budget Planning**

The following is provided to assist congregations in their 2017 budget planning:

1. For 2017 the mandated Per Capita Apportionment for **General Assembly** is **\$7.50 per member**.
2. For 2017 the mandated Per Capita Apportionment for **Synod of the Covenant** is **\$3.25 per member**.
3. Based on the presbytery budget for 2017 approved in November 2016, the amount each church is expected to pay for **Presbytery of the Miami Valley** expenses is **\$35.51 per member**.
4. The presbytery is obligated to pay the Per Capita assessments to General Assembly and the Synod, and each church is expected to reimburse the presbytery based on its membership.
5. The presbytery relies on churches for most of the income that pays its own expenses. Financial support from churches—the amount from item 3 above--accounts for about 75% of the presbytery's income. The other 25% comes from investments, reserves, and a few small miscellaneous sources. **Since the presbytery's work benefits every one of our member churches, it's only fair that most of the income reflects and embodies the covenantal support among our churches as we care for each other through the presbytery.**
6. Churches may pay their presbytery apportionment and their Per Capita payments to GA and the Synod in one lump sum or throughout the year. Many churches invite their members, at the beginning of each calendar year, to pay the equivalent of their share of Per Capita expenses and the presbytery apportionment, beyond their other pledges to the church. This is a good way to remind people of the connectional nature of our relationships with other churches in our presbytery and with Presbyterians throughout the nation and world.
7. Some congregations are able to support the presbytery's work with amounts beyond—and sometimes well beyond—the per member amount in item 3 above. In doing so, those congregations both recognize the resourceful work the presbytery does for all churches, and help support other churches that because of size or limited resources are not able to meet the per member giving expectation.
8. The presbytery is in a time of transition and discernment about ways to enhance its continuing role in preparing, equipping and nurturing congregations for their faithful ministries for God's mission. **Strong financial support from congregations during 2017 will help guide and sustain us toward what God is calling us all to be and do in service to the Risen Lord.**