



MISSION PROGRAM GUIDE

*Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ
and stewards of God's mysteries.*

1 Corinthians 4:1

THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE

*Connecting Congregations in the Counties of Monterey,
San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz*

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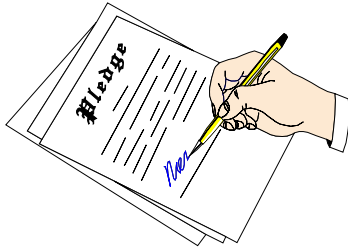
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HOW CONGREGATIONS CONNECT TO PRESBYTERIAN MISSION



- ◆ **LOCAL CONGREGATIONS PLEDGE THROUGH THEIR SESSION BUDGETS**, supporting Presbyterian Mission around the world, in the United States and in the local community. All ministries in this booklet are eligible for mission support.
- ◆ **THE PRESBYTERY** gathers information on amounts pledged by all its congregations, and informs the Synod of the Pacific.
- ◆ **THE SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC** then negotiates with the General Assembly on dividing that income—recommending that 25 percent of the pledged income go to support national and international mission, and that 75 percent stay with the Synod and Presbytery to support local mission.
- ◆ **PRESBYTERIES AND SYNOD** then hold meetings to decide how best to fund mission work within the Synod of the Pacific, determining how much income will be available from pledges and other sources. Agreement is reached on a fair distribution among governing bodies, including the Synod itself.

HOW THE MISSION BUDGET IS PUT TOGETHER

- ◆ **PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES** and task forces meet to consider mission priorities, programs and support for the coming year, formulating a preliminary budget.
- ◆ **COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCES** present all the requests together, which creates a picture of the whole mission of the Presbytery. The Council recommends a total Mission Budget to the Presbytery.
- ◆ **AT IT'S SEPTEMBER MEETING**, after interpretation of the budget through the Mission Fair, the Presbytery votes to adopt the budget for the following calendar year.

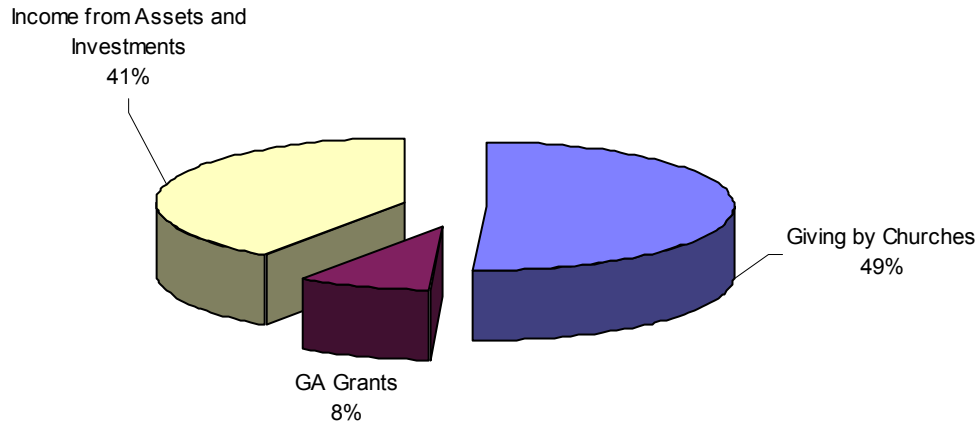


HOW MONEY GETS TO THE MISSION PROJECT

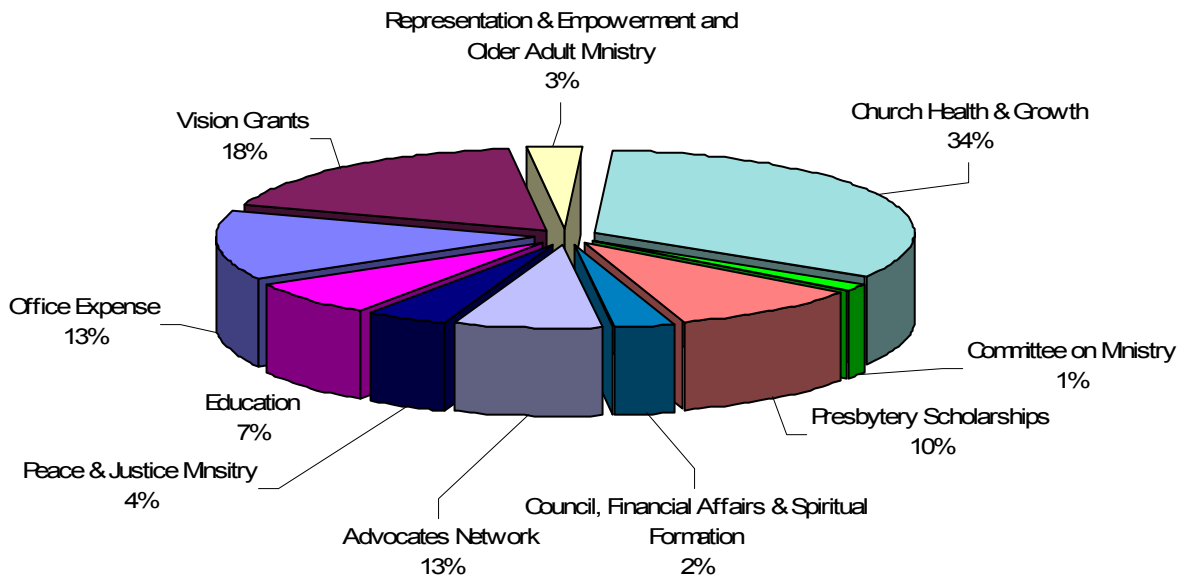
- ◆ Local church treasurers send checks to the Synod office in Petaluma. From there the dollars are directed to the General Assembly for global and national mission projects; kept for Synod programs; or sent to Presbytery for support of local mission projects. The Presbytery accountant sends funds to the projects. Funds sent directly to projects and not through the Synod, cannot be tracked and thus will not be reflected in Mission Pledge accounting.

Note: For help in completing the Mission Remittance Form, contact the Presbytery office or Mission Advocates Dorothy & Don Metzger, (408-356-1216) or Metzger.dondorothy@verizon.net

WHERE THE PRESBYTERY GETS ITS INCOME



WHERE PRESBYTERY EXPENDITURES GO



PROPOSED 2006 PROGRAM BUDGET: \$399,996

The Program Budget of the Presbytery of San Jose has three sections:

Section 1: Presbytery Scholarships



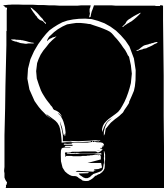
The care and training of lay and clergy leaders is a high priority in the Presbytery of San Jose. Since it is not possible for one Presbytery to provide the wide-range of programming for the varieties of leadership needs and interests, the Presbytery maintains a number of scholarships and grants. This enables current and future leaders to attend training events; children to attend summer camp; and young people to participate in local and national conferences and seminars. From congregational development, to Christian Education, to justice and mission issues, the Presbytery's life is enriched by the sending of men, women and children to these camping and conference experiences. 12% of unrestricted funds is used for scholarships.

Section 2: Vision Grants



The Vision statement of the Presbytery says it “exists to serve and be a resource for the health and growth of the Presbyterian congregations within our four counties.” This year, the Presbytery budget reflects that vision by dedicating 22% of unrestricted income to projects coming out of Presbytery congregations, or to projects from committees that specifically give resources to congregations. For example, in 2005, congregations received grants totaling over \$38,000 to support church health and growth efforts.

Section 3: Committee and Task Force Budgets



The final portion of the Presbytery funding system is through committee and task force budgets. The Presbytery Council, committees and task forces plan for all aspects of the life of the church community in four counties. Many projects and ministries are ongoing—campus ministry, pastor support program, new and transformational congregations, hunger and refugee resettlement ministries, mission activities to name a few.

We continue to develop new task forces and ministry teams as the needs and mission priorities continue and evolve.

PRESBYTERY SCHOLARSHIPS

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE AMOUNT: \$39,708

Youth Scholarships: \$21,839

The Presbyterian Church's commitment to education and leadership training is seen in its allocation of scholarship funds. Below are selected programs funded by the Presbytery.

Summer Camp Scholarships: \$10,000.

In the summer of 2005, over 80 young people from our Presbytery were given financial help to attend a summer camp session at Westminster Woods in Occidental, or Calvin Crest in Oakhurst.

Youth Triennium: \$3,000.

Our Presbytery regularly sends a team of youth and adults to attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. The next gathering of over 6000 national and international Presbyterian youth and advisors will take place in 2007. These funds are accumulated over three years to assist in sending the maximum number of youth and adults.

APCE Participation: \$1,250

Christian Educators working with children, youth and adults, at the congregational or presbytery wide level, are given assistance to attend the national meeting of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators, to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, February 1 – 4, 2006.

Youth Conference/Retreat: \$5,000

For a number of years the Presbytery has offered separate weekend retreats, in the Spring for middle school and in the Fall for high school youth. The retreats offer creative programming and a time for youth from all across the Presbytery to join in worship, study and play.

Leadership Development Youth: \$200

Small Church Scholarships: \$250

Unallocated Youth Scholarships: \$2,139

Adult scholarships: \$11,912

The Presbytery develops leaders through scholarship help to attend seminars and conferences around the country. **Below are selected examples of available scholarships.**

Christian Spiritual Formation, Nurture and Discipleship: \$2,250

Practicing Christian spiritual disciplines is an important dimension of our faith journey. To that end, a yearly spirituality retreat called *Companions on the Inner Way*, and day-long retreats held within the bounds of the Presbytery are supported by the Presbytery.

Leadership Development: \$1,440

The Committee on Representation and Empowerment uniquely senses the need for leadership development and training for People of Color, Women and Persons with Disabilities.

Racial Ethnic Advanced Pastoral Skills: \$1,000

Annual gathering of Racial Ethnic Pastors within the Synod, but primarily the Presbyteries of San Jose, San Francisco and Redwoods. The event brings in a variety of resource persons and, and provides a time when pastors can enhance their skills in congregational ministry.

Zephyr Event Program and Scholarships: \$1,000

A summer event at the Zephyr Point Conference Center in Lake Tahoe brings together exciting teachers and leaders for a week-long program of seminars and worship. The 2006 Event planning team has an active number from the Presbytery of San José.

Adult Scholarships, Continued

Pastors' Retreat: \$3,500

A yearly retreat for pastors is sponsored by the Presbytery, giving a time away for study, reflection and extended conversation with colleagues. In 2006 the retreat location will again be at the San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville, April 24 – 28.

Church Health and Growth: \$2,000

These scholarships assist pastors and laypersons to attend conferences and seminars on congregational development, new church development, church transformation, pastoral leadership, congregational change, worship and much more.

Unallocated Adult Scholarships: \$722

Future Scholarship Reserve: \$5,956

Scholarship amounts are decided in anticipation of ongoing events, upcoming conferences and specific needs. However, to give flexibility in the coming year, an amount is set aside for needs that are unanticipated at budget time, but are worthy of support. These scholarship funds become available after the first quarter of the year.



THE VISION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE

*Called by God as a governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
The Presbytery of San Jose exists to serve and be a resource for the
Health and growth of the Presbyterian congregations within our four counties.*

Our Vision is:

- ◆ To support our congregations in reaching out to all people in the name of Jesus Christ;
- ◆ To challenge a diverse community to hold fast to the foundation of our faith
- ◆ To build a diverse community unified by the unique gifts of the Holy Spirit for the great work of the church.

We call upon God's grace and help for the fulfillment of the vision.

VISION GRANTS **ESTIMATED AVAILABLE AMOUNT \$72,798**

Since 1999 Vision Grants have been made available to sustain the ongoing health and growth of the Presbyterian congregations within our Presbytery.

The grants are for short-term funding of new projects and programs that seek to renew and revitalize congregational ministry, or to strengthen the resources that enable the Presbytery to respond to crisis situations impacting particular congregations. The funds represent an opportunity to develop creative and unique additions to ministry that can be used in one or more of the following areas:

- ◆ **Church Growth and Renewal**
- ◆ **Crisis Intervention**
- ◆ **Spiritual Formation**
- ◆ **Community Mission**

The Process for Vision Grants

- ◆ An application is completed, approved by session and submitted to the presbytery office
- ◆ The formal presentation should include: Statement of intent, measurable objectives, dates and steps for implementation, person(s) responsible for implementation, and the amount being requested for the project.
- ◆ The appropriate committee, task force or Presbytery Council will review and award grants (as available).

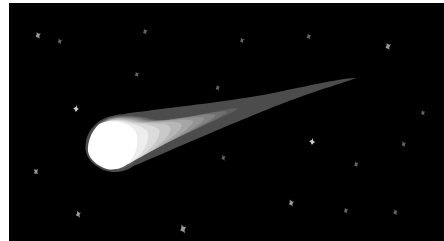
Matching funds are to be researched and secured whenever possible by the requesting church, the sponsoring committee or task force of Presbytery. For information on Vision Grants, contact the Rev. Joey Lee (408-279-0220), email: joey@sanjosepby.org.

Churches that have received Vision Grants over the last three years include:: Cornerstone, Covenant, El Estero, Felton, Gonzales, Mt. View, Palo Alto First, San José First, San Martin, Trinity San José, Trinity Santa Cruz and Westminster.

The following projects have been approved for use of Vision Grants in 2006

Consultants and Resources (Church Health and Growth) \$10,000
Exploration and Feasibility Studies (Church Health and Growth) \$10,000
Crisis Intervention Counseling (Ministry) \$5,000
Church Growth Seminar (Church Health and Growth) \$4,000
Cornerstone NCD grant match (Church Health and Growth) \$2,500
Westminster Transformation grant match (Church Health and Growth) \$9,000
Trinity Santa Cruz, Specialized Ministry grant match (Church Health and Growth) \$7,000

Available for additional Vision Grants \$25,298



MINISTRY AREA BUDGETS

CHURCH HEALTH AND GROWTH: \$132,000



The budget for the Church Health and Growth Task Force is to support and resource the Presbytery and its congregations as they seek to develop and strengthen congregations.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, San José: \$27,000

Westminster Presbyterian Church is becoming one church with two cultures and languages. The Latin American Fellowship (LAF) is a growing ministry of Westminster, not a church plant or nesting congregation. Together, they seek to minister and reach out to the surrounding community. They are receiving a General Assembly Church Transformation Grant, \$18,000 for 2006.

Cornerstone Church of Silicon Valley: \$7,500

Cornerstone Church of Silicon Valley continues as a new church development (NCD) of the Presbytery of San José. Their vision is to “embrace the people of Silicon Valley with the love of Christ that transforms and fulfills lives.” Established as a church open to all people, this community of believers is uniquely reaching out to multicultural professionals and their families in Silicon Valley. Soon to be in a new location, this project is in the fifth and final year of a General Assembly NCD grant, \$5,000 for 2005 .

Evergreen Presbyterian Church, San Jose: \$18,000

Evergreen Presbyterian Church continues to reach out to the unchurched in the Evergreen community. They are currently worshipping on Sunday evening at Evergreen Valley United Methodist Church. The above figure includes income from a custodial account (\$14,000).

Indonesian Christian Church of San José: \$7,500

The Indonesian Christian Church of San José is a new church development of our Presbytery. This congregation has a foundation in the GKI or Gereja Kristen Indonesia (Indonesian Christian Church) a reformed denomination in Indonesia. Their members travel from as far away as Davis CA, for worship, fellowship, and community. They are currently sharing the facilities at Trinity Presbyterian Church of San José.

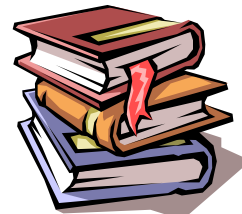
Watsonville United Ministries: \$47,000

Following the model of one church with two languages and cultures, the United Presbyterian Church, and the Unidos en Cristo (United in Christ) are evolving and transforming. New leadership is emerging to meet the ongoing ministry to the sizeable Latino community. In partnership with the Presbytery and supporting congregations, a new chapter has begun in the life of the congregation. The new Director of Hispanic Ministries is Ms. Carmen Rosales.

Thai Fellowship of San José: \$4,000

The Thai Fellowship of San José, works in collaboration with the First Thai Presbyterian Church in the USA in Covina CA. The Rev. Prachuab Dechawan of Covina and the Rev. Dumrong U-Ngern provide preaching and pastoral services. This emerging fellowship group seeks to reach the Thai community in the greater South Bay Area. They currently share the facilities at Foothill Presbyterian Church.

Congregational Worship Resources: \$7,500
Church Based Community Organizing: \$2,500
Congregational Development Expenses: \$4,000



SPIRITUAL FORMATION, NURTURE & DISCIPLESHIP: \$3,200



The Task Force for Spiritual Formation enables the Presbytery and its churches to experience the living presence of God through spiritual nurture and disciplines, theological reflection and authentic worship.

Spirituality Program: \$2,000

Opportunities to explore the inward dimensions of religious experience, through the practice of Christian spiritual disciplines, is met by this program area. One-day retreats, and Presbytery presentations on meditation and prayer have touched the lives of those looking for contemplative disciplines.

Theology Program: \$200

"Theology matters," Presbyterians have said. Programming to enhance theological reflection and understanding is the focus of this budget item.

Worship Program: \$500

Central to religious experience is worship. It is the place where Christians come together in community; to pray, praise and examine and experience the Holy One. These funds are to be used for worship events in the Presbytery as well as local congregations.

Center for Spiritual Formation: \$500

EDUCATION: \$28,000



The budget for Education is to assist churches of the Presbytery in carrying out the educational responsibility of helping their people grow as whole persons in response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Curriculum Materials: \$250

A collection of materials is made available to Presbytery educators for review and use in training.

The Northern California Ecumenical Media Resource Center: \$3,000

This center was founded in 1969 and last year relocated to Campbell United Methodist Church on Winchester Blvd. The Presbytery contribution purchases Presbyterian Church (USA) audiovisual and curriculum resources and underwrites membership for small churches.

Consultants' Expenses: \$250

Educational consultants and resource persons are provided to assist the Presbytery.

Youth: \$2,000

The high school weekend retreat in the fall, and the middle school retreat in early spring are planned by a network of youth workers in the presbytery. This budget supports that work, and assists in programming costs, resources, and leadership at the retreats.

Campus Christian Ministry: \$22,000

Two ecumenical Christian campus ministries are located within the boundaries of the Presbytery. Both provide ministry, programs and a mainline Protestant presence on campus. They are the United Campus Christian Ministry at Santa Cruz, with Ms. April Crow, Campus Ministry Coordinator; and the UCCM at Stanford, the Rev. Elena Larssen, Campus Ministry Coordinator.

Association of Christian Campus Ministry: \$500

ACCM is a Northern California/Nevada network of campus groups and governing bodies. This amount pays the Presbytery institutional membership.

ADVOCATES NETWORK: \$30,000



The budget for the Advocates assists in encouraging, interpreting and networking congregations and the presbytery in the areas of Hunger, Refugee resettlement issues and National and Global missions.

Hunger Action Advocate: \$10,000

The Presbytery seeks to enable congregations working in hunger programs. Ms Pat Plant, our Hunger Action Advocate, focuses on education and interpretation, encouraging people to learn about a wide variety of programs, resources, and organizations. The Presbyterian Hunger Program of the General Assembly contributes \$4,000.

Refugee Ministries Coordinator: \$10,000

Through the work of the Rev. Bill Palmer, the Presbytery of San Jose assists in resettlement and advocacy for refugees. Working with Catholic Charities, Bill helps identify sponsoring congregations and assist with the many problems facing newcomers to our country.

Presbyterian Mission Advocates: \$10,000

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has long been a church engaged in mission. Donald and Dorothy Metzger are the Presbytery Mission Advocates, helping to explain, promote and interpret Presbyterian National and Global missions, and keep contact with mission personnel.

PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY: \$16,050

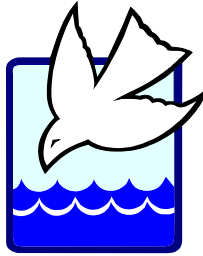


The budget for Peace and Justice Ministry is a vehicle for expanding the outreach ministry of the churches by encouraging congregations to proclaim the Gospel through education, action and reflection on issues of peace and justice.

Issues, Grants, Programs and Scholarships:

In order to provide greater flexibility in decision making the Peace and Justice Ministry has grouped their budget into categories and areas of ministry support. **The Peacemaking Offering** is received in the Fall. 25 percent of the offering remain at the Presbytery and are used to support peacemaking efforts. Amounts listed are tentative, pending 2005 receipts.

Emerging Issues	\$1,000
Program and Speakers	3,000
Grants	4,000
Scholarships	2,000
Peacemaking Advocate	4,800
Presbyterian Washington Office	1,000
Publications and membership	250



REPRESENTATION AND EMPOWERMENT: \$3,450



The Committee on Representation and Empowerment works to implement the principles of participation, inclusiveness and justice to ensure fair and effective representation in the church.

Seminary Internships: \$2,000

These funds give help to congregations seeking to develop future leadership. Particular interest is in helping racial ethnic churches which may have limited budgets or larger churches consider a racial ethnic seminarian.

Leadership Development: \$1,200

It is important for groups of people traditionally left out of the church's mainstream to learn the leadership skills that will help them work within the church. These funds are primarily intended to assist people of color, women, and persons with disabilities.

Contingency fund: \$250

This money is available for response to situations unknown at the time of budget planning.

PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TASK FORCE: \$7,500



The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Task Force works to educate and increase awareness of the local church and beyond, about the needs, abilities, concerns and interest of Older Adults. They also seek to encourage and enable churches and develop resources.

MINISTRY: \$5,100

The Committee on Ministry is to assist congregations as they call, employ and work with all church employees, both ministers and lay persons, and facilitate relationships among ministers, congregations and the Presbytery.

Pastors Support: \$4,500

This includes pastor to pastor programs and resources for various support needs. The Committee on Ministry coordinates the program. For more information contact the chair of the Committee on Ministry or the Interim Executive, Jane Odell, at the Presbytery office.

Lay Employee Support: \$600

While the Committee on Ministry must by necessity focus its attention on congregations and their pastors, it also seeks to be aware of issues facing lay employees in the church. These funds support participation in the Administrative Personnel Association, an organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



FINANCIAL AFFAIRS: \$400

The Committee on Financial Affairs encourages the practice of total Christian stewardship in the Presbytery and its churches as it manages all real property and assets of the Presbytery.

Stewardship Training: \$400

Part of the mission of this committee is to provide for training in local congregations on how to have a year-round stewardship emphasis. Awareness of resources available from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as well as from the Presbytery is an important component of training.



PRESBYTERY COUNCIL: \$8,750

The Presbytery Council coordinates the life and ministry of Presbytery, including annual interpretation and presentation of the mission budget for Presbytery approval.

Mission Budget Booklet: \$1,500

This booklet, interpreting the mission budget of the Presbytery, is a major piece of the process of informing Presbytery members about the work going on within its borders.

Presbytery Web Site: \$250

Increasing helpful as a source of communications, the Presbytery's Web site, provides information about the presbytery, congregations and links to many Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) organizations. This amount helps to pay for the costs of maintaining that site. The web address is: www.sanjosepby.org

Presbytery Newsletter: \$7,000

The Presbytery Newsletter, The Monarch Messenger, continues to evolve and grow. It share news, information, events and announcements for the Presbytery of San José. With a new format and style, it is printed and distributed 5 times a year.

PRESBYTERY OFFICE: \$53,040

The Presbytery shall maintain an office or offices as needed to support its mission.

The Presbytery Administrative Office gives support to committees, task forces, pastors, local congregations, and the general public. It is an information center and meeting place.

Office Staff persons include Interim Executive Presbyter, Elder Jane F. Odell; Associate Executive for Program, the Rev. Joey Lee; Administrative Assistant, Ms. Beverly Raynes; and Program Support Staff, Ms. Pat Plant. The Presbytery of San Jose Mission Budget does not include salary information, since executive and support staff are paid through the Synod of the Pacific personnel system, from funds received through Presbytery/Synod general mission giving.

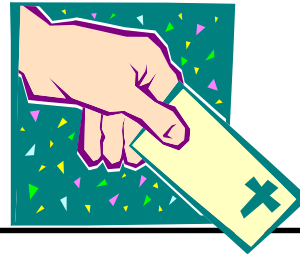
Administrative Office Expenses:

Rent (including utilities)	\$15,140
Postage	6,000
Telephone	8,000
Supplies	10,000
Staff Professional Expenses	900
Support Staff Continuing Education	500
Equipment Purchase/Leasing/Maintenance	12,500

Note: Expenses for the Office of the Stated Clerk, Elder John Lococo, are not shown in this Mission budget. Those salaries and office expenses are paid through the Per Capita assessment and are shown in the Ecclesiastical budget, separate from the Mission budget. In addition to the Stated Clerk, part-time Ecclesiastical staff include Treasurer Edward Tablak and Accountant Diane Case.



HOW TO GIVE TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Basic Mission Giving supports the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, through unrestricted and restricted giving. Gifts earmarked for a special purpose within the budget are called Directed Mission Support. Whenever an adopted budget lists a program for support, the group doing the adopting has made a commitment to support that project by the amount listed.

Per Capita

Presbyteries, Synods and the General Assembly meet to conduct the business of the church, and incur necessary expenses. Each level of the church sets an amount per member to cover its administrative costs. The sum of these amounts is the “per capita” set for each member. The whole church shares in these expenses, since everyone shares in the benefits of the system of church government. In the Presbytery, Per Capita funds the Ecclesiastical budget which supports the office of the Stated Clerk. The combined per capita for 2006 is \$23.50 per member, due Feb 1st.

Presbyterian Women give to the Thank Offering, received in Oct/Nov, focusing on funding of health ministries for the needy. The Birthday Offering, received during May/ June, funds up to 5 projects which meet the needs of hurting people and improve conditions of life for them. These are not included in ongoing GA mission support.

The Presbytery of San Jose

Endowment Fund was established to facilitate major giving to the long-term work of the Presbytery. The fund may receive bequests, appreciated stock, or other major gifts, for either the whole mission or a particular mission of the Presbytery.

For information on this and other ways to give to the PCUSA, please contact the Rev. George “Skip” Herbert, Area Development officer with the Presbyterian Foundation, (916) 366-1934.

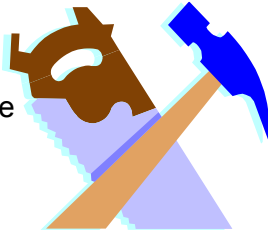
The Theological Education Fund

supports the education of present and future ministers and church educators. Sessions may include this fund as part of their adopted budget. An amount of 1% of their local program budget is suggested. Sessions may also support particular schools over and above the basic contribution to the Theological Education Fund.

Extra Commitment Giving: Governing bodies (Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly) may list some projects as worthy of support, yet not include them as budgeted commitments. These projects beyond the budget are intended for extra funds; they are not intended to replace the projects listed in the budget.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering, received during Lent, supports three areas of General Assembly mission: The Hunger Program, the Self Development of People Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

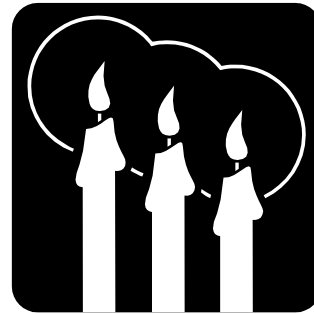


The Hunger Program provides direct food relief, education and interpretation of hunger issues, public policy and development assistance, and helps support Hunger Action Advocates in presbyteries. The Community Pantry of San Benito County, and Urban Ministry of Palo Alto are programs that have received grants from the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

The Self Development of People Program provides financial support to qualifying groups of marginalized or disenfranchised people who seek to improve their community through economic development and self-determination.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is provided following fire, flood, earthquake, tornado, hurricane and other damage and loss.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is the oldest offering in the Presbyterian Church, dating back to 1933. It is divided equally between the assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and the Racial Ethnic schools and colleges in the denomination. Funds allow the schools to provide scholarships to deserving students for affordable quality education in a supportive Christian environment. The offering is received the Sunday before Christmas.



THE PENTECOST OFFERING brings the love of God to children, youth and young adults. Congregations are encouraged to keep 20 percent; presbyteries 10 percent. The General Assembly portion funds programs for children at risk, youth and young adults. Care for children at risk includes direct support and advocacy. This offering supports a new generation of leadership, called to mission service through National and International Young Adult Volunteers and Interns. It attempts to develop future leaders on college campuses nationwide. Most congregations receive this offering on Pentecost Sunday.

THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING is taken on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October, and is used to bring about reconciliation at every level of church life. Each congregation is encouraged to keep 25 percent of the offering for their own peacemaking work. Our presbytery receives 25 percent and the remaining funds go to the Peacemaking Program of the General Assembly. The funds are used to highlight opportunities for peacemaking—in the lives of individuals, families, communities and the world.





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