



The Homesteader

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Dear Kris

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What is a Per Capita Apportionment?

written by Rev. Duncan Nichol, Tekamah

One may compare the per capita apportionment to an airplane. On this airplane are our mission dollars, who, as passengers, get a free ride to be used anywhere in the world by the Spirit of Jesus, without any administrative charges.

Every church is apportioned a share of the administrative expenses of Homestead Presbytery, the Synod of Lakes & Prairies, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This is per capita.

In Homestead Presbytery, per capita pays for the administrative costs of our presbytery meetings, and also enables our committees and task groups that plan and do mission to meet needs. It also provides for resource materials to be purchased and shared with congregations. Training in resource use, church visioning and revitalization is enabled by per capita funds as well. Per capita is used for keeping presbytery records and keeping the phones ringing, as well as sending presbytery folks to visit and resource congregations in need. It also pays the mileage for the Presbytery Executive to make hospital visits to ministers and their families (like Pastor Duncan & Jeannie). It also pays for Kris Peterson, presbytery's Congregational Resources Coordinator, to help guide and work with us in the visioning process for our church. The Synod and the General Assembly also have their administrative costs.

This apportionment is based on the "membership roll" of each church. The amount varies with the needs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, and is a regular expense payable by this church as approved by the Session. The amount to be paid in 2014 per active member is \$36.00. Of this amount, our Presbytery receives \$23.98, our Synod gets \$5 and our General Assembly receives \$7.02. The presbytery is required to pay these administrative expenses to Synod and General Assembly, even if individual churches do not.

All Youth Invited to Summer Missions

Camp four work days (5-6 hours ea) and a Sabbath/Free Day at the end of the week. Work sites/projects are lined up with help from the Y's Volunteer Coordinator.

Where: Estes Park, CO.
YMCA Camp of The Rockies

When: June 2-8, 2014

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Our per capita keeps the planes flying our mission dollars to transform the world as Jesus has chosen to do. It is our time honored way of dealing with administrative costs. It may be new to some because we're fully explaining this area of our church's life. Your per capita gift to God through your church, above and beyond your usual gift, will help mission dollars receive a free ride.

"Broken Teapot"

Rev. James McNeal, Homestead Moderator

Little Johnny said, "Mom, do you know what I'm going to give you for your birthday?"

"No, dear, what?" asked his mother.

"A nice teapot," he said.

"But I've got a nice teapot."

"No you don't," he answered. "I've just dropped it."



It would seem so much easier if faith were simply a one-time event. We trust in God and that's it...nothing else to it.

But inevitably we drop the "teapot." Our faith cracks. Chips break off. Pieces scatter in many directions. We sit on a shelf unable to accomplish God's purpose.

Lent is that annual season of remembering how we have dropped the "teapot." In that place of brokenness, we find a new strength of faith. We offer ourselves to God once again, whole and ready to be used.

As we journey through Lent, we keep in mind what lies ahead. Remembering the broken "teapot" of our faith allows us to celebrate by giving God a new one. As Jesus rose to new life on Easter, so our lives become new to God.

-From Trinity Parish Newsletter

Around Homestead: Falls City

Health Kits - At their congregational meeting in January the members of First Presbyterian Church in Falls City decided to prepare 12 emergency kits to keep on hand for local use and to assemble 12 clean-up buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They priced the items locally for the buckets and are receiving extra donations to cover their cost as well as donated items. They are planning to pack the emergency kits and buckets after worship on May 4th.

If your church is interested in preparing clean-up buckets for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, you can find a list of items used in the

emergency kits [here](#)

Tell us what's going on in the life of your congregation or ministry -
Church news, event promotion, mission articles and photos are all welcome!

Please submit articles to Jessica at hpooffice@homesteadpres.org
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