January 9, 2025

Dear Colleagues,

It seemsthat things in our congregations have settled down in our post-COVID time. People are feeling safer about being in all kinds of community gatherings, and that includes participating in person in church. We appreciate how you have been able to welcome people back and the innovation that is being done to live into Christ’s call. It has been amazing to watch the Holy Spirit at work, particularly through a difficult election season.

We hope that your own church budget has stabilized a bit. We appreciate any benevolent gift that you can offer to support the work of the presbytery. We are here to support you in what you do. A new initiative that began in 2024 is helping with strategic planning. We are underwriting the cost for the process with LEAD Connects. This is a local organization for which I have had the privilege of serving on the board. They walk alongside the leadership of the church to help you come up with your own plan rather than providing a package that will sit on a shelf.

Our pledge form has two parts. The first is an estimate of giving to the presbytery. The second is per capita which supports the work of the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency in Louisville. The 226th General Assembly approved an increase in the per capita apportionment to $10.84 per church member for 2025. This increase is about a dollar more than last year.

We are here to serve you, our pastors and congregations. We can’t do that without your help, and are grateful for your continuing support.

With gratitude,

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