Synod of South Atlantic

2021 Per Capita and Mission Giving

It's an all too familiar image, faces in boxes on computer screens, enabling our sessions, presbyteries, synods and even the General Assembly to do the church's work. But it also reminds us of our separation as we deal with a global pandemic.



We are all learning how to be the church of Jesus Christ in new and creative ways, using technology for worship, education, mission, and even pastoral care. These times are challenging but they also give us the opportunity to find ways to love and serve Christ together, even when we are apart.

The Synod of South Atlantic, through our connections and relationships, engages in mission and ministry committed to:

- ➤ Ensure full integration of diversity in all of its life and work.
- ➤ Equip and empower transformational leadership.
- ➤ Provide for mutual enrichment among the leadership of our 16 presbyteries.
- ➤ Use innovative technology to accomplish its purpose, model effective communication strategies, and share best practicies.

Meeting these ministry goals is made possible through per capita and mission giving by presbyteries. This financial support, coming from individuals and congregations through their presbyteries, enables the Synod to engage in and support a number of different ministries throughout the region including:

- Educational opportunities for seminary students, pastors, educators, and ruling elders
- Presbytery leader gatherings (virtual right now) for learning, support, and fellowship
- New presbytery leader support through the denomination's Presbytery Leader Formation
- Consultations and guidance for presbytery leaders, pastors, and congregations
- Gatherings for people of color, those from smaller congregations, and Christian educators
- > Captial improvement grants for churches
- Presbytery minute review, denominational judicial process, and other constitutional responsibilities

Although the request of presbyteries for the Synod 2021 mission and ministry support remains unchanged, presbyteries are encouraged to aim for full remittance in the coming year.

Per capita: \$1.50 per member

Mission: \$1.00 per member (recommended)

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the Synod of South Atlantic.

May we accept this time in which we reside as opportunity.

May we welcome the hard work of ministry that confronts us.

May we use our unique tools and resources for God's glory.

May we hold one another close in our hearts and minds, always.

May we have eyes to see God's presence within us, before us, behind us, above us, now and in the year ahead.

The Synod of South Atlantic, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
has 171,376 members, 2,090 ministers, and
833 congregations in sixteen presbyteries throughout
Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

