

2014 GA Per Capita Commitment

The General Assembly has asked each presbytery to send in a Commitment Form for the 2014 Per Capita. This is in recognition that some presbyteries have transferred or lost members in 2013. The form needs to be submitted before the end of March of this year.

Yellowstone Presbyteries membership on December 31, 2012 was 2018. During 2013 we lost 33 members from the West Yellowstone Community Church. Also, Harlowton has informed us that they only have 7 Presbyterian members instead of the 20 that show on our membership list. I believe this is a result of not correctly reporting the membership on their Annual Statistical Report. Additionally, we only receive around 90% of the Per Capita for GA. Synod and the presbytery.

There are three obvious options to consider.

1. Commit to paying GA Per Capita on 2018 members. The commitment of this option would be \$14,166.36.
2. Commit to paying GA Per Capita on 1971 members. This reflects the loss of the West Yellowstone Community Church and the correct number of Presbyterians in the Harlowton Church. The commitment of this option would be \$13,836.42.
3. Commit to paying GA the Per Capita that we receive from the churches. This commitment can only be calculated after we receive reports from the churches but it might be between \$12,800 and \$13,100.

Regardless of the option chosen it would be wise to bring the option to presbytery as a recommendation instead of as a decision.