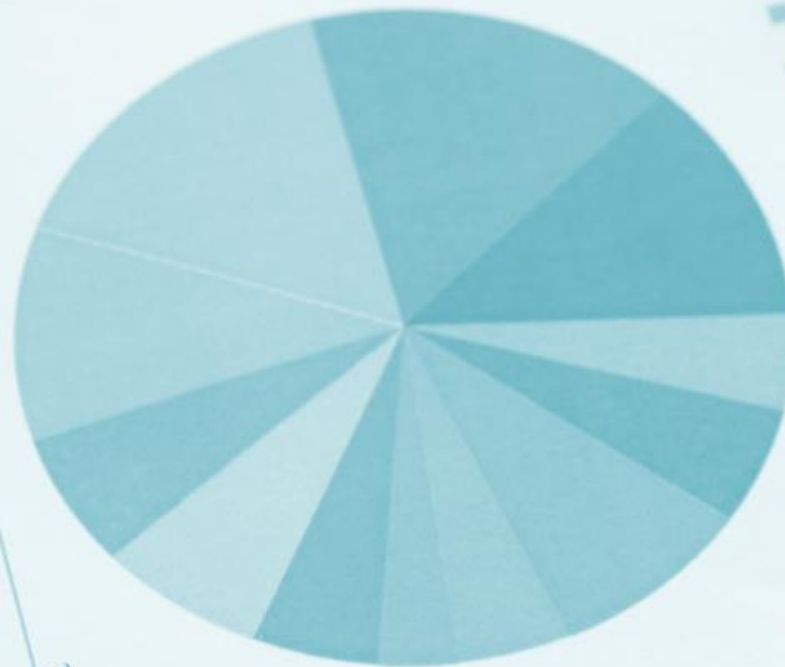


Funding Mid Councils and Judicatories

Options for supporting ministry and sustainability



125,058	95,054	124,500
1487	97,511	125,000
154,568	99,011	154,000
56,845	99,216	95,000
110,000	101,090	154,200
		110,000
		20,000

Two Agencies

Office of General Assembly

- Supporting those called into ministry
- Embracing the diversity of God's creation through church policies and procedures
- Empowering mid councils
- Preserving the history of the church through the Presbyterian Historical Society.

Presbyterian Mission Agency

- Presbyterian Mission's goal is to
- inspire, equip and connect the church in three main areas:
- evangelism and discipleship,
- servant leader formation, and
- justice and reconciliation.

As a result of current trends, post COVID reduced giving and shrinking resources:

UNIFY

- The Unification Commission was established by the 225th General Assembly (2022) to oversee and facilitate the unification of the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency into a single agency, revise the Organization for Mission to reflect this change, and work to align the entities, boards, committees, and constituent bodies of the General Assembly toward long-term faithfulness and financial sustainability of its mission within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

A CALL TO UNIFY AGENCIES

We anticipate unifying will ...

Strengthen our witness to the love and justice of Jesus Christ on earth as in heaven!

Serve you, our denomination, in all its diversity, better!

Make more wholistic our partnership and service with mid councils, congregations, partners and other ministries.

Grow our agility to be present and responsive to the challenges of today and tomorrow. And listen together for the future that God is calling us into

In all, make the national/international expression of mission and polity more faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and better partners in ministry!

Mandate from
the
Presbyterian
Church USA
Book of Order

- **“Presbyteries are responsible for raising their own funds and for raising and timely transmission of per capita funds to their respective synods and the General Assembly. (Book of Order G-3.0106)**

HOW CAN MID COUNCILS SUPPORT THIS NEW EMERGING AGENCY?

In 2022, the General Assembly directed the Co-Moderators to appoint a Funding Model Development Team. The group was appointed in December 2022 and started meeting in the spring of 2023. Since then, we have

- engaged both the history and complexity of how to fund the councils of our church.
- Prepared to offer pilots/experiments to Mid Councils where we can learn together how to fund the work of our councils in sustainable ways that match our values.

HISTORY

In early 2019, the 224th General Assembly directed the appointment of the Per Capita Review Committee and the Financial Sustainability Task Force. The two groups were combined into the Funding Model Team

Working Groups

- Per Capita Working Group: Focused on listening sessions with Mid Council leaders and developed funding options for Mid Councils and the Office of the General Assembly
- Financial Sustainability Team: Reviewed financial statements, asked questions, and provided a comprehensive resource projection analysis and summary assessment.
- Collaboration: Both teams met together frequently and shared information and feedback

Recommendations :

- Unify the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly (current work of the Unification Commission).
- Experiment with different ways of funding the national church and Mid Councils (current work of the Funding Model Development Team).

PURPOSE AND VISION

From the action of the 225th General Assembly (2022), the Funding Model Development Team (FMDT) is to

“develop, recruit, implement, and provide oversight of possible funding model experiments.”

“develop and implement experiments that will fund councils of the church, consistent with the identified values and adaptive challenges of the Mid Councils.”

receive support from the Office of the General Assembly, the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the Administrative Services Group, and the Presbyterian Foundation

collaborate with other PC(USA) entities as necessary.

Funding Model Experiments and Goals



Seek a potential model addressing challenges to current Per Capita Funding



Participation in pilot would not result in retroactive reassessment of back per capita



Funding model team and other denominational services would support mid councils during pilot



Pilot would not be permanent change until the General Assembly of the PCUSA mandates

Current Per Capita	Participation Model	Percentage Model	Decision Making
Assessment based on membership	Presbyteries would be assessed with PCUSA providing resources for training and stewardship	Churches contribute to Presbytery a % of their operating budget	Based on values
Required by PCUSA Book of Order	Requires regular evaluation of Presbytery income	Presbyteries set % of their budgets to remit unified	Requires Adaptability
Some presbyteries remit only what they received from congregations	Requires PCUSA to evaluation income and adjust budget in real time	Presbyteries set % of their budgets to remit and determine amount for each entity	Requires data collection

Questions and Comments



How is your judicatory funded on the local and national level?



What challenges are you facing?



What models would be intriguing to your judicatory/mid council?

How might your Synod or regional body assist?