



FUNDING PRESBYTERIAN MISSION

Share Christ's Mission

What are our mission areas? We carry out mission and ministry in the following areas, through the oversight and governance of the General Assembly Council:

- Compassion, Peace and Justice
- Evangelism and Church Growth
- Racial, Ethnic and Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women
- Theology Worship and Education
- Vocation
- World Mission

How is our mission work funded? Our funding comes from many sources. There are two major funding categories: mission funds and per capita. **Mission funds constitute almost 97% of the 2009-2010 budget of \$110 million per year. Per capita funds the remainder— just over 3%.**

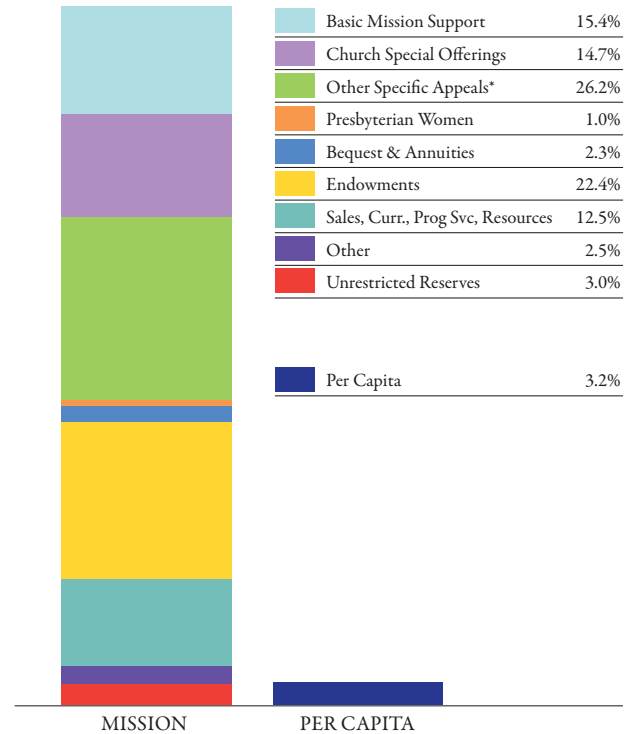
- **Mission funds:** These funds come from several sources, including Basic Mission Support, sales of various materials, endowments and bequests, special appeals, church-wide special offerings, and Presbyterian Women. Mission funds support the mission areas listed above, as well as support services such as Communications and Funds Development, Shared Services, and Executive Administration.
- **Per capita:** Per capita is collected from congregations and paid by presbyteries to the General Assembly on a per-member basis. A small portion of per capita funds the General Assembly Council (GAC). The remainder funds the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) and various committees. Per capita is used for GAC meetings, the Office of the Executive Director and other GAC coordination; three GAC committees (Advocacy Committees on Racial Ethnic Concerns and Women's Concerns, and the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy); and the offices of Vocation and Middle Governing Body Relations, which are shared with the OGA.

Reserves: We are required to maintain a certain amount of cash flow and contingency reserves. The required reserve of unrestricted funds is known as the Presbyterian Mission Program Fund (PMPF). These funds come from two sources: larger-than-anticipated bequests, and unspent funds from past GAC budgets. The GAC budgets conservatively for bequests. When a larger-than-anticipated bequest is received, excess funds are added to the PMPF. Likewise, money remaining in the GAC budget at the end of the year is added to the PMPF.

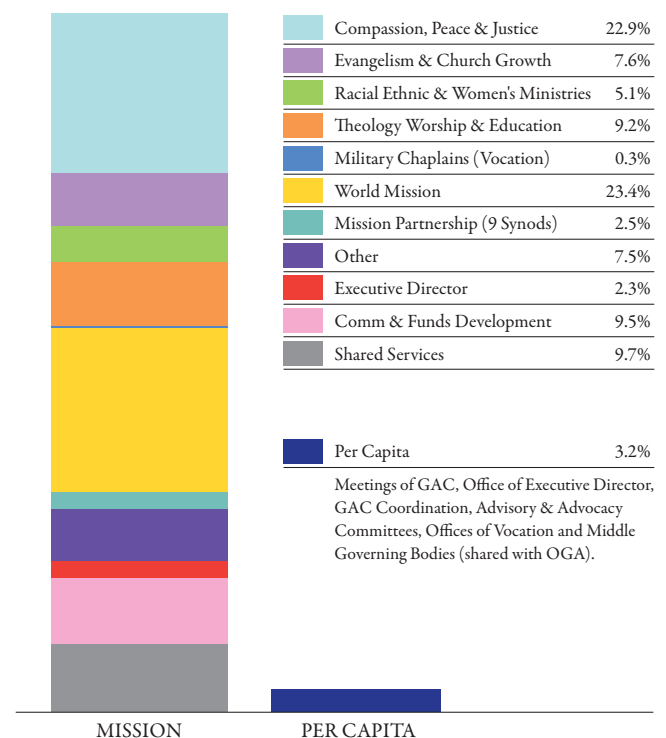
Over many years, the reserve has built up funds above the required level. Funds are now being drawn from the *excess* unrestricted reserve to fund our mission work. Funds in the required reserve remain intact and are above the required level.

There are also restricted reserves – contributions designated by the donor for a specific purpose. These funds will be used only as designated by the donor. For example, Presbyterians gave generously to help victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Some of that money provided immediate assistance and much of it has been spent in the region since. The remaining funds will be spent according to a plan for rebuilding in the Gulf region over the next few years.

What are the sources for our mission funding?



How are your funds used?



For more information see: www.pcusa.org/gac/07annualreport.pdf, www.pcusa.org/navigation/giving.htm, www.pcusa.org/percapita/.