

The Per Capita Song by Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

Per capita per capita, raise your hands and clap-i-ta!
Per capita is so much fun; 'cause it means that we are one

We are called to something: are you ready to hear?
We're invited to this calling each and every year.
It's a time for us to give back
To our presbyteries, synods and then
To the whole denomination! Yes, hear me, friend!
Everywhere, we see God act!

I'll give you all the levels so you're not perplexed:
Local presbytery, with Synod next
Headquartered in Louisville
PCUSA! You've got it right!
That's *all* of us! Presbyterians, unite!
It gives my heart a thrill!

Refrain

Here are some things that per capita does
(I hope this makes your spirit buzz!):
It helps folks when they are
Called to ministry, called to serve,
(Discerning a call takes a lot of nerve),
And we help from afar

But it does much more; it's like a safeguard:
It really helps churches when things get hard,
It gives us all support
Recommending resources, colleagues and such
Per capita gives us all so much
I'm happy to report!

Refrain

Let me break it down for you, so everybody knows:

There's 3 places where our per capita goes
When we divide the bill:
Our presbytery gets \$28.55;
\$4.10 for our Synod so they can thrive
\$9.85 to Louisville

'Cause here's the thing: we're never alone.
We've heard that song; we've always known
That God gives me to you
And you to me, and us to them,
We're a church of "all,: I mean ALL, my friend!
Per capita, it makes this true!