

## **PREFACE TO THE 2011 PARTNERSHIP SHARES STATEMENT FOR THE PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINISTRIES**

The working definition under which the 2011 Partnership Share Budgets have been calculated is as follows.

*As a general statement, “Partnership Shares” describes the amount of money needed to cover the anticipated total expenses of a ministry minus earned income and minus funds designated to specific individuals who are missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and staff (unless the ministry also guarantees the full compensation of the employee), as well as specific capital funds or similar designated monies. This portion of the approved expense budget is dependent on contributions from the PCA churches and individuals. In every case the “Partnership Share” is permitted to be at least the General Administrative and Overhead portion of the particular ministry’s total budget.*

Two important numbers for each participating ministry are provided by the Partnership Share and Ministry Ask calculations. First, the numbers located in the column labeled “Per Capita Calculation” are obtained by a per capita giving formula, which divides the Partnership Share Fund amount for each General Assembly Ministry by the total number of communicant members last reported to and accumulated by the Office of the Stated Clerk.

A second set of numbers under the column labeled “Ministry Ask” is provided for churches. The “Ministry Ask” is the amount of money each Committee or Agency is asking the churches of the PCA to give if the church would like to give to PCA Ministries on a “per member” basis. The amount listed in this column is generally an estimate of what each Committee and Agency needs to receive from each *donor* church per member in order for the Committee or Agency to raise their full budget approved by the PCA General Assembly.

**These two numbers provide churches and individuals with important factors as they seek to decide how to give to the PCA General Assembly Committees and Agencies. All PCA Ministries struggle to raise Partnership Share funds, and none of the PCA ministries would be sustained without generous donors who give far beyond the Partnership Shares. Please assist as generously as you are able.**

In short, the Partnership Share calculation is based on the inaccurate assumption that all churches have the same giving capacity per member and that all churches will give to all Committees and Agencies. The Ministry Ask is a more realistic figure.

**2011 Budgeted Partnership Shares and Ministry Asks  
of PCA Ministry Partners  
by the Participating General Assembly Ministries**

Participating Ministries of the PCA	2011 Total Expense Budget	2010 Partnership Share Fund			Ministry Asks  \$ Per Member
		P.S. Fund	% of Total	Per Capita Calculation	
AC	\$2,038,650	\$1,253,150	6.52%	\$4.58	<b>\$7</b>
CEP	\$1,820,000	\$833,000	4.34%	\$3.05	<b>\$7</b>
CC	\$26,736,453	\$2,200,000	11.45%	\$8.05	<b>\$9</b>
CTS	\$11,603,000	\$2,714,400	14.13%	\$9.93	<b>\$10</b>
MNA	\$9,351,935	\$3,225,228	16.79%	\$11.80	<b>\$26</b>
MTW	\$52,352,000	\$6,483,600	33.76%	\$23.72	<b>\$24</b>
RUM	\$17,191,162	\$2,296,309	11.96%	\$8.40	<b>\$7</b>
RH	\$1,303,000	\$200,000	1.04%	\$0.73	<b>\$3</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$122,396,200</b>	<b>\$19,205,687</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$70.25</b>	<b>\$93</b>

The total number of Communicant Members according to the PCA Administrative Committee was 273,388 as of December 31, 2009.

**GENERAL NOTE**

Gifts designated “spread per Partnership Shares” (or some equivalent) and the totally undesignated gifts (which amount to less than \$3,000 a year) will be spread according to the “Ministry Ask” column (by percentages of the total).