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Hello. My name is Rev. Dr. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley, the Transitional Synod Leader for the Synod of the Northeast. Today, I would like to speak with you about per capita giving.

When we give our per capita gifts, we follow the example of the early disciples found in the Book of Acts of bring all things together for the purpose of mission and ministry. In the Synod of the Northeast, Per Capita gifts support ministry innovation, storytelling, and creating networks of ministry partnerships across the synod. It provides resources for our Mission and Ministry Commission, our biennial synod assembly, and our "Come to the Table" leadership event. The "Come to the Table" leadership event brings together our members for the purpose of fulfilling the synod's mission to "Walk alongside our gospel communities." It provides unencumbered spaces for the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into our mission and ministry. Because of the generous gifts of our members, we are able to put this leadership event on at little cost to our participants.

When we give our per capita gifts, we are not only supporting our local mission and ministry. We are supporting the overall mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) throughout the world.

Generosity is a spiritual discipline. And when we give, we live out in our daily faith II Corinthians 8:15, "So the one who had much did not have too much and the one who had little did not have too little."

Thank you for giving your per capita gifts. Every gift makes a difference.