

September 29, 2014

Bethel United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
P.O. Box 98
Orangeville, IL 61060

Greetings in Christ,

Please find the enclosed information including a detailed explanation of the apportionment formula and how your church's apportionment was calculated for 2015.

Your 2015 Apportionment Summary

Church # 60001	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$1,488	\$124
Mission & Evangelism:	\$1,116	\$93
Strengthening the Connection:	\$216	\$18
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$2,820	\$235

Apportionments are one of the most significant ways in which we as United Methodists stay connected to each other and to the shared mission of the United Methodist Church. Through apportionment giving, United Methodists are able to do together what no individual, church, cluster, district, or conference could possibly do on their own.

There are many resources available to help you further interpret apportionments in your local church setting. For more information, please visit the Northern Illinois Conference website at www.umcnic.org/leadership-resources/apportionments/ or contact me at mbunt@umcnic.org or (312) 346-9766 x741.

Thanks for your continued support of our United Methodist connectional giving,

Merrie Bunt

Apportionments Administrator,
Northern Illinois Conference

2015 Apportionment Calculation for Afolkey: Bethel Church # 60001

Please refer to the subsequent document titled "About the 2015 Apportionment" for an explanation of the revised Apportionment formula, approved at the 2014 session of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Clergy Costs	12,826	
2013: 12,369	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 12,731	Sub-total	2,052	
2011: 12,272	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 13,378	Average Weekly Attendance	21	
2009: 21,258	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(12,880)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-214	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	1,838	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) -350 = 1,488
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	9,850	
2013: 8,740	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 8,600	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	1,379	-263 = 1,116
2011: 9,750			
2010: 11,420			
2009: 11,061			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	27,475	
2013: 26,610	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 26,876	Sub-total	275	
2011: 29,010	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 28,961	Connectional Apportionment	275	-59 = 216
2009: 28,940	Calculated Apportionment	3,492	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-672 = 2,820
	2014 Apportionment:	2,592	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	