

October 4, 2013

Alden United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
16532 State Rt. 173
Alden, IL 60033

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 2014.

Your 2014 Apportionment Summary

Church # 50002	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$0	\$0
Mission & Evangelism:	\$2,460	\$205
Strengthening the Connection:	\$396	\$33
Total 2014 Apportionment:	\$2,856	\$238

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. Please refer to the enclosed resource guide and for more information visit the Northern Illinois Conference website at www.umcnic.org/apportionments.php 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

2014 Apportionment Calculation for Alden Church # 50002

Please refer to the following page titled "About the 2014 Apportionment" for an explanation of the Apportionment formula.

Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Clergy Costs	16,713	
2012: 16,833	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2011: 15,272	Sub-total	2,674	
2010: 16,474	Additional Calculation:		Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
2009: 16,833	Average Weekly Attendance	34	
2008: 16,833	Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches	(31,282)	
	Change to apportionment	-3,061	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	0	0 = 0
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs**	15,556	
2012: 13,347	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2011: 16,415	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	2,178	+282 = 2,460
2010: 19,400			
2009: 16,907			
2008: 28,780			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending**	35,511	
2012: 33,211	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2011: 36,735	Sub-total	355	
2010: 36,586	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2009: 39,996	Connectional Apportionment	355	+41 = 396
2008: 48,613	Calculated Apportionment	2,533	
	Total 2014 Apportionment		+323 = 2,856
	2013 Apportionment:	3,144	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-9%	

Remember: We averaged the three middle years after discarding the highest and lowest years.

**When 2012 was the lowest year of the 5 year data set, we averaged the three lowest years.