

September 29, 2014

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 2015.

Your 2015 Apportionment Summary

Church # 50002	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$1,644	\$137
Mission & Evangelism:	\$1,248	\$104
Strengthening the Connection:	\$216	\$18
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$3,108	\$259

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 Alden Church # 50002

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	16,713	
2013: 17,083	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 16,833	Sub-total	2,674	
2011: 15,272	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 16,474	Average Weekly Attendance	29	
2009: 16,833	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(7,131)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-36	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	2,638	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) -994 = 1,644
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	14,320	
2013: 13,199	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 13,347	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	2,005	-757 = 1,248
2011: 16,415			
2010: 19,400			
2009: 20,385			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	34,079	
2013: 32,291	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 33,211	Sub-total	341	
2011: 36,735	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 39,022	Connectional Apportionment	341	-125 = 216
2009: 39,996	Calculated Apportionment	4,984	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-1,876 = 3,108
	2014 Apportionment:	2,856	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	