

October 4, 2013

Ashton United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
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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 # 40003	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$7,296	\$608
Mission & Evangelism:	\$5,232	\$436
Strengthening the Connection:	\$936	\$78
Total 2014 Apportionment:	\$13,464	\$1,122

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 Ashton Church # 40003

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	45,613	
2012: 53,229	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2011: 49,391	Sub-total	7,298	
2010: 47,916	Additional Calculation:		Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
2009: 39,532	Average Weekly Attendance	56	
2008: 38,825	Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches	(2,847)	
	Change to apportionment	-2	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	7,296	0 = 7,296
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs**	37,352	
2012: 36,789	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2011: 36,886	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	5,229	+3 = 5,232
2010: 49,343			
2009: 38,382			
2008: 39,227			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	82,244	
2012: 83,499	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2011: 80,006	Sub-total	822	
2010: 92,290	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	+112	
2009: 81,418	Connectional Apportionment	934	+2 = 936
2008: 81,815	Calculated Apportionment	13,459	
	Total 2014 Apportionment		+5 = 13,464
	2013 Apportionment:	13,416	
	Increase/Decrease of:	0%	

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.