

September 29, 2014

Ashton United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
P.O. Box 267
Ashton, IL 61006

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 # 40003	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$7,020	\$585
Mission & Evangelism:	\$5,364	\$447
Strengthening the Connection:	\$996	\$83
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$13,380	\$1,115

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 Ashton Church # 40003

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> 2013: 47,375 2012: 46,799 2011: 42,961 2010: 41,720 2009: 41,532	Ave. Clergy Costs	43,827	
	Calculation Rate	x16%	
	Sub-total	7,012	
	Additional Calculation: Average Weekly Attendance	55	
	Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches	4,414	
	Change to apportionment	+9	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	7,021	-1 = 7,020
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 37,880 2012: 36,789 2011: 36,886 2010: 49,330 2009: 40,091	Ave. Church Operation Costs	38,286	
	Calculation Rate	x14%	
	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	5,360	+4 = 5,364
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 100,330 2012: 99,099 2011: 95,606 2010: 106,762 2009: 75,918	Ave. Grand Total Spending	98,345	
	Calculation Rate	x1%	
	Sub-total	983	
	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	14	
	Connectional Apportionment	998	-2 = 996
	Calculated Apportionment	13,379	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+1 = 13,380
	2014 Apportionment: Increase/Decrease of:	13,464 -1%	