

September 29, 2014

Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
2200 Ridge Avenue
Aurora, IL 60504

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 # 10001	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$9,240	\$770
Mission & Evangelism:	\$15,660	\$1,305
Strengthening the Connection:	\$2,928	\$244
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$27,828	\$2,319

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 Aurora: Bethany of Fox Valley Church # 10001

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	57,767	
2013: 56,045	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 64,213	Sub-total	9,243	
2011: 58,855	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 61,744	Average Weekly Attendance	127	
2009: 58,402	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(2,678)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-2	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	9,241	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
			-1 = 9,240
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	111,864	
2013: 117,454	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 103,724	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	15,661	-1 = 15,660
2011: 113,317			
2010: 112,220			
2009: 110,055			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	238,410	
2013: 259,670	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 298,356	Sub-total	2,384	
2011: 258,950	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	545	
2010: 196,611	Connectional Apportionment	2,930	-2 = 2,928
2009: 166,650	Calculated Apportionment	27,831	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-3 = 27,828
	2014 Apportionment:	28,356	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-2%	