

September 29, 2014

Fourth Street United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
551 S 4th St
Aurora, IL 60505

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 # 10004	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$9,588	\$799
Mission & Evangelism:	\$9,828	\$819
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,512	\$126
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$20,928	\$1,744

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: Fourth Street Church # 10004

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	56,505	
2013: 52,480	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 58,159	Sub-total	9,041	
2011: 58,875	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 40,836	Average Weekly Attendance	65	
2009: 67,780	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	2,618	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+2	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	9,043	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +545 = 9,588
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	66,227	
2013: 56,074	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 78,863	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	9,272	+556 = 9,828
2011: 73,530			
2010: 71,958			
2009: 70,650			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	134,501	
2013: 121,351	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 158,406	Sub-total	1,345	
2011: 153,816	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	79	
2010: 138,047	Connectional Apportionment	1,424	+88 = 1,512
2009: 144,105	Calculated Apportionment	19,739	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+1,189 = 20,928
	2014 Apportionment:	22,992	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-9%	