

October 4, 2013

First United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
610 Bonus Avenue
Belvidere, IL 61008-2305

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 # 60004	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$6,792	\$566
Mission & Evangelism:	\$34,224	\$2,852
Strengthening the Connection:	\$6,300	\$525
Total 2014 Apportionment:	\$47,316	\$3,943

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 Belvidere: First Church # 60004

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**	76,512	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
2012: 69,227	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2011: 75,105	Sub-total	12,242	
2010: 88,885	Additional Calculation:		
2009: 85,205	Average Weekly Attendance	200	
2008: 86,360	Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches	(38,957)	
	Change to apportionment	-5,912	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	6,330	+462 = 6,792
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	227,699	+2,346 = 34,224
2012: 232,623	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2011: 228,709	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	31,878	
2010: 218,633			
2009: 233,774			
2008: 221,767			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending**	309,457	+431 = 6,300
2012: 304,079	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2011: 305,026	Sub-total	3,095	
2010: 319,266	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	+2,775	
2009: 361,287	Connectional Apportionment	5,869	
2008: 397,392	Calculated Apportionment	44,077	
	Total 2014 Apportionment		+3,239 = 47,316
	2013 Apportionment:	51,996	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-9%	

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.