

September 29, 2014

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

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 # 60004	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$9,276	\$773
Mission & Evangelism:	\$30,672	\$2,556
Strengthening the Connection:	\$5,220	\$435
<b>Total 2015 Apportionment:</b>	<b>\$45,168</b>	<b>\$3,764</b>

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/](http://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 Belvidere: First Church # 60004

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.

<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 55,460 2012: 57,913 2011: 63,966 2010: 94,057 2009: 115,205	Ave. Clergy Costs	59,113	
	Calculation Rate	x16%	
	Sub-total	9,458	
	Additional Calculation: Average Weekly Attendance Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches Change to apportionment	180  (12,137)  -179	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
	<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>	9,279	-3 = <b>9,276</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 211,071 2012: 232,623 2011: 227,604 2010: 218,633 2009: 241,571	Ave. Church Operation Costs	219,103	
	Calculation Rate	x14%	
	<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>	30,674	-2 = <b>30,672</b>
<b>Strengthening the Connection Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 289,008 2012: 318,379 2011: 318,221 2010: 355,473 2009: 361,287	Ave. Grand Total Spending	308,536	
	Calculation Rate	x1%	
	Sub-total	3,085	
	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	2,133	
	<b>Connectional Apportionment</b>	5,218	+2 = <b>5,220</b>
	Calculated Apportionment	45,172	
	<b>Total 2015 Apportionment</b>		-4 = <b>45,168</b>
	2014 Apportionment: Increase/Decrease of:	47,316 -5%	