

October 4, 2013

Grace United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
12739 S. Maple Ave.
Blue Island, IL 60406

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 # 30003	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$3,372	\$281
Mission & Evangelism:	\$4,116	\$343
Strengthening the Connection:	\$588	\$49
Total 2014 Apportionment:	\$8,076	\$673

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 Blue Island: Grace Church # 30003

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	23,668	
2012: 22,396	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2011: 26,962	Sub-total	3,787	
2010: 26,790	Additional Calculation:		
2009: 17,319	Average Weekly Attendance	18	
2008: 21,819	Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches	(19,930)	
	Change to apportionment	-792	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	2,995	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +377 = 3,372
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs**	26,140	
2012: 20,931	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2011: 28,706	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	3,660	+456 = 4,116
2010: 28,784			
2009: 32,695			
2008: 39,152			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending**	51,349	
2012: 40,671	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2011: 56,336	Sub-total	513	
2010: 62,137	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	+4	
2009: 57,041	Connectional Apportionment	518	+70 = 588
2008: 62,170	Calculated Apportionment	7,173	
	Total 2014 Apportionment		+903 = 8,064
	2013 Apportionment:	8,868	
	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.