

September 29, 2014

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 2015.

Your 2015 Apportionment Summary

Church # 30003	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$3,660	\$305
Mission & Evangelism:	\$3,180	\$265
Strengthening the Connection:	\$504	\$42
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$7,344	\$612

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 Blue Island: Grace Church # 30003

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	21,204	
2013: 20,143	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 19,091	Sub-total	3,393	
2011: 23,597	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 23,485	Average Weekly Attendance	18	
2009: 19,985	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	8,290	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+57	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	3,450	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +210 = 3,660
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	21,345	
2013: 14,557	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 20,931	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	2,988	+192 = 3,180
2011: 28,547			
2010: 28,779			
2009: 35,337			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	47,474	
2013: 42,911	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 47,171	Sub-total	475	
2011: 63,977	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 59,815	Connectional Apportionment	475	+29 = 504
2009: 52,341	Calculated Apportionment	6,913	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+431 = 7,344
	2014 Apportionment:	8,064	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-9%	