

September 29, 2014

Bethany United Methodist Church/Jesus, El Buen Pastor
Attn: Finance Committee
3900 N Albany
Chicago, IL 60618

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 # 20004	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$300	\$25
Mission & Evangelism:	\$3,372	\$281
Strengthening the Connection:	\$276	\$23
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$3,948	\$329

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 Chicago: Bethany/Jesus, El Buen Pastor Church # 20004

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	5,267	
2013: 4,900	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 5,900	Sub-total	843	
2011: 5,000	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 8,500	Average Weekly Attendance	100	
2009: 9,000	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(17,133)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-503	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	340	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
			-40 = 300
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	27,783	
2013: 24,050	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 22,550	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	3,890	-518 = 3,372
2011: 26,550			
2010: 32,750			
2009: 34,350			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	31,717	
2013: 28,950	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 32,450	Sub-total	317	
2011: 33,750	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 45,750	Connectional Apportionment	317	-41 = 276
2009: 45,350	Calculated Apportionment	4,547	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-599 = 3,936
	2014 Apportionment:	3,612	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	