

September 29, 2014

Clair Christian United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
P.O. Box 23209
Chicago, IL 60623

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 # 30010	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$1,140	\$95
Mission & Evangelism:	\$4,668	\$389
Strengthening the Connection:	\$456	\$38
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$6,264	\$522

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: Clair Christian Church # 30010

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	15,903	
2013: 15,604	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 15,604	Sub-total	2,544	
2011: 18,900	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 16,500	Average Weekly Attendance	65	
2009: 15,150	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(21,482)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-991	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	1,553	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) -413 = 1,140
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	45,382	
2013: 45,356	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 45,356	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	6,354	-1,686 = 4,668
2011: 49,408			
2010: 43,632			
2009: 45,435			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	62,015	
2013: 61,147	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 67,265	Sub-total	620	
2011: 70,328	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 63,424	Connectional Apportionment	620	-164 = 456
2009: 61,473	Calculated Apportionment	8,527	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-2,263 = 6,264
	2014 Apportionment:	5,748	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	