

September 29, 2014

Elston Avenue United Methodist Church  
Attn: Finance Committee  
5850 N. Elston Ave  
Chicago, IL 60646

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 # 20014	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$8,892	\$741
Mission & Evangelism:	\$4,344	\$362
Strengthening the Connection:	\$936	\$78
<b>Total 2015 Apportionment:</b>	<b>\$14,172</b>	<b>\$1,181</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 Chicago: Elston Avenue Church # 20014

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: 63,448 2012: 57,768 2011: 51,195 2010: 52,470 2009: 56,581	Ave. Clergy Costs	55,606	
	Calculation Rate	x16%	
	Sub-total	8,897	
	Additional Calculation: Average Weekly Attendance Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches Change to apportionment	90 (3,633) -5	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
	<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>	8,892	0 = <b>8,892</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 30,723 2012: 29,653 2011: 34,817 2010: 32,577 2009: 20,140	Ave. Church Operation Costs	30,984	
	Calculation Rate	x14%	
	<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>	4,338	+6 = <b>4,344</b>
<b>Strengthening the Connection Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 100,959 2012: 94,790 2011: 82,442 2010: 97,160 2009: 78,029	Ave. Grand Total Spending	91,464	
	Calculation Rate	x1%	
	Sub-total	915	
	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	27	
	<b>Connectional Apportionment</b>	941	-5 = <b>936</b>
	Calculated Apportionment	14,171	
	<b>Total 2015 Apportionment</b>		+1 = <b>14,172</b>
	2014 Apportionment: Increase/Decrease of:	14,916 -5%	