

September 29, 2014

Ravenswood Fellowship United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
4511 N Hermitage
Chicago, IL 60640

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 # 20033	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$10,692	\$891
Mission & Evangelism:	\$9,192	\$766
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,788	\$149
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$21,672	\$1,806

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: Ravenswood Fellowship Church # 20033

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	64,202	
2013: 65,565	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 63,185	Sub-total	10,272	
2011: 63,856	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 53,991	Average Weekly Attendance	62	
2009: 71,967	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	16,108	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+418	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	10,690	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +2 = 10,692
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	65,622	
2013: 62,057	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 70,288	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	9,187	+5 = 9,192
2011: 70,551			
2010: 64,521			
2009: 95,559			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	162,391	
2013: 147,882	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 162,804	Sub-total	1,624	
2011: 176,488	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	161	
2010: 143,268	Connectional Apportionment	1,785	+3 = 1,788
2009: 178,668	Calculated Apportionment	21,662	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+10 = 21,660
	2014 Apportionment:	21,984	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-1%	