

September 29, 2014

Southlawn United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
8605 S Cregier
Chicago, IL 60617

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 # 30039	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$13,284	\$1,107
Mission & Evangelism:	\$17,508	\$1,459
Strengthening the Connection:	\$3,360	\$280
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$34,152	\$2,846

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: Southlawn Church # 30039

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	81,363	
2013: 85,694	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 89,714	Sub-total	13,018	
2011: 79,162	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 79,232	Average Weekly Attendance	114	
2009: 75,709	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	13,889	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+268	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	13,286	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
			-2 = 13,284
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	125,041	
2013: 122,056	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 106,003	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	17,506	+2 = 17,508
2011: 93,988			
2010: 147,066			
2009: 149,239			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	246,338	
2013: 259,685	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 247,761	Sub-total	2,463	
2011: 234,698	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	903	
2010: 256,555	Connectional Apportionment	3,366	-6 = 3,360
2009: 230,979	Calculated Apportionment	34,158	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-6 = 34,152
	2014 Apportionment:	35,868	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-5%	