

September 29, 2014

West Ridge United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
2301 W Lunt Ave
Chicago, IL 60645

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 # 20038	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$5,328	\$444
Mission & Evangelism:	\$5,508	\$459
Strengthening the Connection:	\$876	\$73
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$11,712	\$976

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: West Ridge Church # 20038

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	33,390	
2013: 39,303	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 34,127	Sub-total	5,342	
2011: 32,827	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 33,016	Average Weekly Attendance	45	
2009: 33,027	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(4,381)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-8	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	5,334	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) -6 = 5,328
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	39,335	
2013: 39,886	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 39,549	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	5,507	+1 = 5,508
2011: 38,569			
2010: 37,896			
2009: 40,050			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	85,623	
2013: 91,625	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 87,626	Sub-total	856	
2011: 84,864	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	18	
2010: 84,380	Connectional Apportionment	875	+1 = 876
2009: 73,077	Calculated Apportionment	11,715	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-3 = 11,712
	2014 Apportionment:	12,168	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-4%	