

October 4, 2013

Creston United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
PO Box 209
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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 2014.

Your 2014 Apportionment Summary

Church # 40009	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$0	\$0
Mission & Evangelism:	\$1,824	\$152
Strengthening the Connection:	\$396	\$33
Total 2014 Apportionment:	\$2,220	\$185

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. Please refer to the enclosed resource guide and for more information visit the Northern Illinois Conference website at www.umcnic.org/apportionments.php 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

2014 Apportionment Calculation for Creston Church # 40009

Please refer to the following page titled "About the 2014 Apportionment" for an explanation of the Apportionment formula.

Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment				
<u>5 year data set</u> 2012: 4,802 2011: 10,540 2010: 13,780 2009: 16,660 2008: 11,970	Ave. Clergy Costs**	9,104	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)	
	Calculation Rate	x16%		
	Sub-total	1,457		
	Additional Calculation: Average Weekly Attendance	10		
	Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches	(34,628)		
	Change to apportionment	-4,152		
Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment		0	0 = 0	
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment				
<u>5 year data set</u> 2012: 4,217 2011: 3,603 2010: 4,020 2009: 4,766 2008: 6,003	Ave. Church Operation Costs	4,334	+1,217 = 1,824	
	Calculation Rate	x14%		
	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			607
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment				
<u>5 year data set</u> 2012: 9,130 2011: 12,487 2010: 20,150 2009: 20,965 2008: 18,128	Ave. Grand Total Spending**	13,248	+264 = 396 +1,481 = 2,220	
	Calculation Rate	x1%		
	Sub-total	132		
	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0		
	Connectional Apportionment			132
	Calculated Apportionment			739
	Total 2014 Apportionment			
2013 Apportionment:		2,436		
Increase/Decrease of:		-9%		

Remember: We averaged the three middle years after discarding the highest and lowest years.

**When 2012 was the lowest year of the 5 year data set, we averaged the three lowest years.