

September 29, 2014

Creston United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
P.O. Box 209
Creston, IL 60113

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 # 40009	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$1,596	\$133
Mission & Evangelism:	\$564	\$47
Strengthening the Connection:	\$168	\$14
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$2,328	\$194

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 Creston Church # 40009

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	10,660	
2013: 10,800	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 3,245	Sub-total	1,706	
2011: 9,388	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 11,794	Average Weekly Attendance	10	
2009: 16,660	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(10,351)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-111	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	1,595	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +1 = 1,596
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	4,018	
2013: 4,018	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 4,217	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	563	+1 = 564
2011: 3,603			
2010: 4,020			
2009: 4,017			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	16,691	
2013: 17,478	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 11,080	Sub-total	167	
2011: 14,786	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 20,479	Connectional Apportionment	167	+1 = 168
2009: 17,808	Calculated Apportionment	2,324	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+4 = 2,328
	2014 Apportionment:	2,220	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+5%	