

September 29, 2014

Crete United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
1321 Main St
Crete, IL 60417

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 # 30052	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$11,136	\$928
Mission & Evangelism:	\$25,032	\$2,086
Strengthening the Connection:	\$4,056	\$338
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$40,224	\$3,352

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 Crete Church # 30052

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	69,654	
2013: 69,124	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 69,018	Sub-total	11,145	
2011: 69,995	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 70,144	Average Weekly Attendance	144	
2009: 69,844	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(4,669)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-10	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	11,134	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +2 = 11,136
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	178,772	
2013: 173,608	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 182,070	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	25,028	+4 = 25,032
2011: 185,730			
2010: 180,639			
2009: 185,656			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	259,995	
2013: 258,571	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 255,487	Sub-total	2,600	
2011: 270,066	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	1,460	
2010: 265,928	Connectional Apportionment	4,060	-4 = 4,056
2009: 244,028	Calculated Apportionment	40,222	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+2 = 40,224
	2014 Apportionment:	37,752	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+7%	