

October 4, 2013

First United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
668 Graceland Ave
Des Plaines, IL 60016-4563

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 # 50017	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$12,336	\$1,028
Mission & Evangelism:	\$15,816	\$1,318
Strengthening the Connection:	\$2,748	\$229
Total 2014 Apportionment:	\$30,900	\$2,575

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 Des Plaines: First Church # 50017

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>	Ave. Clergy Costs	71,399	
2012: 84,618	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2011: 72,697	Sub-total	11,424	
2010: 72,811	Additional Calculation:		
2009: 61,866	Average Weekly Attendance	77	
2008: 68,688	Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches	20,943	
	Change to apportionment	+919	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	12,342	-6 = 12,336
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	112,991	
2012: 101,808	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2011: 93,862	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	15,819	-3 = 15,816
2010: 122,529			
2009: 114,636			
2008: 127,171			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending**	184,187	
2012: 177,763	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2011: 181,843	Sub-total	1,842	
2010: 192,955	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	+903	
2009: 201,044	Connectional Apportionment	2,744	+4 = 2,748
2008: 201,097	Calculated Apportionment	30,905	
	Total 2014 Apportionment		-5 = 30,900
	2013 Apportionment:	29,616	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+4%	

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.