

September 29, 2014

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

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 # 50017	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$11,832	\$986
Mission & Evangelism:	\$13,944	\$1,162
Strengthening the Connection:	\$2,340	\$195
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$28,116	\$2,343

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 Des Plaines: First Church # 50017

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	65,937	
2013: 75,094	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 74,158	Sub-total	10,550	
2011: 61,672	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 61,786	Average Weekly Attendance	70	
2009: 61,866	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	19,368	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+727	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	11,276	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +556 = 11,832
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	94,902	
2013: 90,347	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 101,023	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	13,286	+658 = 13,944
2011: 93,335			
2010: 122,504			
2009: 109,921			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	180,932	
2013: 180,589	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 180,878	Sub-total	1,809	
2011: 189,116	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	422	
2010: 228,479	Connectional Apportionment	2,231	+109 = 2,340
2009: 181,329	Calculated Apportionment	26,794	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+1,322 = 28,116
	2014 Apportionment:	30,900	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-9%	