

September 29, 2014

First United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
1032 Maple Ave
Downers Grove, IL 60515

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 # 10012	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$31,236	\$2,603
Mission & Evangelism:	\$90,888	\$7,574
Strengthening the Connection:	\$37,788	\$3,149
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$159,912	\$13,326

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 Downers Grove: First Church # 10012

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	176,995	
2013: 185,441	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 180,153	Sub-total	28,319	
2011: 181,772	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 169,059	Average Weekly Attendance	372	
2009: 153,276	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	34,156	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+3,985	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	32,304	-1,068 = 31,236
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	671,362	
2013: 677,356	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 640,825	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	93,991	-3,103 = 90,888
2011: 650,004			
2010: 686,727			
2009: 742,557			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	967,924	
2013: 956,981	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 909,843	Sub-total	9,679	
2011: 956,386	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	29,402	
2010: 1,002,735	Connectional Apportionment	39,082	-1,294 = 37,788
2009: 990,405	Calculated Apportionment	165,376	-5,464 =
	Total 2015 Apportionment		159,912
	2014 Apportionment:	146,844	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	