

October 4, 2013

Epworth United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
37W040 Highland Avenue
Elgin, IL 60124

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 # 50020	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$16,404	\$1,367
Mission & Evangelism:	\$20,388	\$1,699
Strengthening the Connection:	\$3,708	\$309
Total 2014 Apportionment:	\$40,500	\$3,375

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 Elgin: Epworth Church # 50020

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	102,693	
2012: 111,715	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2011: 106,864	Sub-total	16,431	
2010: 116,218	Additional Calculation:		
2009: 89,500	Average Weekly Attendance	229	
2008: 71,395	Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches	(6,963)	
	Change to apportionment	-34	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	16,397	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +7 = 16,404
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs**	145,578	
2012: 133,642	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2011: 187,783	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	20,381	+7 = 20,388
2010: 148,462			
2009: 155,967			
2008: 154,629			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	248,498	
2012: 251,715	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2011: 295,239	Sub-total	2,485	
2010: 241,051	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	+1,220	
2009: 252,729	Connectional Apportionment	3,705	+3 = 3,708
2008: 233,802	Calculated Apportionment	40,483	
	Total 2014 Apportionment		+17 = 40,488
	2013 Apportionment:	42,732	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-5%	

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.