

September 29, 2014

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 2015.

Your 2015 Apportionment Summary

Church # 50020	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$15,036	\$1,253
Mission & Evangelism:	\$20,424	\$1,702
Strengthening the Connection:	\$3,996	\$333
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$39,456	\$3,288

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 Elgin: Epworth Church # 50020

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> 2013: 101,125 2012: 96,941 2011: 92,344 2010: 95,698 2009: 94,004	Ave. Clergy Costs	95,548	
	Calculation Rate	x16%	
	Sub-total	15,288	
	Additional Calculation: Average Weekly Attendance Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches Change to apportionment	278 (13,641) -254	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	15,034	+2 = 15,036
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 136,623 2012: 133,642 2011: 187,783 2010: 148,462 2009: 152,544	Ave. Church Operation Costs	145,877	
	Calculation Rate	x14%	
	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	20,423	+1 = 20,424
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 269,486 2012: 267,815 2011: 313,249 2010: 281,110 2009: 239,333	Ave. Grand Total Spending	272,804	
	Calculation Rate	x1%	
	Sub-total	2,728	
	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	1,274	
	Connectional Apportionment	4,002	-6 = 3,996
	Calculated Apportionment	39,458	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-2 = 39,456
	2014 Apportionment: Increase/Decrease of:	40,488 -3%	