

September 29, 2014

Elizabeth United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
P.O. Box 257
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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 # 60016	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$5,436	\$453
Mission & Evangelism:	\$3,672	\$306
Strengthening the Connection:	\$660	\$55
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$9,768	\$814

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 Elizabeth Church # 60016

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	35,818	
2013: 35,711	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 35,425	Sub-total	5,731	
2011: 36,319	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 41,901	Average Weekly Attendance	60	
2009: 33,138	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(14,467)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-303	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	5,428	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +8 = 5,436
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	26,173	
2013: 26,725	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 24,181	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	3,664	+8 = 3,672
2011: 26,285			
2010: 25,510			
2009: 34,390			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	65,885	
2013: 67,124	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 61,031	Sub-total	659	
2011: 63,469	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 67,063	Connectional Apportionment	659	+1 = 660
2009: 71,228	Calculated Apportionment	9,751	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+17 = 9,756
	2014 Apportionment:	10,092	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-3%	