

September 29, 2014

Sherman United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
2214 Ridge Ave.
Evanston, IL 60201

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 # 20045	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$12,096	\$1,008
Mission & Evangelism:	\$5,940	\$495
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,428	\$119
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$19,464	\$1,622

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 Evanston: Sherman Church # 20045

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	68,791	
2013: 67,663	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 73,565	Sub-total	11,007	
2011: 76,722	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 65,147	Average Weekly Attendance	53	
2009: 58,542	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	22,008	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+1,066	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	12,073	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +23 = 12,096
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	42,308	
2013: 45,149	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 39,386	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	5,923	+17 = 5,940
2011: 37,635			
2010: 42,390			
2009: 53,022			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	133,983	
2013: 136,277	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 135,640	Sub-total	1,340	
2011: 139,592	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	81	
2010: 130,031	Connectional Apportionment	1,421	+7 = 1,428
2009: 114,608	Calculated Apportionment	19,416	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+48 = 19,452
	2014 Apportionment:	21,372	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-9%	