

September 29, 2014

Florence United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
2649 W Florence Rd
Freeport, IL 61032

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 # 60018	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$1,200	\$100
Mission & Evangelism:	\$1,368	\$114
Strengthening the Connection:	\$240	\$20
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$2,808	\$234

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 Florence Church # 60018

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	7,877	
2013: 4,640	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 4,640	Sub-total	1,260	
2011: 14,350	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 14,350	Average Weekly Attendance	19	
2009: 16,062	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(11,280)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-144	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	1,117	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +83 = 1,200
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	9,136	
2013: 9,136	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 9,136	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	1,279	+89 = 1,368
2011: 9,136			
2010: 9,186			
2009: 8,465			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	22,183	
2013: 15,195	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 13,776	Sub-total	222	
2011: 28,168	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 28,218	Connectional Apportionment	222	+18 = 240
2009: 23,187	Calculated Apportionment	2,618	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+190 = 2,808
	2014 Apportionment:	3,084	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-9%	