

October 4, 2013

First United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
503 N. Lily Creek Rd.
Freeport, IL 61032-8898

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 # 60022	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$9,432	\$786
Mission & Evangelism:	\$8,196	\$683
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,500	\$125
Total 2014 Apportionment:	\$19,128	\$1,594

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 Freeport: First Church # 60022

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	58,924	
2012: 59,629	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2011: 132,065	Sub-total	9,428	
2010: 63,693	Additional Calculation:		Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
2009: 50,780	Average Weekly Attendance	71	
2008: 53,449	Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches	(1,875)	
	Change to apportionment	-1	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	9,427	+5 = 9,432
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	58,564	
2012: 56,980	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2011: 66,215	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	8,199	-3 = 8,196
2010: 69,454			
2009: 52,498			
2008: 49,090			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	127,431	
2012: 113,365	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2011: 192,760	Sub-total	1,274	
2010: 130,477	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	+229	
2009: 138,450	Connectional Apportionment	1,504	-4 = 1,500
2008: 110,102	Calculated Apportionment	19,130	
	Total 2014 Apportionment		-2 = 19,128
	2013 Apportionment:	19,356	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-1%	

Remember: We averaged the three middle years after discarding the highest and lowest years.