

September 29, 2014

First United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
503 N. Lily Creek 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 # 60022	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$8,436	\$703
Mission & Evangelism:	\$7,968	\$664
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,344	\$112
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$17,748	\$1,479

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 Freeport: First Church # 60022

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: 50,525 2012: 53,429 2011: 54,065 2010: 56,080 2009: 54,527	Ave. Clergy Costs	52,673	
	Calculation Rate	x16%	
	Sub-total	8,428	
	Additional Calculation: Average Weekly Attendance Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches Change to apportionment	62 4,368 +8	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	8,436	0 = 8,436
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 51,585 2012: 56,980 2011: 66,215 2010: 69,437 2009: 62,174	Ave. Church Operation Costs	56,913	
	Calculation Rate	x14%	
	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	7,968	0 = 7,968
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 116,542 2012: 125,065 2011: 207,190 2010: 144,672 2009: 111,297	Ave. Grand Total Spending	128,759	
	Calculation Rate	x1%	
	Sub-total	1,288	
	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	57	
	Connectional Apportionment	1,345	-1 = 1,344
	Calculated Apportionment	17,749	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-1 = 17,748
	2014 Apportionment: Increase/Decrease of:	19,128 -7%	