

September 29, 2014

Trinity United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
2600 W Pearl City 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 # 60023	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$5,136	\$428
Mission & Evangelism:	\$8,628	\$719
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,128	\$94
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$14,892	\$1,241

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: Trinity Church # 60023

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	32,506	
2013: 18,090	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 38,332	Sub-total	5,201	
2011: 41,599	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 41,610	Average Weekly Attendance	72	
2009: 41,095	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(8,897)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-70	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	5,130	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +6 = 5,136
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	61,571	
2013: 65,683	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 62,362	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	8,620	+8 = 8,628
2011: 61,051			
2010: 61,300			
2009: 58,350			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	109,620	
2013: 98,730	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 116,131	Sub-total	1,096	
2011: 115,019	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	28	
2010: 115,111	Connectional Apportionment	1,124	+4 = 1,128
2009: 97,359	Calculated Apportionment	14,875	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+17 = 14,880
	2014 Apportionment:	16,008	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-7%	