

September 29, 2014

German Valley United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
P. O. Box 58
German Valley, IL 61039

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 # 60025	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$2,832	\$236
Mission & Evangelism:	\$2,232	\$186
Strengthening the Connection:	\$360	\$30
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$5,424	\$452

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 German Valley Church # 60025

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	21,312	
2013: 21,097	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 21,702	Sub-total	3,410	
2011: 21,137	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 20,870	Average Weekly Attendance	26	
2009: 22,096	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(12,630)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-201	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	3,208	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) -376 = 2,832
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	18,048	
2013: 18,016	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 19,902	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	2,527	-295 = 2,232
2011: 18,829			
2010: 15,853			
2009: 17,299			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	41,334	
2013: 41,305	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 42,656	Sub-total	413	
2011: 41,996	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 40,702	Connectional Apportionment	413	-53 = 360
2009: 40,088	Calculated Apportionment	6,148	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-724 = 5,424
	2014 Apportionment:	4,980	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	