

September 29, 2014

Hickory Grove United Methodist Church  
Attn: Finance Committee  
P.O. Box 165  
Mount Carroll, IL 61053

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 # 60027	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$912	\$76
Mission & Evangelism:	\$408	\$34
Strengthening the Connection:	\$108	\$9
<b>Total 2015 Apportionment:</b>	<b>\$1,428</b>	<b>\$119</b>

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/](http://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 Hickory Grove Church # 60027

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.

<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Clergy Costs	10,290	
2013: 10,349	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 10,349	Sub-total	1,646	
2011: 11,399	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 10,173	Average Weekly Attendance	13	
2009: 8,865	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(12,880)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-214	
	<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>	1,433	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) -521 = <b>912</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	4,620	
2013: 4,909	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 4,909	<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>	647	-239 = <b>408</b>
2011: 3,548			
2010: 4,043			
2009: 11,598			
<b>Strengthening the Connection Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	17,034	
2013: 15,108	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 19,721	Sub-total	170	
2011: 18,677	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 17,316	<b>Connectional Apportionment</b>	170	-62 = <b>108</b>
2009: 20,438	Calculated Apportionment	2,250	
	<b>Total 2015 Apportionment</b>		-822 = <b>1,440</b>
	2014 Apportionment:	1,320	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	