

September 29, 2014

First United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
18420 Burnham
Lansing, IL 60438

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 # 30062	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$14,484	\$1,207
Mission & Evangelism:	\$20,148	\$1,679
Strengthening the Connection:	\$3,972	\$331
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$38,604	\$3,217

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 Lansing: First Church # 30062

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	89,776	
2013: 90,320	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 90,036	Sub-total	14,364	
2011: 90,223	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 89,069	Average Weekly Attendance	133	
2009: 84,480	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	10,415	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+113	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	14,477	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +7 = 14,484
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	143,942	
2013: 157,933	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 158,538	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	20,152	-4 = 20,148
2011: 136,259			
2010: 137,634			
2009: 127,461			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	247,582	
2013: 262,970	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 262,388	Sub-total	2,476	
2011: 238,486	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	1,497	
2010: 241,873	Connectional Apportionment	3,973	-1 = 3,972
2009: 205,499	Calculated Apportionment	38,602	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+2 = 38,604
	2014 Apportionment:	40,020	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-4%	