

September 29, 2014

Lighthouse United Methodist Church  
Attn: Finance Committee  
4938 S Daysville Rd  
Oregon, IL 61061

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 # 40032	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$1,896	\$158
Mission & Evangelism:	\$1,380	\$115
Strengthening the Connection:	\$288	\$24
<b>Total 2015 Apportionment:</b>	<b>\$3,564</b>	<b>\$297</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 Lighthouse Church # 40032

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	20,793	
2013: 26,591	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 24,538	Sub-total	3,327	
2011: 26,038	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 11,748	Average Weekly Attendance	38	
2009: 11,804	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(8,653)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-65	
	<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>	3,262	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
			-1,366 = <b>1,896</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	16,981	
2013: 11,185	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 29,870	<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>	2,377	-997 = <b>1,380</b>
2011: 22,591			
2010: 17,572			
2009: 22,186			
<b>Strengthening the Connection Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	49,972	
2013: 45,451	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 61,365	Sub-total	500	
2011: 55,593	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 48,871	<b>Connectional Apportionment</b>	500	-212 = <b>288</b>
2009: 35,222	Calculated Apportionment	6,139	
	<b>Total 2015 Apportionment</b>		-2,575 = <b>3,564</b>
	2014 Apportionment:	3,276	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	