

September 29, 2014

First United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
1000 S Washington
Lockport, IL 60441

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 # 10031	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$9,276	\$773
Mission & Evangelism:	\$10,020	\$835
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,632	\$136
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$20,928	\$1,744

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,

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Apportionments Administrator,
Northern Illinois Conference

2015 Apportionment Calculation for Lockport: First Church # 10031

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	55,827	
2013: 57,240	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 55,493	Sub-total	8,932	
2011: 47,233	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 54,748	Average Weekly Attendance	45	
2009: 64,281	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	15,051	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+341	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	9,273	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +3 = 9,276
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	71,546	
2013: 65,696	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 72,478	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	10,016	+4 = 10,020
2011: 77,523			
2010: 76,606			
2009: 76,463			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	149,688	
2013: 147,992	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 150,139	Sub-total	1,497	
2011: 146,243	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	140	
2010: 161,335	Connectional Apportionment	1,637	-5 = 1,632
2009: 150,932	Calculated Apportionment	20,927	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+1 = 20,928
	2014 Apportionment:	21,936	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-5%	