

September 29, 2014

Norway United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
P.O. Box 147
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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 # 40043	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$1,260	\$105
Mission & Evangelism:	\$792	\$66
Strengthening the Connection:	\$180	\$15
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$2,232	\$186

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 Norway Church # 40043

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	11,642	
2013: 12,692	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 12,224	Sub-total	1,863	
2011: 12,379	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 9,233	Average Weekly Attendance	14	
2009: 10,325	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(11,255)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-143	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	1,720	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) -460 = 1,260
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	7,710	
2013: 7,211	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 7,810	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	1,079	-287 = 792
2011: 8,813			
2010: 8,110			
2009: 5,157			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	24,389	
2013: 26,261	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 25,155	Sub-total	244	
2011: 27,730	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 21,752	Connectional Apportionment	244	-64 = 180
2009: 15,349	Calculated Apportionment	3,044	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-812 = 2,220
	2014 Apportionment:	2,040	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	