

September 29, 2014

First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn  
Attn: Finance Committee  
100th Street & Central Avenue  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

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 # 30066	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$12,024	\$1,002
Mission & Evangelism:	\$7,104	\$592
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,476	\$123
<b>Total 2015 Apportionment:</b>	<b>\$20,604</b>	<b>\$1,717</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 Oak Lawn: First Church # 30066

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	74,737	
2013: 64,838	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 64,891	Sub-total	11,958	
2011: 63,571	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 94,483	Average Weekly Attendance	84	
2009: 108,081	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	8,767	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+67	
	<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>	12,025	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) -1 = <b>12,024</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	50,726	
2013: 46,323	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 42,012	<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>	7,102	+2 = <b>7,104</b>
2011: 51,177			
2010: 54,677			
2009: 67,620			
<b>Strengthening the Connection Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	139,253	
2013: 126,589	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 123,001	Sub-total	1,393	
2011: 131,714	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	79	
2010: 159,456	<b>Connectional Apportionment</b>	1,471	+5 = <b>1,476</b>
2009: 160,537	Calculated Apportionment	20,598	
	<b>Total 2015 Apportionment</b>		+6 = <b>20,604</b>
	2014 Apportionment:	21,384	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-4%	