

September 29, 2014

First United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
324 N. Oak Park Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60302

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 # 20063	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$12,036	\$1,003
Mission & Evangelism:	\$23,952	\$1,996
Strengthening the Connection:	\$4,644	\$387
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$40,632	\$3,386

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 Oak Park: First Church # 20063

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	74,076	
2013: 81,658	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 71,058	Sub-total	11,852	
2011: 70,383	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 80,789	Average Weekly Attendance	108	
2009: 63,551	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	12,268	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+185	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	12,037	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
			-1 = 12,036
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	171,068	
2013: 158,948	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 189,613	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	23,950	+2 = 23,952
2011: 164,645			
2010: 192,586			
2009: 232,294			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	301,707	
2013: 309,127	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 287,323	Sub-total	3,017	
2011: 273,945	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	1,631	
2010: 319,359	Connectional Apportionment	4,648	-4 = 4,644
2009: 308,672	Calculated Apportionment	40,634	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-2 = 40,632
	2014 Apportionment:	41,832	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-3%	