

September 29, 2014

Epworth United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
627 Gentleman Rd
Ottawa, IL 61350

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 # 40046	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$9,264	\$772
Mission & Evangelism:	\$7,728	\$644
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,284	\$107
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$18,276	\$1,523

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 Ottawa: Epworth Church # 40046

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> 2013: 58,939 2012: 55,679 2011: 57,426 2010: 54,139 2009: 64,456	Ave. Clergy Costs	57,348	
	Calculation Rate	x16%	
	Sub-total	9,176	
	Additional Calculation: Average Weekly Attendance Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches Change to apportionment	70 9,628 +89	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	9,265	-1 = 9,264
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 52,106 2012: 50,721 2011: 62,809 2010: 62,782 2009: 47,337	Ave. Church Operation Costs	55,203	
	Calculation Rate	x14%	
	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	7,728	0 = 7,728
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 117,300 2012: 120,950 2011: 137,235 2010: 123,498 2009: 101,793	Ave. Grand Total Spending	120,583	
	Calculation Rate	x1%	
	Sub-total	1,206	
	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	82	
	Connectional Apportionment	1,288	-4 = 1,284
	Calculated Apportionment	18,281	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-5 = 18,276
	2014 Apportionment: Increase/Decrease of:	19,224 -5%	