

October 4, 2013

Grace United Protestant Church  
Attn: Finance Committee  
266 Somonauk  
Park Forest, IL 60466

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 2014.

Your 2014 Apportionment Summary

| Church # 30068                   | Annual Amount   | Monthly Amount |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Support for Ordained Leadership: | \$5,796         | \$483          |
| Mission & Evangelism:            | \$5,916         | \$493          |
| Strengthening the Connection:    | \$924           | \$77           |
| <b>Total 2014 Apportionment:</b> | <b>\$12,636</b> | <b>\$1,053</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. Please refer to the enclosed resource guide and for more information visit the Northern Illinois Conference website at [www.umcnic.org/apportionments.php](http://www.umcnic.org/apportionments.php) or contact me at [mbunt@umcnic.org](mailto:mbunt@umcnic.org) or (312) 346-9766 x741.

Thanks for your continued support of our United Methodist connectional giving,

*Merrie Bunt*

Apportionments Administrator,  
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## 2014 Apportionment Calculation for Park Forest: Grace United Protestant Church # 30068

Please refer to the following page titled "About the 2014 Apportionment" for an explanation of the Apportionment formula.

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| <b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b> |   |         |  |
| <u>5 year data set</u>                               | Ave. Clergy Costs                                       | 36,795  |  |
| 2012: 39,521   | Calculation Rate  | x16%    |  |
| 2011: 41,080   | Sub-total   | 5,887   |  |
| 2010: 40,394   | Additional Calculation:                                 |         | Final Considerations:<br>(Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) |
| 2009: 30,470   | Average Weekly Attendance                               | 37      |  |
| 2008: 29,644   | Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches | (9,680) |  |
|  | Change to apportionment                                 | -91     |  |
|  | <b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>    | 5,797   | <b>-1 = 5,796</b>  |
| <b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>        |   |         |  |
| <u>5 year data set</u>                               | Ave. Church Operation Costs**                           | 42,250  |  |
| 2012: 40,318   | Calculation Rate  | x14%    |  |
| 2011: 42,803   | <b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>           | 5,915   | <b>+1 = 5,916</b>  |
| 2010: 43,629   |   |         |  |
| 2009: 45,734   |   |         |  |
| 2008: 50,065   |   |         |  |
| <b>Strengthening the Connection Apportionment</b>    |   |         |  |
| <u>5 year data set</u>                               | Ave. Grand Total Spending                               | 84,914  |  |
| 2012: 86,427   | Calculation Rate  | x1%     |  |
| 2011: 90,986   | Sub-total   | 849     |  |
| 2010: 78,363   | Additional Calculation (Budget Size)                    | +79     |  |
| 2009: 82,103   | <b>Connectional Apportionment</b>                       | 928     | <b>-4 = 924</b>  |
| 2008: 86,213   | Calculated Apportionment                                | 12,640  |  |
|  | <b>Total 2014 Apportionment</b>                         |         | <b>-4 = 12,636</b>   |
|  | 2013 Apportionment:                                     | 12,528  |  |
|  | Increase/Decrease of:                                   | +1%     |  |

Remember: We averaged the three middle years after discarding the highest and lowest years.

\*\*When 2012 was the lowest year of the 5 year data set, we averaged the three lowest years.