

September 29, 2014

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 2015.

Your 2015 Apportionment Summary

Church # 30068	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$4,692	\$391
Mission & Evangelism:	\$5,916	\$493
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,008	\$84
<b>Total 2015 Apportionment:</b>	<b>\$11,616</b>	<b>\$968</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 Park Forest: Grace United Protestant Church # 30068

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	29,330	
2013: 27,327	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 30,194	Sub-total	4,693	
2011: 31,854	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 31,239	Average Weekly Attendance	37	
2009: 30,470	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(2,221)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-1	
	<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>	4,692	<b>Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) 0 = 4,692</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	42,218	
2013: 43,761	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 39,941	<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>	5,911	<b>+5 = 5,916</b>
2011: 42,514			
2010: 43,619			
2009: 40,523			
<b>Strengthening the Connection Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	100,205	
2013: 99,168	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 99,050	Sub-total	1,002	
2011: 102,397	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	6	
2010: 102,481	<b>Connectional Apportionment</b>	1,008	<b>0 = 1,008</b>
2009: 76,311	Calculated Apportionment	11,611	
	<b>Total 2015 Apportionment</b>		<b>+5 = 11,616</b>
	2014 Apportionment:	12,636	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-8%	