October 4, 2013

Plainfield United Methodist Church Attn: Finance Committee 15114 S. Illinois St. Plainfield, IL 60544-2804

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 # 10051	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$30,996	\$2,583
Mission & Evangelism:	\$27,684	\$2,307
Strengthening the Connection:	\$7,692	\$641
Total 2014 Apportionment:	\$66,372	\$5,531

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 <u>www.umcnic.org/apportionments.php</u> or contact me at <u>mbunt@umcnic.org</u> or (312) 346-9766 x741.

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

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Apportionments Administrator, Northern Illinois Conference

2014 Apportionment Calculation for Plainfield: First Church # 10051

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

Support for Ordained			
Leadership Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Clergy Costs	155,179	
2012: 173,677	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2011: 166,128	Sub-total	24,829	
2010: 141,048	Additional Calculation:		Final
2009: 121,991	Average Weekly Attendance	256	Considerations:
2008: 158,363	Pastoral Residual: above (below)		(Round to 12 and
	similar sized churches	45,228	9% max increase
	Change to apportionment	+9,252	or decrease)
	Support for Ordained Leadership	34,080	-3,084 = 30,996
	Apportionment		
Mission & Evangelism			
Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	217,409	
2012: 242,136	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2011: 248,228	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	30,437	-2,753 = 27,684
2010: 208,559			
2009: 184,076			
2008: 201,534			
Strengthening the			
Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	379,047	
2012: 405,975	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2011: 413,900	Sub-total	3,790	
2010: 323,080	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	+4,662	
2009: 341,713	Connectional Apportionment	8,453	-761 = 7,692
2008: 389,453	Calculated Apportionment	72,970	
	Total 2014 Apportionment		-6,598 = 66,360
	2013 Apportionment:	60,936	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	

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