

September 29, 2014

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

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 # 10051	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$23,136	\$1,928
Mission & Evangelism:	\$31,416	\$2,618
Strengthening the Connection:	\$7,524	\$627
<b>Total 2015 Apportionment:</b>	<b>\$62,076</b>	<b>\$5,173</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 Plainfield: First Church # 10051

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> 2013: 134,208 2012: 146,574 2011: 140,849 2010: 119,663 2009: 137,715	Ave. Clergy Costs	137,591	
	Calculation Rate	x16%	
	Sub-total	22,015	
	Additional Calculation:		
	Average Weekly Attendance	244	
	Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches	22,408	
Change to apportionment	+1,125		
<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>		23,140	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) -4 = <b>23,136</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 218,801 2012: 242,136 2011: 248,228 2010: 208,559 2009: 212,282	Ave. Church Operation Costs	224,406	
	Calculation Rate	x14%	
	<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>	31,417	-1 = <b>31,416</b>
<b>Strengthening the Connection Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 387,110 2012: 421,575 2011: 433,399 2010: 367,079 2009: 337,806	Ave. Grand Total Spending	391,921	
	Calculation Rate	x1%	
	Sub-total	3,919	
	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	3,601	
	<b>Connectional Apportionment</b>	7,520	+4 = <b>7,524</b>
	Calculated Apportionment	62,077	
	<b>Total 2015 Apportionment</b>		-1 = <b>62,076</b>
	2014 Apportionment: Increase/Decrease of:	66,360 -6%	