

October 4, 2013

Sharon United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
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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 # 10052	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$5,616	\$468
Mission & Evangelism:	\$5,616	\$468
Strengthening the Connection:	\$792	\$66
Total 2014 Apportionment:	\$12,024	\$1,002

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 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

2014 Apportionment Calculation for Plainfield: Sharon Church # 10052

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	39,446	
2012: 35,223	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2011: 33,100	Sub-total	6,311	
2010: 44,852	Additional Calculation:		Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
2009: 49,227	Average Weekly Attendance	51	
2008: 38,263	Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches	(19,044)	
	Change to apportionment	-691	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	5,621	-5 = 5,616
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	40,141	
2012: 37,345	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2011: 41,155	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	5,620	-4 = 5,616
2010: 41,922			
2009: 42,271			
2008: 36,457			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending**	72,468	
2012: 70,928	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2011: 71,655	Sub-total	725	
2010: 96,724	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	+70	
2009: 103,127	Connectional Apportionment	794	-2 = 792
2008: 74,820	Calculated Apportionment	12,035	
	Total 2014 Apportionment		-11 = 12,036
	2013 Apportionment:	12,144	
	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.