

September 29, 2014

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 2015.

Your 2015 Apportionment Summary

Church # 10052	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$5,940	\$495
Mission & Evangelism:	\$5,124	\$427
Strengthening the Connection:	\$780	\$65
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$11,844	\$987

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/ 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: Sharon Church # 10052

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.

Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Clergy Costs	37,085	
2013: 40,962	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 30,691	Sub-total	5,934	
2011: 30,475	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 39,602	Average Weekly Attendance	51	
2009: 49,227	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	2,153	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+1	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	5,935	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +5 = 5,940
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	36,622	
2013: 31,368	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 37,345	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	5,127	-3 = 5,124
2011: 41,155			
2010: 41,922			
2009: 53,900			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	77,916	
2013: 74,965	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 78,128	Sub-total	779	
2011: 80,655	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	2	
2010: 94,099	Connectional Apportionment	781	-1 = 780
2009: 94,377	Calculated Apportionment	11,843	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+1 = 11,844
	2014 Apportionment:	12,036	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-2%	