

September 29, 2014

Poplar Grove United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
P.O. Box 217
Poplar Grove, IL 61065

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 # 60042	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$9,420	\$785
Mission & Evangelism:	\$21,204	\$1,767
Strengthening the Connection:	\$3,888	\$324
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$34,512	\$2,876

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 Poplar Grove Church # 60042

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	66,452	
2013: 69,659	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 68,912	Sub-total	10,632	
2011: 68,800	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 61,645	Average Weekly Attendance	170	
2009: 47,460	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(8,636)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-64	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	10,568	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
			-1,148 = 9,420
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	169,907	
2013: 180,200	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 188,817	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	23,787	-2,583 = 21,204
2011: 173,442			
2010: 156,079			
2009: 155,803			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	277,635	
2013: 294,212	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 308,077	Sub-total	2,776	
2011: 285,548	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	1,580	
2010: 253,145	Connectional Apportionment	4,356	-468 = 3,888
2009: 207,372	Calculated Apportionment	38,711	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-4,199 = 34,500
	2014 Apportionment:	31,680	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	