

September 29, 2014

River Forest United Methodist Church  
Attn: Finance Committee  
7970 Lake St  
River Forest, IL 60305

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 # 20068                   | Annual Amount   | Monthly Amount |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Support for Ordained Leadership: | \$11,016        | \$918          |
| Mission & Evangelism:            | \$9,132         | \$761          |
| Strengthening the Connection:    | \$1,752         | \$146          |
| <b>Total 2015 Apportionment:</b> | <b>\$21,900</b> | <b>\$1,825</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 River Forest Church # 20068

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.

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| <b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>  |   |                      |  |
| <u>5 year data set</u><br>2013: 53,946<br>2012: 65,940<br>2011: 65,236<br>2010: 65,431<br>2009: 68,545      | Ave. Clergy Costs   | 61,538               |  |
|   | Calculation Rate  | x16%                 |  |
|   | Sub-total   | 9,846                |  |
|   | Additional Calculation:<br>Average Weekly Attendance<br>Pastoral Residual: above (below)<br>similar sized churches<br>Change to apportionment | 52<br>20,309<br>+838 | Final Considerations:<br>(Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) |
|   | <b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>  | 10,684               | +332 = <b>11,016</b>   |
| <b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>   |   |                      |  |
| <u>5 year data set</u><br>2013: 59,360<br>2012: 66,206<br>2011: 64,231<br>2010: 68,491<br>2009: 69,227      | Ave. Church Operation Costs   | 63,265               |  |
|   | Calculation Rate  | x14%                 |  |
|   | <b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>   | 8,857                | +275 = <b>9,132</b>  |
| <b>Strengthening the Connection Apportionment</b>   |   |                      |  |
| <u>5 year data set</u><br>2013: 143,097<br>2012: 163,001<br>2011: 160,531<br>2010: 164,988<br>2009: 131,988 | Ave. Grand Total Spending   | 155,543              |  |
|   | Calculation Rate  | x1%                  |  |
|   | Sub-total   | 1,555                |  |
|   | Additional Calculation (Budget Size)  | 142                  |  |
|   | <b>Connectional Apportionment</b>   | 1,698                | +54 = <b>1,752</b>   |
|   | Calculated Apportionment  | 21,238               |  |
|   | <b>Total 2015 Apportionment</b>   |                      | +662 = <b>21,900</b>   |
|   | 2014 Apportionment:<br>Increase/Decrease of:  | 24,072<br>-9%        |  |