

September 29, 2014

First United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
121 W. Lincoln
Seneca, IL 61360

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 # 40059	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$2,724	\$227
Mission & Evangelism:	\$3,036	\$253
Strengthening the Connection:	\$456	\$38
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$6,216	\$518

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 Seneca: First Church # 40059

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	20,113	
2013: 20,295	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 20,070	Sub-total	3,218	
2011: 19,973	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 20,391	Average Weekly Attendance	21	
2009: 15,900	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(9,034)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-74	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	3,144	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) -420 = 2,724
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	24,962	
2013: 25,886	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 25,336	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	3,495	-459 = 3,036
2011: 23,663			
2010: 23,161			
2009: 27,053			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	52,656	
2013: 54,316	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 52,548	Sub-total	527	
2011: 52,007	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 53,412	Connectional Apportionment	527	-71 = 456
2009: 40,714	Calculated Apportionment	7,166	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-950 = 6,216
	2014 Apportionment:	5,712	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	