

September 29, 2014

Serena United Methodist Church  
Attn: Finance Committee  
1635 N 4012th Rd  
Earlville, IL 60518

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 # 40061	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$4,452	\$371
Mission & Evangelism:	\$2,220	\$185
Strengthening the Connection:	\$504	\$42
<b>Total 2015 Apportionment:</b>	<b>\$7,176</b>	<b>\$598</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 Serena Church # 40061

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.

<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Clergy Costs	26,983	
2013: 31,309	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 26,184	Sub-total	4,317	
2011: 28,027	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 25,019	Average Weekly Attendance	40	
2009: 26,739	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	11,869	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+167	
	<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>	4,485	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
			-33 = <b>4,452</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	16,011	
2013: 15,598	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 16,334	<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>	2,241	-21 = <b>2,220</b>
2011: 16,100			
2010: 18,927			
2009: 18,564			
<b>Strengthening the Connection Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	50,874	
2013: 54,154	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 49,856	Sub-total	509	
2011: 51,321	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 51,445	<b>Connectional Apportionment</b>	509	-5 = <b>504</b>
2009: 41,287	Calculated Apportionment	7,235	
	<b>Total 2015 Apportionment</b>		-59 = <b>7,176</b>
	2014 Apportionment:	6,588	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	