

September 29, 2014

Bethel United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
217 S. Hickory
Shannon, IL 61078

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 # 60065	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$11,040	\$920
Mission & Evangelism:	\$13,824	\$1,152
Strengthening the Connection:	\$2,280	\$190
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$27,144	\$2,262

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 Shannon: Bethel Church # 60065

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> 2013: 67,414 2012: 69,815 2011: 70,907 2010: 70,103 2009: 69,567	Ave. Clergy Costs	68,932	
	Calculation Rate	x16%	
	Sub-total	11,029	
	Additional Calculation: Average Weekly Attendance Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches Change to apportionment	123 4,311 +8	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	11,037	+3 = 11,040
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 94,050 2012: 106,053 2011: 111,321 2010: 103,658 2009: 98,465	Ave. Church Operation Costs	98,724	
	Calculation Rate	x14%	
	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	13,821	+3 = 13,824
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 177,901 2012: 193,365 2011: 199,038 2010: 191,963 2009: 158,057	Ave. Grand Total Spending	187,743	
	Calculation Rate	x1%	
	Sub-total	1,877	
	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	404	
	Connectional Apportionment	2,281	-1 = 2,280
	Calculated Apportionment	27,140	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+4 = 27,144
	2014 Apportionment: Increase/Decrease of:	29,352 -8%	