

September 29, 2014

Shirland United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
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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 # 60066	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$2,436	\$203
Mission & Evangelism:	\$2,400	\$200
Strengthening the Connection:	\$396	\$33
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$5,232	\$436

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,

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Apportionments Administrator,
Northern Illinois Conference

2015 Apportionment Calculation for Shirland Church # 60066

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	17,746	
2013: 17,939	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 25,657	Sub-total	2,839	
2011: 17,576	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 16,935	Average Weekly Attendance	27	
2009: 17,724	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(15,880)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-400	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	2,439	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
			-3 = 2,436
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	17,186	
2013: 16,843	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 16,429	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	2,406	-6 = 2,400
2011: 14,892			
2010: 18,288			
2009: 18,706			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	39,279	
2013: 41,647	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 49,306	Sub-total	393	
2011: 35,479	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 37,600	Connectional Apportionment	393	+3 = 396
2009: 38,591	Calculated Apportionment	5,238	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-6 = 5,232
	2014 Apportionment:	5,568	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-6%	