

October 4, 2013

First United Methodist Church  
Attn: Finance Committee  
501 Broadway  
Sterling, IL 61081-3849

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 2014.

Your 2014 Apportionment Summary

Church # 40063	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$7,236	\$603
Mission & Evangelism:	\$7,236	\$603
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,200	\$100
<b>Total 2014 Apportionment:</b>	<b>\$15,672</b>	<b>\$1,306</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. Please refer to the enclosed resource guide and for more information visit the Northern Illinois Conference website at [www.umcnic.org/apportionments.php](http://www.umcnic.org/apportionments.php) or contact me at [mbunt@umcnic.org](mailto: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

## 2014 Apportionment Calculation for Sterling: First Church # 40063

Please refer to the following page titled "About the 2014 Apportionment" for an explanation of the Apportionment formula.

<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Clergy Costs	48,776	
2012: 47,595	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2011: 54,879	Sub-total	7,804	
2010: 52,053	Additional Calculation:		Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
2009: 41,316	Average Weekly Attendance	82	
2008: 46,681	Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches Change to apportionment	(17,890) -573	
	<b>Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment</b>	7,232	+4 = <b>7,236</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs**	51,669	
2012: 46,469	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2011: 53,284	<b>Mission &amp; Evangelism Apportionment</b>	7,234	+2 = <b>7,236</b>
2010: 62,632			
2009: 55,254			
2008: 61,416			
<b>Strengthening the Connection Apportionment</b>			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	109,321	
2012: 108,531	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2011: 114,791	Sub-total	1,093	
2010: 108,478	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	+105	
2009: 103,471	<b>Connectional Apportionment</b>	1,198	+2 = <b>1,200</b>
2008: 110,955	Calculated Apportionment	15,664	
	<b>Total 2014 Apportionment</b>		+8 = <b>15,660</b>
	2013 Apportionment:	17,160	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-9%	

Remember: We averaged the three middle years after discarding the highest and lowest years.

\*\*When 2012 was the lowest year of the 5 year data set, we averaged the three lowest years.