

September 29, 2014

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

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 # 40063	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$7,164	\$597
Mission & Evangelism:	\$8,148	\$679
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,308	\$109
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$16,620	\$1,385

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 Sterling: First Church # 40063

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	44,809	
2013: 44,264	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 42,328	Sub-total	7,169	
2011: 48,933	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 45,753	Average Weekly Attendance	66	
2009: 44,410	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(3,850)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-6	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	7,164	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) 0 = 7,164
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	58,153	
2013: 59,019	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 46,469	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	8,141	+7 = 8,148
2011: 53,284			
2010: 62,632			
2009: 62,155			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	124,679	
2013: 141,254	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 119,451	Sub-total	1,247	
2011: 128,051	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	65	
2010: 126,537	Connectional Apportionment	1,311	-3 = 1,308
2009: 99,302	Calculated Apportionment	16,617	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+3 = 16,620
	2014 Apportionment:	15,660	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+6%	