

September 29, 2014

Steward United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
P.O. Box 80
Steward, IL 60553

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 # 40066	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$5,472	\$456
Mission & Evangelism:	\$2,700	\$225
Strengthening the Connection:	\$648	\$54
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$8,820	\$735

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 Steward Church # 40066

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	34,166	
2013: 37,083	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 42,461	Sub-total	5,467	
2011: 32,236	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 27,951	Average Weekly Attendance	35	
2009: 33,180	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(43)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	0	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	5,467	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) +5 = 5,472
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	19,264	
2013: 19,099	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 17,013	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	2,697	+3 = 2,700
2011: 18,410			
2010: 21,369			
2009: 20,282			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	65,202	
2013: 71,993	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 72,741	Sub-total	652	
2011: 56,379	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 67,233	Connectional Apportionment	652	-4 = 648
2009: 51,355	Calculated Apportionment	8,816	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+4 = 8,820
	2014 Apportionment:	9,120	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-3%	