

September 29, 2014

Sugar Grove United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
176 Main Street
Sugar Grove, IL 60554

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 # 10058	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$8,724	\$727
Mission & Evangelism:	\$9,504	\$792
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,572	\$131
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$19,800	\$1,650

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 Sugar Grove Church # 10058

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	54,360	
2013: 47,011	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 60,025	Sub-total	8,698	
2011: 58,780	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 57,289	Average Weekly Attendance	72	
2009: 62,842	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	6,868	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+32	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	8,730	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
			-6 = 8,724
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	67,847	
2013: 72,155	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 70,299	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	9,499	+5 = 9,504
2011: 59,507			
2010: 61,088			
2009: 80,901			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	144,307	
2013: 147,593	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 150,662	Sub-total	1,443	
2011: 137,836	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	129	
2010: 145,599	Connectional Apportionment	1,572	0 = 1,572
2009: 139,729	Calculated Apportionment	19,801	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-1 = 19,800
	2014 Apportionment:	21,432	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-8%	