

September 29, 2014

Sycamore United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
160 Johnson Ave
Sycamore, IL 60178

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 # 40068	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$23,652	\$1,971
Mission & Evangelism:	\$42,156	\$3,513
Strengthening the Connection:	\$14,088	\$1,174
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$79,896	\$6,658

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 Sycamore Church # 40068

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> 2013: 147,522 2012: 149,833 2011: 148,406 2010: 145,694 2009: 145,263	Ave. Clergy Costs	147,207	
	Calculation Rate	x16%	
	Sub-total	23,553	
	Additional Calculation:		
	Average Weekly Attendance Pastoral Residual: above (below) similar sized churches Change to apportionment	337 10,153 +105	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	23,658	-6 = 23,652
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 355,324 2012: 311,518 2011: 305,721 2010: 283,922 2009: 286,071	Ave. Church Operation Costs	301,103	
	Calculation Rate	x14%	
	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	42,154	+2 = 42,156
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u> 2013: 571,688 2012: 521,121 2011: 530,245 2010: 531,796 2009: 459,353	Ave. Grand Total Spending	527,721	
	Calculation Rate	x1%	
	Sub-total	5,277	
	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	8,807	
	Connectional Apportionment	14,084	+4 = 14,088
	Calculated Apportionment	79,896	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		0 = 79,896
	2014 Apportionment: Increase/Decrease of:	77,472 +3%	