

September 29, 2014

Thornton United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
712 Chicago Rd
Thornton, IL 60476

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 # 30071	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$6,180	\$515
Mission & Evangelism:	\$2,328	\$194
Strengthening the Connection:	\$576	\$48
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$9,084	\$757

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 Thornton Church # 30071

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	39,713	
2013: 40,158	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 40,010	Sub-total	6,354	
2011: 39,380	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 39,050	Average Weekly Attendance	35	
2009: 39,750	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(531)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	0	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	6,354	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease) -174 = 6,180
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	17,095	
2013: 18,426	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 17,432	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	2,393	-65 = 2,328
2011: 18,773			
2010: 15,427			
2009: 13,868			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	58,835	
2013: 60,684	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 60,042	Sub-total	588	
2011: 61,353	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 55,777	Connectional Apportionment	588	-12 = 576
2009: 54,818	Calculated Apportionment	9,336	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-252 = 9,072
	2014 Apportionment:	8,328	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	