

September 29, 2014

West Chicago First United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
P.O. Box 915
West Chicago, IL 60186

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 # 10059	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$10,212	\$851
Mission & Evangelism:	\$12,288	\$1,024
Strengthening the Connection:	\$2,100	\$175
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$24,600	\$2,050

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 West Chicago: First Church # 10059

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	63,189	
2013: 67,920	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 65,485	Sub-total	10,110	
2011: 64,888	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 57,256	Average Weekly Attendance	91	
2009: 59,195	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	10,117	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	+104	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	10,214	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
			-2 = 10,212
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	87,830	
2013: 96,647	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 84,507	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	12,296	-8 = 12,288
2011: 86,346			
2010: 83,985			
2009: 92,637			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	166,666	
2013: 182,660	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 173,706	Sub-total	1,667	
2011: 168,197	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	428	
2010: 158,095	Connectional Apportionment	2,095	+5 = 2,100
2009: 144,210	Calculated Apportionment	24,605	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-5 = 24,600
	2014 Apportionment:	24,756	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-1%	