

September 29, 2014

Willow United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
6522 S Willow Rd
Stockton, IL 61085

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 # 60072	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$720	\$60
Mission & Evangelism:	\$456	\$38
Strengthening the Connection:	\$132	\$11
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$1,308	\$109

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 Willow Church # 60072

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	8,958	
2013: 9,381	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 9,187	Sub-total	1,433	
2011: 9,089	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 8,600	Average Weekly Attendance	29	
2009: 8,307	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	(17,251)	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment	-513	
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	920	Final Considerations: (Round to 12 and 9% max increase or decrease)
			-200 = 720
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	4,202	
2013: 3,634	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 4,196	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	588	-132 = 456
2011: 6,074			
2010: 4,777			
2009: 3,515			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	17,093	
2013: 17,303	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 15,925	Sub-total	171	
2011: 18,052	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	0	
2010: 18,105	Connectional Apportionment	171	-39 = 132
2009: 13,488	Calculated Apportionment	1,679	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		-371 = 1,308
	2014 Apportionment:	1,200	
	Increase/Decrease of:	+9%	