



Circuit Rider Dispatch



Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

Resources for Such a Time As This

The Holston Foundation was founded to serve the local church and United Methodist ministries. During our nearly 40 year history, our ministry has been one of support and partnership. In 2020 along with the churches and ministries we serve, we are seeking ways to serve during an unknown time. Here are some resources that can support you during this time:

Virtual Meetings & Seminars

Are your church's finance, investment or endowment committees meeting virtually during this crisis? How do you feel most comfortable having a conversation about planned giving? The Holston Foundation is available to meet with you or your committee virtually OR in-person as we seek to both serve and follow current guidance. The Holston Foundation has the capacity to host online meetings or can provide a free online Provide & Protect seminar especially for your church. Contact [Paul Bowman](#) today to schedule a conversation that best fits you and your church's needs.

Serving churches. Serving donors.

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The Holston Foundation is here to serve you!



Estate Planning & Wills

Things have changed. Our plans have changed. Our lives have been put on hold. Most of us couldn't have anticipated the series of recent events that have so greatly impacted our sense of personal and financial security. The Holston Foundation is here to help. We can help with your estate plans or creating a will. We can also simply serve as a resource for your questions during this time. Learn more about the [Holston Foundation's free planned giving services](#) or contact [Paul Bowman](#) today.

Disciples Living Generously Course

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES
The Voice of the Church

NEW TEACHING SERIES!
Disciples Living Generously

Discover the secret to creating a culture of generosity in the local church!

LEARN MORE HERE

In the midst of much change, we are also reminded that God remains the same. And our mission as the Church continues to be to make disciples for the transformation of the world. Discipleship Ministries is offering a new

online course, *Disciples Living Generously: Discover the Secret to Creating a Culture of Generosity in the Local Church*, led by the Rev. Ken Sloane. By the end of this course, you will have the tools needed to establish a successful stewardship strategy to create a culture of generosity within your church.

[Click here to register for the FREE online course](#)

[\(If you'd like CEU credit, click here for the paid course\)](#)



DONOR STORY

[Bush Holley](#)

Lawrence (Bush) Holley was a bit different. He wore a fumanchu and slept... [Read More](#)

PERSONAL PLANNER

[Living Wills and Advance Directives](#)

As you approach end-of-life decisions, there are several steps that should be taken to make sure you receive the right type and level of care. To assist you in these decisions, most states now permit either an advance directive or a living will. [Read More](#)

SAVVY LIVING

[What Happens if I do not Have a Will?](#)

What happens to my possessions if I die without a will? I am almost 60 years old and have never gotten around to making one, but it is starting to become more of a priority. [Read More](#)

WASHINGTON NEWS

[IRS Warns of "Dirty Dozen" Tax Scams – Part II](#)

In IR-2020-160, the Internal Revenue Service announced the annual "Dirty Dozen" list of tax scams. Each year, the Service warns taxpayers about criminals who target individuals. The IRS encourages taxpayers to be on the lookout for these schemes. [Read More](#)

FINANCES

[Stocks](#) - Tesla Drives Profits [Read More](#)

[Bonds](#) - Geo-Political Tensions Push U.S. Treasury Yields Down [Read More](#)

[CDs and Mortgages](#) - Thirty Year Mortgage Rates Rise Back Over 3% [Read More](#)

Second Quarter Performance

Check out the Holston Foundation's Second Quarter Performance report. [Click here](#)

Holston Foundation Awards Scholarships



\$94,500+

Scholarships to students because of the generosity of United Methodists

The Holston Foundation announces its 2020 scholarship recipients. Because of the generosity of others over \$94,500 in scholarships has been given to higher education and seminary students for the upcoming school year! Over \$58,000 in scholarships were awarded to 18 higher education students from the Holston Conference.

Seminary Scholarships

Over \$36,000 in scholarships were awarded to 10 Holston Conference seminary students who are pursuing divinity degrees. We celebrate our 2020 Seminary Scholars:



SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Rachel Collins	Ethan Johnson
Tyler Crickenberger	Corey Miller
John Gargis	Walter Pierce
Kevin Gray	Evan Smith
Jason Humberd	Jennifer Spieth

Seminary is expensive! Ask your pastor. Donors make seminary scholarships possible and make a difference in the lives of pastors. Is making a gift to seminary scholarships something you are passionate about? Will you consider establishing a seminary scholarship or including scholarship funds in your will? The gift of a scholarship is an incredible way to leave a legacy. If you are interested in leaving a legacy through scholarships, contact [Paul Bowman](#), executive director, to have a conversation at 865-228-1796.

2020 Grant Awards

The Holston Foundation announces its 2020 grant awardees. The Foundation is proud to award more than \$140,000 in grants to United Methodist churches and ministries to make a difference in the name of Christ.

[Full List of Grant Awards](#)

Grants are made possible by the generosity of donors who sought to leave a legacy and their gifts continue to make an impact each year. If you are interested in leaving a legacy of generosity, contact [Paul Bowman](#), executive director, to have a conversation at 865-228-1796.

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