



## Circuit Rider Dispatch



Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

### America... "The Generous"

The numbers are in and philanthropic giving in the USA increased for the third straight year in 2012 to \$316 billion, with giving to religion continuing to be the largest recipient category. Americans are generous...even in death. \$23.4 billion of the total charitable giving in 2012 came through bequests. Despite the importance of religion in American giving, only about 5.8% of charitable bequests benefit religious causes. Why the disparity? The simple answer just might be that we do not ask!

The Holston Conference Foundation offers FREE workshops, programs, educational material, and practical hands-on consultation from our experience to churches interested in asking! We even offer confidential guidance and a wide-range of services directly to people who wish to create an endowment, scholarship, or other special-purpose funds to benefit their church and/or other favorite ministry. Due to the tremendous gains in the stock market over the last three years, many folks are blessed to have highly appreciated stocks.



The Foundation is available to process and accept gifts of stock to create an endowment or even to be remitted to a church for general support. If we can be of service to you or your church with a current or planned gift, or help you explore your legacy planning options, please call on us. We look forward to serving you and your church in 2014!

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#### PERSONAL PLANNER

##### How to Fund Your Living Trust

A revocable living trust is one of the principal estate planning methods. While everyone should have a will, there are many benefits of a revocable living trust. [Read More](#)

#### SAVVY LIVING

##### How to Guard Against Wintertime Heart Attacks

When I had a mild heart attack about six months ago my doctor told me I needed to be extra careful during the winter when recurring heart attacks are more common. Is this true? How can the seasons affect your heart? [Read More](#)

#### YOUR PLAN

##### Emma Fox

I was trying to think of a word that would express my first... [Read More](#)

## WASHINGTON NEWS

### Bipartisan Support for Budget Deal

Senate Budget Chair Patty Murray (D-WA) and House Budget Chair Paul Ryan (R-WI) have spent the last several weeks negotiating over the federal budget. [Read More](#)

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## FINANCES

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The Holston Conference Foundation staff wishes you and those you love a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2014 and all that God has in store for you and your church or favorite ministry.

*Merry Christmas!*

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