



Circuit Rider Dispatch



Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

DEATH, LAUGHTER AND TAXES

Recently I had the pleasure of speaking to the Foundations Sunday School class at Concord UMC, Oak Ridge District, at the invitation of Holston Conference Foundation board member Mike Fields. With a packed room we explored issues related to what a will can and cannot do, what type of documents you need to finish this life well and what [types of legacies](#) one can leave that make a difference in the ministry of the church.

Comments from class attendees who added their personal experiences as well as the material the Foundation provides made for a very lively and informative discussion. Each person left with our newly revised FREE *Personal Information Record Book* and hopefully a desire to review their financial and health directives with loved ones and a professional advisor.



Should you wish to have Roger Redding or me preach at your church, speak at a Sunday School class or even present our popular workshop [Provide & Protect](#) at an evening program you can contact us at 865-690-8124 or click [here](#) to send an email.

I can't promise we'll always have as much laughter as we did in Mike's class but you know what they say about death and taxes...

Paul Bowman, Director of Gift Planning



SAVVY LIVING

[Furniture Aids for Those with Mobility Challenges](#)

I am interested in purchasing a recliner that lifts and lowers off the ground, or some other type of furniture that can help my father. He's arthritic and overweight and struggles mightily with getting up from most of the cushioned furniture in the house.... [Read More](#)

PERSONAL PLANNER

[Bequests to Your Favorite Charity](#)

Bequests to charity are the most popular type of planned gift. A donor may retain assets during life and then leave a bequest to a charity. [Read More](#)

YOUR PLAN

[Patricia V. Timberlake](#)

Patricia (Pat) V. Timberlake was quite a special lady. She was a devoted pastor's wife... [Read More](#)

WASHINGTON NEWS

Tax Extenders Negotiations Continue

While most Senators and Representatives are back in their home states or districts for the Thanksgiving holiday, negotiations continue on a tax extenders bill. Staff from the House, Senate and White House are all working on a potential compromise. [Read More](#)

FINANCES

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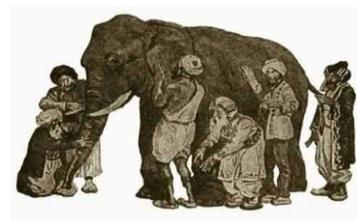
Bonds - Two-Year Treasury Yield on the Rise [Read More](#)

CDs and Mortgages - Little Movement in Interest Rates [Read More](#)

WHAT CAN THE FOUNDATION DO FOR YOUR LOCAL CHURCH?

Do you know the story of the elephant and the blind men that originated in India? Several blind men come across an elephant and began to touch it. The blind man who feels a leg says the elephant is like a pillar; the one who feels the tail says the elephant is like a rope; the one who feels the trunk says the elephant is like a tree branch and so forth.

As each man felt a different part of the elephant they came to totally different conclusions. Churches and individuals often have the same experience as the blind men. Perhaps you only know the Foundation as a grant source because you know about the Margaret Loving Trust? Or you have served on a finance committee so you know we invest local church money. Regardless of your personal experience with the Holston Conference Foundation, we are confident that there is so much more the Foundation can do for you individually or for your church.



In order to give the greater picture of how the Foundation can help your church, consider the following services provided by the Foundation:

- **Stewarding God's resources**-The Foundation offers expert investment management of church endowments and designated funds and can serve as trustee of charitable trusts and other planned gifts. By following a carefully crafted investment policy, the Foundation offers a broad-based set of investment options for the local church.
- **Resourcing the local church**-The Foundation provides customized printed resources that churches utilize in promoting endowment and planned giving options, as well as information on financial stewardship.
- **Speaking**-Foundation staff frequently speaks and preaches at church events, including Sunday services, leadership/committee meetings, United Methodist Men/Women's events, Sunday Schools, and provides estate planning seminars.
- **Advising individual donors**-Individuals contemplating significant gifts or bequests frequently visit with their pastor or their professional advisor for information and advice. The Foundation's professional staff can counsel the individual or provide the appropriate advisor with information.
- **Serving as a consultant to a committee**-We counsel churches in establishing a wills and legacies task force or endowment committee. We work with committees on strategically promoting planned gifts to the congregation.
- **Funding ministry**-The Holston Conference Foundation stewards nearly 200 special-purpose endowments and scholarships established by individuals, families, and friends interested in supporting specific ministries, churches, and institutions. Sometimes donors create funds that support a broader purpose or where a choice has to be made and our grant committee reviews and awards funds based on a signed local agreement.

In short, we want you to see the whole elephant. If we can assist your church in any of the areas above, please contact us by clicking [here](#) or calling 865-690-8124. We are glad to serve you by meeting with a committee, individually with the pastor or donors who are considering making a gift to their church through their estate plan.