



## Circuit Rider Dispatch



**Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.**

At a recent meeting of First United Methodist's finance committee there was unusual excitement in the air as well as noticeable tension. Each member sat in silence thinking about the windfall the church received the previous week from a dearly-loved and now departed saint. All were amazed that she had made a provision in her will for the church though they knew she loved it very much.

As they labored through the agenda each person quietly shared the same thought...what to do with the unexpected funds? The question was not only on everyone's mind but also on the agenda, right after reviewing a report from funds invested in the Holston Conference Foundation.

As hearts and minds turned to the kind benevolent act, the only thing they all agreed upon was that she only reaffirmed her sainthood by giving the church such a gift. Deciding how best to spend the money was a totally different issue.

"She was a member of the choir for 30 years," said the Choir Director. "It should be used to buy new choir robes."

"If we don't update our HVAC system soon your choir will be sweating mightily under those new robes," growled the head of Trustees.



The Mission committee chair looked at them and just shook her head. "You both know that she was an avid supporter of our youth missions and even talked about how she wished she could go on a short term mission trip herself," she said. "She can now go in spirit if we designate it all towards missions."

Patiently the minister listened to the deliberations of each member of the committee knowing that it would be best to let them exhaust themselves before he waded in to the discussion. As the debate died down he produced a document and laid it before the committee. As each read the donor agreement signed by the dear old saint they realized that her wishes superseded their various interests in the church. Her donor agreement, prepared with the help of the Foundation, created an endowment to perpetually fund an area of ministry that she determined prior to her death. Unanimously they agreed to direct the gift to an endowment named in her memory that will be managed by the foundation. The earnings will be directed back to benefit the ministry she selected in the local church.

Attempting to restore unity once again at First United Methodist Church the Finance Committee Chair asked the Trustee Chair to close the meeting in prayer. Several agreed it was a heart-felt prayer though one or two believed they heard him mumble something about the church's HVAC system and divine intervention...

If you are interested in learning how a gift from your estate can address your hopes, dreams and fears of leaving money to your church, please contact us. We would be glad to meet with you or discuss it over the phone (865-690-8124).



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