



Circuit Rider Dispatch



Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

How to Spend from an Endowment



One of the challenges faced by committees or stewards of endowments and scholarships is determining how much to spend each year. This seemed to be an easy process when the investment was in a 12-month CD and spending was based simply on interest earnings. But now interest earnings are slim...the current 90-day U.S. Treasury Bill yields only .07% and the one-year Treasury only yields .13%, while inflation hovers between 2% -3%. Many Churches and Trustee Committees have turned to the Foundation both for better investment options, but also for assistance in adoption of a more effective spending policy. Follow this [link](#) and you will see a real example of an endowment invested in the Foundation's Balanced Growth Fund over the past 20 years has doubled in size, yet has given away more than the total amount it started with. If your church would like to improve the performance of your special funds or you are considering creating such a fund to benefit your church or favorite ministry, please give us a call!

Click on the links below to see:

[2012 Performance](#) and [Investment options](#) with the Foundation

New Online Donation Function for Foundation

The Foundation recently launched an online option for giving to previous established funds within the Foundation. Utilizing PayPal a donor can select from various options, including "area of greatest need" to make a tax-deductible contribution through the Foundation. Please click [here](#) for the link at the Foundation's main website.

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Henrietta Pugh

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New Simpson-Bowles Fiscal Plan

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