

## **Circuit Rider Dispatch**

Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.



# Imagine No Malaria-Holston Conference Foundation Match

For a limited time, the Holston Conference Foundation will match gifts from individuals for \$1,000 or more to the *Imagine No Malaria* campaign, up to a total of \$50,000. Please consider supporting this vital campaign to end malaria in Africa by contributing through either your district office or directly to the Foundation. Our address is PO Box 900, Alcoa, TN 37701. Please <u>click here</u> to learn more about the Imagine No Malaria campaign.

The Foundation is a ministry of the Holston Conference and offers planned giving resources to individuals as well as investment services for churches for designated funds. For more information about the Foundation please call 1-800-690-8020 or visit <a href="https://www.holstonlegacy.org">www.holstonlegacy.org</a>.

## **Investing Church Funds with the Foundation**

2013 is already off to a great start on many fronts with the S&P 500 up 5% in January and reaching a five-year high! That said the financial markets are always moving. Take 2012 for example. We had

great performance with our Balanced Growth Fund up 11.63%; Equity Growth Fund up 15.51%; Intermediate Income Fund up 4.58%; and Short-Term Income Fund up 2.18%, yet during the year according to BTN Research, 54% of the days were up days in the market and 46% of the days were down. In fact, over the past 50 years, the average annual return of the S&P 500 is 9.79%, yet 53% of the days were up and 47% of the days were down. The lesson many need to hear is... "Do not listen to all the noise and fear in the news and bury your investable funds to simply try and keep them safe." The Foundation currently invests 365 church-



owned accounts and over 200 donor-created accounts that benefit churches or ministries named by the donors. *If your church funds are sitting on the sidelines they are actually going down in spending power due to inflation.* We would like to serve you and your church or favorite ministry by investing special funds or by sharing information about how you can plan a lasting legacy. Call us at 865-690-8124 or send an email to <a href="mailto:rogerredding@holston.org">rogerredding@holston.org</a> to let us help!

#### Click on the links below to see:

2012 Perfomance and Investment options with the Foundation

## Gifts That Keep On Giving-General Board of Discipleship FREE Webinar

Tues. February 21, 6:30pm CT

Regardless of size, there are opportunities for the people in your church family to make gifts that will continue to give support long after they are gone. Many other good causes are ready to answer their questions about planned gifts -- is your church? The good news is there is help, closer than you think! Rev. Don Joiner, Director of the Center for Planned Giving joins the webinar and will share how your church can be prepared to proactively meet this need. To save your spot, click <a href="here">here</a> to register.

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