



Circuit Rider Dispatch



Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

The coming death tsunami.

Denominations like the United Methodist Church are facing a decrease in giving of epic proportions. The traditional base of annual giving is eroding by the death of long-term members and donors. Visiting churches around the Holston Conference we hear more and more about the stress put on church budgets as dear, loyal givers go to be with the Lord. In addition to the current conditions, the US death rate is projected to dramatically change in just a few years. The rate is currently in a stable period (please see chart) that began in 2003 and continues until 2018; however, what follows this plateau is the greatest transfer of wealth at any time in the history of our country. The question is this-is your church prepared to receive bequests and other planned gifts that may sustain your church? Do you have the policies and promotional plan in place to seek estate gifts? We are here to help you and your church benefit from this great opportunity and to strategically plan for the coming storm. While many naysayers are hailing the coming "death tsunami" as an event to be dreaded by their church or ministry dependent on annual support, the Foundation can only say "surfs up!"

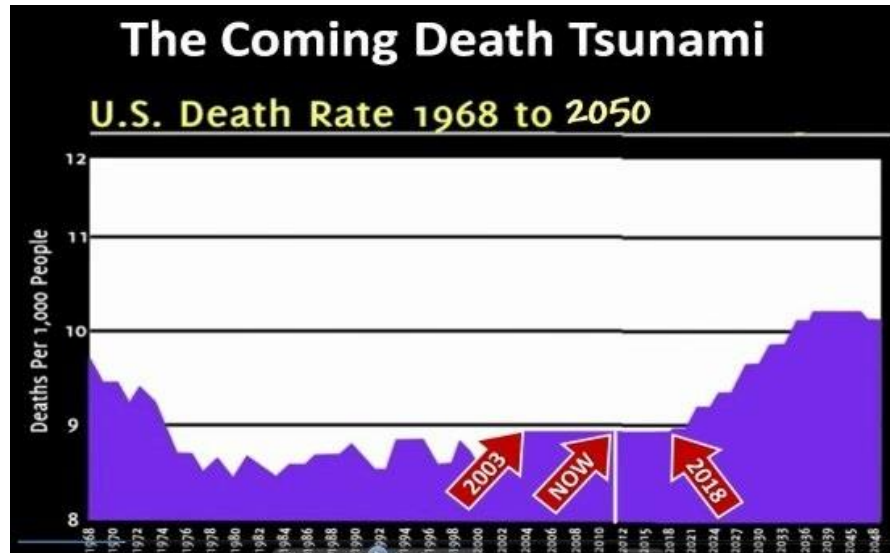


Chart courtesy of Florida UMC Conference

Contact us today and we will work with you to embrace the inevitable as together we seek to fund new ministries and support existing programs.

2013 Grant Cycle Concludes

With the spring cycle of the 2013 grant process behind us, the Foundation staff and board are pleased to announce the awarding of over \$278,000 in grants funding a total of 31 grant requests and special projects. In addition, \$82,000 in seminary and higher education scholarships are in the process of being awarded as well.

We greatly appreciate the donors and the volunteers that make it a joy to fund kingdom work in the Holston Conference and beyond. This week Paul Bowman had the pleasure of presenting a check to Tyner UMC's T.A.S.K. volunteers and program participants. The smiles, cheers and hugs of the volunteers and program participants expressed significant gratitude and appreciation for the Foundation's stewardship of gifts and work with donors.

It is times like these that we celebrate those who strategically plan to leave a legacy for others. To explore how you too can have an impact on others through a well-structured legacy gift, contact the Foundation by clicking [here](#). We would love to envision with you what your estate can do for the church and its vital ministries.



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Evelyn Caldwell

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WASHINGTON NEWS

Coalition Supports Charitable Tax Deduction

This week, Senate Finance Chair Max Baucus (D-MT) and House Ways and Means Committee Chair Dave Camp (R-MI) continued to move forward with tax reform. Sen. Baucus noted that last week he and Rep. Camp had launched a new TaxReform.gov website. [Read More](#)

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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.



Gifts may be given to any of the following: Area of Greatest Need · Ben St. Clair New Church Starts · Children's Ministry Endowment · Disaster Relief Endowment · Evangelism and Outreach Endowment · HC - Camping Scholarship Endowment · HC - College Scholarship Endowment · HC - Communications Technology Endowment · HC - Foundation Endowment · HC - Pastoral Counseling Center · Imagine No Malaria · Partners in Crisis Endowment · Senior Ministries Endowment · South Sudan Orphanage · South Sudan Wells/Sanitation · Stewardship Education · Youth Ministries Endowment · Youth Mission Scholarship · Wesley Foundations (campus ministry)

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