



# The Call

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Residents of northern Afghanistan are in such need that they are selling the roof beams of their homes to raise money for food.

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### ■ Hispanic Ministries

The General Board of Global Ministries has awarded \$50,000 in grant money to Hispanic ministries in the Holston Conference.

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### ■ Twinkle, Twinkle

What does it take to be a Five-Star Church? Go ask somebody in the Kingsport District.

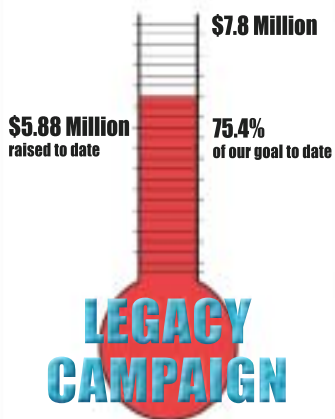
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### ■ District Roundup

A Cleveland minister gives up gravy. An Abingdon church bags \$188,000 worth of groceries. A Knoxville congregation goes rolling for dollars.

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The Legacy of Commitment campaign's purpose is to raise \$7.8 million to fund Holston's liability for pre-1982 pensions. Progress as of March 5, 2002:



## Charity at Home

SPRING MISSION PROJECT WILL BENEFIT SEVEN LOCAL AGENCIES



■ Wesley House

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■ Morgan-Scott Project



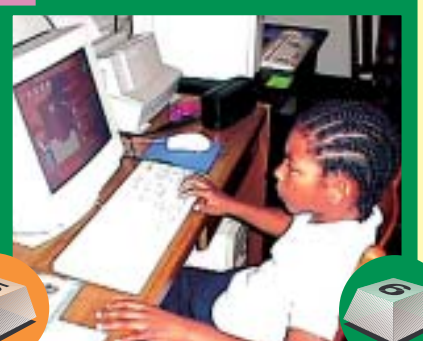
■ Jubilee Project



■ Project Crossroads



■ Big Stone Gap District Church & Community Renewal Project



■ St. Elmo/Alton Park Empowerment Ministry

After years of designating Estonia, Liberia or Zimbabwe as the single recipient of Holston's spring mission project, this year churches will be asked to spread some charity at home by raising \$125,000 for seven agencies within conference boundaries.

But in an effort to continue meeting the needs of overseas missions, each district also will be asked to collect supplies benefiting schools in Liberia or the Ishe Anesu project in Zimbabwe.

Conference leaders decided to raise money for several domestic missions this year after considering the state of the nation's economy and needs within the region, said Bill Daugherty, Holston missions coordinator.

The beneficiaries include The Bethlehem Community Center in Chattanooga; Wesley House Community Center in Knoxville; Morgan-Scott Project in Deer Lodge, Tenn.; Jubilee Project in Sneedville, Tenn.; Project Crossroads in Marion, Va.; Big Stone Gap District Church & Community Renewal Project in Big Stone Gap, Va.; and St. Elmo/Alton Park Empowerment Ministry in Chattanooga.

"There is such a need in southern Appalachia to support these special projects, in both urban and rural settings," Daugherty said. "There's been some outstanding work done in these places. They need help through the conference."

The goal of \$125,000 can be met if each Holston church member gives only 75 cents, said Becky Hall, a member of the conference Mission Ministry Team. Congregations are asked to take an offering for the seven agencies on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Offerings should then be brought to Annual Conference in Lake Junaluska, N.C., June 9-12.

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## Rejoice, Reflect, Renew

## Seniors invited to Gatlinburg for three-day retreat

Where are senior citizens in the church today? Look around, and you'll see they're well represented at gatherings such as Annual Conference and United Methodist Women meetings.

Yet, many of today's older adults feel abandoned or neglected by the church,

according to the Rev. Cecil Harville, a retired Holston minister living in Bean Station, Tenn.

"I had one gal tell me that now she's older and widowed, she's no longer considered to be on committees or asked to participate in activities," he said.

Jubilation, the second annual event for

senior adults in the Holston Conference, will address this issue and others when it convenes in Gatlinburg, Tenn., on May 5. The three-day retreat features retired Bishop Richard Looney as preacher and 16 workshops on topics such as "Legal Issues Facing Seniors" and "Learning

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