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*Wednesday, December 13, 2017*

The Holston Conference Strategy Team ('HCST') is scheduled to meet on Thursday, December 14, 2017 to continue its work to evaluate the health of Holston Conference and to implement the components of the Comprehensive Conference Strategy Plan designed to strengthen our connection for relevant and innovative ministry and shared mission.

This will be the sixth full meeting of the HCST since the adoption of the Comprehensive Conference Strategy Plan at Holston Annual Conference in June 2017.

The Holston Conference Strategy Team will receive the results of the Conference-wide process to select names of the nine new districts approved at the 2017 Annual Conference. Between November 15 and December 8, each district held an election to choose the name by which it would be known moving forward. The names chosen by the districts will be announced at the HCST meeting on December 14, 2017.

Also, the HCST will discuss plans for activities to help the new districts become familiar with their new neighbors, relationships and names in the months ahead. The Strategy Team will also continue its review of developments in the implementation of other elements of the Comprehensive Strategy Plan, including the role of 'missional hubs' as the means for new and innovative ministry in Holston Conference.

Please continue to maintain the Holston Conference Strategy Team in your prayers as it seeks guidance to fulfill God's vision for the future of Holston Conference.

*About the Holston Conference Strategy Team –*

*The Holston Conference Strategy Team initially convened in September of 2015 to evaluate the life of Holston Conference and to find more effective ways to share a contemporary and relevant vision for bringing people into a transformative relationship with Jesus Christ. The Team is comprised of up to 15 members and includes laypersons, local church pastors, district superintendents, members of the Conference executive team and the Bishop. The Strategic Plan proposed by the HCST was formally adopted by the Annual Conference in June 2017.*

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