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*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*  
*Tuesday, November 21, 2017*

The Holston Conference Strategy Team ('HCST') has announced that the first phase of the process to name our new Districts has been completed. Over the past several weeks, church members and clergy have been asked to offer suggestions to name the 9 new Districts that make up Holston Conference.

The District Superintendents along with their committees are reviewing the suggestions to determine three (3) names for members of the new districts to choose from.

Between **November 15 and December 8, 2017**, you are invited to vote for your choice of the name for your District. The instructions will be on your ballot, but each member will be allowed one (1) vote for the one (1) name you would like for your new District. Votes must be received at your current District Office before 5:00 p.m. on Friday December 8, 2017<sup>1</sup>. The votes will be tabulated and the new names for all nine districts will be announced on December 14, 2017.

Ballots will be sent to each district for distribution to all of the churches over the next week. Ballots will also be available on the Holston Conference website. Please be sure to pick only the ballot for the new District in which your church will be located. If you are not sure which numbered District your church will be in, this information can also be found on the Holston Conference website, in the 'Conference Strategy Team' webpage.

Also, the HCST is scheduled to meet on November 28, 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.

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<sup>1</sup> If your District office is closed on Fridays, be sure to get your ballot in before the end of business day on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

In addition to reviewing continuing efforts to implement the various components of the Comprehensive Conference Strategy Plan, the Strategy Team will be looking specifically at Conference-wide establishment of district missional hubs.

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.*

For more information about the HCST and its members, please visit [www.holston.org](http://www.holston.org), or contact us at [holstonstrategyteam@gmail.com](mailto:holstonstrategyteam@gmail.com)