



United Methodist
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Cleveland District Newsletter

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“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and the south.”

Psalm 107:2-3

The Psalms were the worship book of the Jews and followers of Jesus through the years. This passage is calling us to worship and share with others a testimony of what God has done for us. The Hebrew word for redeemed means “delivered”. The children of Israel knew something about being delivered. The Exodus was all about being taken from captivity in Egypt and delivered through the wilderness to a promised land. That is only one of many testimonies that they had to share of God’s wonderful acts.

If the Psalmist were to ask you, “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,” would you and I have anything to say? What kind of testimony would we give of what God has done in our life? Do we have a story of how God has delivered us from the hard things of life? Can we talk about God’s ability to teach us new lessons from the struggles of life’s journeys? Jesus did not have an easy life nor did he expect his disciples to breeze through their days with no troubles. In fact in Matthew 16:24 he tells his followers to take up their cross and follow him! Cross carrying will definitely give us something to talk to others about!

Let the redeemed say so, Cleveland District at home, church, work and play.

Hugh Kilgore

District Conference

We are excited to announce our upcoming **District Conference on September 24th at 6pm at First UMC, Cleveland**. We are doing things a little different this year and we will be having our business meeting portion beginning at 5pm and then worship together at 6. We do not anticipate the business meeting taking an hour!

Our time of worship will be great and we hope that all churches and their congregations will participate with us. We will be welcoming Charles Maynard as our speaker and we will also have The Ladies of Lee coming and sharing with us in music. You will not want to miss this time of inspiring worship!!

Please begin to share this upcoming event with your congregation and encourage your people to come and participate.

We are also adding a "Mission Fair" to this year's District Conference. We are asking all churches to come up with a board that depicts their mission and outreach activities in the community, nationally and worldwide. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Again, this will be an exciting time as we worship together! You do not want to miss this!

August

- 10 GBCS Peace with Justice Grant Deadline
- 12 UMW Social Action Workshop
Fairview UMC, Maryville
- 26 DCOM Recommendations due for new
Provisional and Associate Candidates

September

- 1 HIV/AIDS Grant Deadline
- 1 Ethnic Local Church Concerns Grant Deadline
- 4 Provisional and Associate Member
Applications Due
- 4 Labor Day – Conference and District Offices
Closed
- 6 Extended Cabinet
- 7 Appointment Cabinet
- 7 Board of Pensions Executive Team
First UMC, White Pine
- 15-17 Native American Gathering, Tellico Plains
- 15 Church Evangelism Program Grant
Deadline
- 15 UMW Comm. Meetings; Pres./Treas. Training,
Lake Junaluska, NC
- 16 Conference UMW Alumnae Meeting
- 16-17 District Officer Training
- 22 Elder and Deacon Written Materials Due
- 24 Cleveland District Conference
- 27 Witness Ministry Team
- 27-29 Holston Conference Secretaries Retreat
Pigeon Forge, TN
- 28 Board of Pensions, First UMC, White Pine
- 29 Provisional and Associate Member Orientation
- 30 Holston Conference Foundation Grant Deadline

Holston Administrative Professionals HAP Conference

Join your fellow Holston Conference administrative professionals at our annual retreat and learn ways to enhance personal wellness and safety at home, in your office, and at your church.

Enjoy the company of your colleagues in learning, in music and prayer, and let us not forget, in dinner and shopping amidst gorgeous mountain scenery!

*0.5 CEU certificate available for full participation upon request from
Wesley Leadership Institute.*

Registration Deadline August 15, 2017

[Online Registration](#)

Welcome

The Cleveland District welcomes the following pastors to appointments in our district.

Jacob Herron – Apison UMC
Micah Nicolaus – Broad Street UMC
Natalie Justice – Ooltewah UMC, Associate
Loren Boyce – Trinity UMC, Athens



2017 Golf Tournament - Saturday, September 16th

Our annual Golf Benefit is coming up! Join us for breakfast and then Tee off at The Bear Trace at Harrison Bay golf course! Lunch follows along with a silent auction and awards! Download the brochure for more details - it is sure to be a wonderful Saturday!

www.camplookout.com

[Download Brochure](#)

2017 Hands-On Mission Project



Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered in the 2017 Hands-On Mission Project. Our district collected 556 school kits surpassing our goal of 400.

Way to go Cleveland District!!!

Special thanks to Wesley Memorial, Cleveland for allowing us to use their building as our drop-off point.

District Older Adult Event

September 25, 10:15am Westwood Baptist Pavilion-

Guest, Maggie Cooper from Asbury, Inc in Kingsport- Topic "Better Balance and More" - Ways to stay healthy as we age. Come join us for this fun, free event. Music, devotional, program, and lunch. RSVP necessary to Jackie 476-7370 by September 18th.

District Survey for Holston Conference Strategy

The Holston Conference Strategy Team, ("HCST") is excited to be in mission with you to explore innovative and contemporary ways to bring people into a transformative relationship with Jesus Christ. As you may know, our Conference has adopted a Comprehensive Strategic Plan to make significant changes that will help us all to be more fruitful in mission and ministry for the Kingdom of God.

One of the key components of this plan is to redefine the location and boundaries of our Districts while consolidating them from 12 to 9 Districts. We need your help in making sure the Bishop and the Cabinet have a complete understanding of the factors that make your district area unique as they determine the actual boundaries.

We have therefore prepared a Survey for you to complete before the deadline of August 15, 2017.

We are preparing this Survey to make certain that everyone in Holston Conference receives this opportunity to provide input into this decision-making process.

This is just the first step in the process of implementing the Comprehensive Conference Strategy Plan and we hope that you will participate in future activities as well. To keep up with developments of the Plan, please follow updates on <http://Strategy.Holston.org>, and follow us on Facebook Holston Conference Strategy Team

Finally, we ask for your prayers for guidance and clarity of discernment as we all move together into a new future that God has prepared for Holston Conference.

Your Holston Conference Strategy Team

Click on this link to participate in the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LMW3RCD>

PROPEL

Good Stewardship, Greater Generosity

Holston Conference Foundation, CFA and the Stewardship Committee presents:

Propel: Good Stewardship, Greater Generosity Workshop presented by

Dr. Clayton Smith

Pastor of Generosity, Church of the Resurrection

Workshop topics:

I. "Four Visions that Cultivate Generosity"

II. "Good Stewardship Propels Great Generosity"

III. "Ministry Models with Real and Lasting Results"

Who Should Attend?

Church laity leaders, Pastors, Finance Committee members, Stewardship Team members, Endowment Committees, Trustees and all who are interested in stewardship and generosity.

Two Locations:

Saturday, September 9

9:30 Registration, 10-2:00 PM program

Concord UMC, Knoxville, TN

Click here to register online:

<https://propel-concord-location.eventbrite.com>

Sunday, September 10

1:30 Registration, 2-6:00 PM

Pleasant View UMC, Abington, VA

Click here to register online:

<https://propel-abingdon-location.eventbrite.com>

GRANT DEADLINES

PROGRAMMING GRANTS - SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 FALL DEADLINE

(Loving grants have been awarded for Spring. Accepting applications for Fall grants.)

SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIPS - DEADLINE - JULY 15, 2018

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS - DEADLINE - MAY 15, 2018

MISSION GRANTS - SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 DEADLINE

(Mission grants have been awarded for Spring. Accepting applications for Fall grants.)

Visit: www.foundation.holston.org for grant information.

Holston Conference Native American Ministries Team

September 22-24, 2017

Coker Creek Village

Tellico Plains, TN

Join us for our nineteenth gathering as we explore Native American culture and spirituality.

At this unique weekend event, people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds come together to honor Native American traditions.

People of Native descent affirm and reconnect with their heritage while non-Natives gain understanding and respect for Native traditions.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience music, culture, fellowship, fun, and growth in your relationship with our Creator.

[Visit our website](#)

In Memory

Rev. William B. Thomas, retired, Cleveland District
February 4, 1923 – May 24, 2017

James Davenport, foster son of Chris and Jodi Rouse.
September 30, 2013 – July 26, 2017

Judy Kay Ogle, wife of retired pastor Mike Ogle.
September 19, 1947 – August 4, 2017

Wanted: In home health care giver

An elderly couple needs professional and compassionate care in the comfort of our own home in exchange for room and board for a nursing student.

- Companionship
- Light housekeeping
- Preparing Meals
- Errands
- Must have experience
- Non-smoker
- Clean background

Monday-Friday
Flexible hours

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**NOMINATIONS FOR AT-LARGE MEMBERS FOR
HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 10-13, 2018**

Nominee Name	
Address	
Phone	Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____
Email address	
Church	
Church Phone	

Offices Held / Leadership positions in the local church and if applicable, district and conference: The information will be included on the ballot or summarized if necessary.

Has the nominee been asked if they are willing to serve? Yes No

Pastor's signature required: _____

Please return to the Cleveland District Office
P.O. Box 3382, Cleveland, TN 37320-3382
or you may email to cldist@holston.org

Deadline Thursday, August 31, 2017