

HOLSTON CONFERENCE FOUNDATION APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Board of Directors for the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation is pleased to announce the hiring of Paul Bowman as its new Executive Director. Earlier this year, Paul was asked to serve as the Foundation's Interim Director. "Paul has done an excellent job for the Foundation over the last six years as Director of Gift Planning and has represented the Foundation well these past several months in the interim role. He is well acquainted with the churches and individuals within the Conference. It was a logical choice for us to ask him to serve going forward as the Executive Director," said Sam Coulter, Foundation Board Chair. "With his 20 years of experience in the non-profit sector, he brings a lot of expertise and knowledge to the table."

"Paul Bowman has worked for several faith-based organizations throughout the Knoxville area. He has also worked in higher education in planned giving and development. A past-president of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and the Smoky

Mountain Planned Giving Council, he has exhibited leadership and the ability to help donors make the best decisions. We are looking forward to working with him in this new role," said Mary Virginia Taylor, Resident Bishop for the Holston Conference.

Paul's career in non-profit development began after graduating from the University of Memphis with a Master of Arts degree in history. He has worked for the Knox Area Rescue Ministries, The Salvation Army and Christian Academy of Knoxville. His higher education experience introduced him to the planned giving side of fundraising working for Carson-Newman University and most recently The University of Tennessee. In 2013, he was awarded Knoxville's "Non-Profit Professional of the Year" distinction from the AFP.

"I am very excited about building on the Foundation's history of stewardship and sound investment principals," said Paul Bowman. "I look forward to the future as the Holston Conference Foundation continues to reach out to churches that need our assistance in investments, planned giving promotion and grants. I believe that the Foundation can be a significant partner supporting the local church as they live out a vital faith and witness to the love and grace of God made known to us in Jesus Christ."

The Foundation is dedicated to serving all churches within the Holston Conference and individuals seeking to make a lasting impact for the kingdom. Its relationships with the Conference, clergy and laity are key to the success of fulfilling the mission that God has bestowed upon the Foundation. For more information about how the Foundation can assist you in meeting your investing and/or stewardship goals, contact the Foundation at paulbowman@holston.org or 865-690-8124.