

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## A WAY FORWARD

Throughout the Holston Conference and The United Methodist Church, Christians are praying and having important and difficult conversations about A Way Forward and the special called General Conference in 2019.

As I work with churches and institutions throughout the Conference several have expressed concern about the Foundation's ability to continue to invest their funds in the market should they remove themselves from the Holston Conference. I write to assure you that despite what change may come to the general church next year, or any year after that, you can count on the following:

- Your investments are secure. No action taken by next year's special called General Conference will impact any church's ability to utilize the Foundation.
- Our mission remains. We will continue to serve as a prudent fiduciary to Methodist and historically Methodist churches and institutions as we have done since 1981, as well as offer philanthropic consultation to individuals.
- We are focused on the future. The Foundation is working with the Board of Directors and key stakeholders to strategically impact the kingdom.

This bears repeating. . . should churches or institutions depart from The United Methodist Church for whatever reason, the Holston Foundation will continue to serve those churches or institutions. The Holston Foundation charter allows the Foundation to serve United Methodist as well as historically United Methodist churches and ministries.

The Holston Foundation staff and Board of Directors continue to pray for The United Methodist Church and the upcoming General Conference and we invite you to do so as well. I am personally attending the conference to best understand and interpret the process and results (if any) for the Foundation's partners in ministry.

If you have any questions about the Foundation and A Way Forward's impact on our relationship with your church or organization, please contact me at 865-690-8124 or [paulbowman@holston.org](mailto:paulbowman@holston.org)

Your trusted servant,



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