

## The Smoky Mountain District



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### 2020 LAY DELEGATE ELECTION PROCESS

One of the most important items of business during the 2019 annual conference session will be the election of lay and clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. The Holston Conference Board of Lay Ministry offers the following information regarding the nomination and election process for lay delegates.

#### **Eligibility for election**

Any lay person who has been a professing member of The United Methodist Church for at least two years preceding election, has been an active participant in The United Methodist Church for at least four years preceding election, and is a member of The United Methodist Church in the annual conference where elected at the time General and Jurisdictional Conferences are held is eligible for election. Book of Discipline (2016), Paragraph 36.

#### **Nomination process**

Nominees will be asked to complete the on-line nomination form. The nomination form includes the nominee's name, address, occupation, local church and district, ethnic constituency, current photograph, and biographical sketch of not more than 50 words. That information will be published in the Book of Reports distributed to all members of annual conference in May. Nominees must declare whether they are seeking election to both General and Jurisdictional Conferences or Jurisdictional Conference only. Additionally, nominees will be given an opportunity to submit a 200 word statement that will be published on the Conference website, but will not be included in the Book of Reports. The nomination form must be completed and membership certification submitted to your district office before February 15, 2019. Persons may also be nominated from the floor of the Laity Session at annual conference. Holston Conference Standing Rules, Rule #33.

Serving as a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences is both an honor and a challenge. It provides insight into the work of The United Methodist Church at levels beyond what most of us have experienced in our local congregations and annual conference.

Visit <https://holston.org/about/annual-conference/2020-lay-delegate-election-process/> to complete the on-line nomination form or if you have additional questions about the nomination and election process for lay delegates or the commitment involved in serving on the delegation. For further questions contact the District Office or our Conference Lay Leader, Del Holley, at [delholley@comcast.net](mailto:delholley@comcast.net).

**Praying**  
**"A Way Forward"**  
**Each and Every Day**  
**Please Remember to**  
**Pause and Pray for your**  
**Holston Delegation**  
**Between**  
**2:23-2:26 a.m. or p.m.**

(February 23-26-Dates of  
Special Session Of  
The General Conference)

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**Pastors-CEU Update**

Pastors, below is the link for the latest Continuing Education Update News:  
<https://www.robly.com/archive?id=e5076ddd66edf29182ba78b55c889064>

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**Up-Coming Events**

**February**

- 1-3 Divine Rhythm at Mills Auditorium, Gatlinburg
- 18-20 Ministers' Convocation in Pigeon Forge, TN
- 23-26 General Conference Special Session in St. Louis, MO
- 27 Pastors' meeting in the Event Center at the District office starting at 10:00 a.m.

**March**

- 4-8 Appointment Cabinet (Appointment Making Week)

**April**

- 1 Deadline to order Print Copy of Annual Conference Book of Reports
- 19 Good Friday - District Office closed
- 20 *Easter*
- 29 Wesley Woods Golf Tournament



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

**Special Thanks to the following Congregations who are current in their giving to the 2019 District Ministries**

*(Thru January 29, 2019—8.33%)*

(\* Denotes 100% of 2019 District Ministries paid)

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|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| * Axley's Chapel    | * Bethel (L)        | Broadway          |
| * Burnett Memorial  | Carpenters          | * Cedar Bluff     |
| Cokesbury           | * Eden              | * Fox             |
| * Friendsville      | Kodak               | Maryville, First  |
| * Meadow            | * Mountain View     | * New Hope        |
| Peck's Memorial     | Pigeon Forge, First | Pleasant Hill (K) |
| * Pleasant Hill (R) | Sevierville, First  | Seymour           |
| * Shults Grove      | St. Mark's (B)      | St. Paul          |
| * Trentville        | Tuckaleechee        | * Union Grove (B) |
| * Vonore            | * Wears Valley      | * Webb's Creek    |
| * Williamson Chapel |                     |                   |

## Smoky Mountain District UMW - Susan Daffron-President

I have almost completed the devotional, *I Surrender*, by Rhett Walker which was the inspiration for his song by the same name. Fear, distraction, control and selfishness were featured in the devotional. 1 Corinthians 13 states, *Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends...So now faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.* February is the month that hosts Valentine's Day and is known as the month of love. When Jesus was asked by the scribe which commandment was the greatest, he replied, *you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'* Fear, distraction, control and selfishness gets in the way of our ability to love as we are commanded. We must overcome these and love as we have been directed. My devotion challenges me to overcome my fears, my distractions, my attempt to control my life and my selfishness. The only way I can accomplish this is through the love described in 1 Corinthians 13 and to follow God's commandments. As I look at all the missions of the United Methodist Women, I can't help but see pure love demonstrated.

The Smoky Mountain District United Methodist Women will have our New Visions event on February 23, 2019, at Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. Our program will feature the Wordplayers performance of Oh, Freedom! This is the story of the underground railroad and will begin at 1 p.m. Registration is \$10 and will be collected at the door. Racial Justice Charter and timeline will be given to each attendee. What an excellent way to feature Black history month!

March 23, 2019, is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Methodist Women. The Smoky Mountain District will celebrate this with a birthday celebration at Cokesbury United Methodist Church. Rev. Charles Maynard will be our speaker. Registration is \$10 will begin at 12:30 p.m. with the birthday celebration to follow at 1 p.m.

As we journey through this month of love, let us remember Jesus love for us and go out into our world and love our neighbors. The Smokey Mountain United Methodist Women exhibit this as we selflessly care for women, children and youth who live on the margins of society in our communities and around the world. I am very thankful to be a part of that kind of love!

### 2019 Hands-On Mission Project- Zimbabwe Holston Annual Conference

*Unlike school supplies, food items have expiration dates. Be sure and check the dates and make sure they do not expire until 2020 in order to cover transport time and having a useful life for the people in Zimbabwe.*

The Smoky Mountain District has been asked to put together 400 Food Buckets for the 2019 Holston Annual Conference Hand-On Mission Project. *Note: A \$5.00 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each bucket. Each church is ask to bring ONE check for the total donation amount. Make checks out to Smoky Mountain District and put 2019 Hands-On in the memo line. \* Do not put money in the bucket!*

Canned Ham (2-lb total)	1 bag dried beans (2lb)
1 box Splenda/Sucralose (50 ct. or less)	1 Bag Rice (2 lb)
1 bottle cooking oil (48 oz. or less)	1 box, butter flavor grits
1 box quick/instant oats (18 oz. or less)	1 Corn meal (4-5 lb)
1 box powdered milk (10oz. or less)	

Your buckets need to be delivered to Fairview UMC, 2508 Old Niles Ferry Road, Maryville, TN 37803: Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
*(do not deliver early)*



## Annual Conference 2019 Update:

The housing lottery will open on February 4<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> for Lake Junaluska housing. You can enter the lottery by following the link provided at [www.ac.holston.org](http://www.ac.holston.org). If you require a paper copy for housing lottery you must contact Lake Junaluska at 1-800-222-4930 before March 1.

Camp in the Community will be in charge of childcare during this year's Annual Conference. A link will be provided on [www.ac.holston.org](http://www.ac.holston.org) to register children. If you need a paper copy please contact the conference office to have one mailed to you. Watch mail and email in mid to late January for more important information and dates regarding Annual Conference 2019.

## Spring Grants Deadline Announced

Did you know the Holston Foundation awarded more than **\$175,000** in mission and ministry grants in 2018? Those grants go directly to local churches and United Methodist ministries to make a difference in the name of Christ.

Is your local church or United Methodist ministry interested in grant funding for mission and ministry? Holston Foundation spring grant applications are now available online. All applications are due by Friday, March 15.



### [Mission Grants Application](#)

### [Programming Grants Applications](#)

Programming grants include specific applications for evangelism ministries, strategic ministries, senior adult ministries and more.

Help us spread the word about these funds or encourage your local church to apply today. Questions about which grant(s) to apply for? Simply reply to this email or contact the Holston Foundation at 865-690-8124.

## Jubilation 2019 Update:

I am pleased to provide to you information for Jubilation 2019, May 6-8, at the Mainstay Suites in Pigeon Forge, TN. Our theme for 2019 is More Than Our Memories with a scripture focus of Psalm 139: 1-2, "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar."

We will be blessed by the leadership of Bishop Kenneth L. Carder, son of Holston Conference and currently serving as caregiver for his wife, Linda, who is diagnosed with Frontotemporal Dementia and volunteer chaplain at Bethany Memory Care Center at the Heritage at Lowman. He will provide us a theological understanding of those living with dementia and ways we, as congregations, care for those persons and their families.

Registration opens for Jubilation 2019 on January 8 – March 29, 2019. More information can be found at <http://holston.org/events/2019/may/06/jubilation-2019/> or by contacting the office of Connectional Ministries of the Holston Conference 865-690-4080.