



## Disaffiliation Frequently Asked Questions

### **CAN MY FUNDS STAY WITH THE FOUNDATION?**

Yes, your funds are safe with the Holston Foundation whether or not your church disaffiliates. Your funds can remain with the Holston Foundation even if your church chooses to affiliate with another denomination or become an independent church.

### **IF MY CHURCH DISAFFILIATES, IS IT STILL ELIGIBLE TO INVEST WITH THE HOLSTON FOUNDATION?**

Yes, your church will have access to the funds offered by the Foundation.

### **WILL THE FOUNDATION CONTINUE TO SERVE CHURCHES THAT JOIN OTHER DENOMINATIONS?**

Yes, the Holston Foundation's charter allows the organization to serve United Methodist and historically Wesleyan churches and organizations.

### **DO DECISIONS MADE AT GENERAL CONFERENCE IMPACT THE HOLSTON FOUNDATION?**

No decision made at General Conference will impact a church's ability to invest with the Holston Foundation. Decisions made at General Conference do not impact an individual's ability to give through the Holston Foundation. The Holston Foundation is not bound by any General Conference or Judiciary Council decisions.

### **I WANT TO INCLUDE MY CHURCH/FAVORITE MINISTRY IN MY WILL, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS. CAN I INCLUDE CONTINGENCIES IN CASE MY CHURCH/FAVORITE MINISTRY CHOOSES TO MAKE A CHANGE?**

Yes, donors can include contingencies that direct their funds. Donors are in charge of their funds and can add statements that would re-direct their gift if "x" happens. For example, should your church disaffiliate in the future or a ministry no longer exists, you can dictate other options for distributions from an endowment.

### **CAN A DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, BISHOP, OR THE CONFERENCE TAKE OUR FUNDS?**

No, your funds are safe with the Holston Foundation, which serves as a prudent fiduciary. A district superintendent, the bishop, or the Conference cannot access your funds.

### **MY CHURCH DISAFFILIATED FROM THE UMC. IS IT STILL ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FOUNDATION?**

Yes, a select number of grant funds enable the Holston Foundation to continue supporting churches that disaffiliate.

Find the latest information at [www.holstonfoundation.org/disaffiliation](http://www.holstonfoundation.org/disaffiliation). If your church chooses to disaffiliate, please contact the Holston Foundation to update account information at 865-690-8124.