

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

Holston Conference Older Adult Ministry Team invites you to join in the movement to have all local churches receive age-friendly certification!

In partnership with ENCORE Ministry Foundation and Engaging Communities, a division of UT Chattanooga's Nursing Department, Holston Conference is setting a goal to become an Age-Friendly Conference! At our 2026 Annual Conference, we celebrated our first cohort of churches who received this special designation of Age-Friendly Congregations and set the course to provide the means for all churches to receive this designation within the next 5 years! This training course which provides practical tools and theological insights to help congregations reframe aging, embrace accessibility, strengthen intergenerational connections, and promote physical, mental, and spiritual wellness is a step toward becoming a church and conference who actively practices welcoming persons of all ages with God's grace and love.

We know that the population of older adults – those age 50 or older – continues to grow. Join us as we explore how to be a church for all people as we make real our commitment to care for persons as they age by organizing programs for and with persons aged 55 and older and exploring new methods of reaching those who are becoming home-bound. What joyous times are ahead of us as we grow in our willingness to provide innovative ways to provide opportunities for our people to know God better and to serve God to their fullest!

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