

ENCORE MINISTRY FOUNDATION F/K/A GOLDEN CROSS FOUNDATION REPORT

The purpose of the Golden Cross Foundation of the Tennessee Conference of the UMC has historically been to provide funding to ENCORE Ministry Committee, local churches, districts, and conference agencies, for the creation and support of older adult ministries. This financial support includes local church matching grants designed to benefit older adults in local congregations and their communities. These grants provide funding for spiritual fellowship, food security, access to healthcare, affordable housing, transportation, and church building accessibility for older adults.

As of January 1, 2022, the Golden Cross Foundation of the Tennessee Conference will become **ENCORE Ministry Foundation**. The mission will remain the same, but the newly named ENCORE Ministry Foundation will expand its mission area to be coextensive with the boundaries of the new Tennessee-Western Kentucky (TWK) Conference.

EMF will be self-funded and will not receive apportioned funds from the TWK Conference. ENCORE Ministry Foundation will raise funds for its operation, local church and strategic grants, and the full funding of the new ENCORE Ministry. ENCORE Ministry Committee and the EMF will relate to the new conference Connectional Table through the Connect Strategy Team to which ENCORE Ministry/Golden Cross Foundation has been assigned.

As part of its change to ENCORE Ministry Foundation, the Charter and Bylaws of Golden Cross Foundation have been changed to reflect the name change and relationship with the TWK Conference. As has been the case with Golden Cross Foundation of the Tennessee Conference, these governing documents must be approved by the Annual Conference and are appended to this report for approval as part of acceptance of this report.

Current members of the Foundation Board of Directors will remain in place until their terms expire and/or their successors are chosen by the TWK Conference at its June 2022 meeting or any meeting thereafter.