

**ENCORE MINISTRY**  
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ENCORE Ministry is an older adult ministry resource in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church which provides support for church leaders and congregations to meet the needs of the fastest growing demographic group in the conference. There is no cost to congregations or districts for its service.

ENCORE Ministry provides:

- Training and support for local church leaders in planning older adult ministries
- One-on-one consultative ministry with local church and district leadership teams in reframing aging and designing older adult ministries
- Seminars and resources that assist local churches in developing and sustaining intentional older adult ministry
- Network opportunities for leaders in older adult ministries to learn from one another and from other sources and agencies
- Grant funding for congregations in several areas related older adult ministry

ENCORE Ministry is comprised of members from the various districts in the conference. Members review grant applications and approval and provide training workshops in older adult ministry throughout the conference.

As an extension ministry of the conference, ENCORE Ministry's grant funding purpose is to provide:

- Assistance in funding new and ongoing ministries by, with, and for older adults
- Expertise and strategic planning to the districts and conference for the expansion of innovative and intentional older adult ministries

Financial grants are provided to United Methodist churches and districts within the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference to meet the needs and challenges of older adults. With few exceptions, grants are matching grants. Since 2013, ENCORE Ministry has awarded 94 grants to conference churches totaling \$747,380.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, ENCORE Ministry began publishing ***ENCORE Ministry Connection***, a monthly e-newsletter for church leaders and older adults. Each issue is filled with relevant articles, resource information, and suggested books and websites to visit. To sign up for a free subscription, email [csolomon@encoreministry.org](mailto:csolomon@encoreministry.org).

Additional resources are located on the revised and updated ENCORE Ministry website at [www.encoreministry.org](http://www.encoreministry.org). Here, leaders will find a wealth of information that supports their intentional ministry by, with, and for older adults.

To learn how ENCORE Ministry can help make a significant difference in the life of your congregation in older adult ministries, contact:

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