

Special Sundays Observance Resolution

Whereas, GOLDEN CROSS Senior Ministries, Inc. is an extension ministry of the former Memphis Conference whose purpose is to enhance the quality of life for all seniors served by Wesley Living, and

Whereas the Golden Cross Sunday offering has been observed in churches on the first Sunday in May by action of the former Memphis Conference, and

Whereas the Golden Cross Sunday offering is a primary means of funding the ministry of GOLDEN CROSS Senior Ministries, and

Whereas, the Golden Cross Foundation, now the ENCORE Ministry Foundation, is a self-funded extension ministry of the former Tennessee Conference whose purpose is to provide training, resources, consultation, and funding to local congregations to enhance older adult ministry, and

Whereas the special Sunday offering for ENCORE Ministry has been observed in churches on the second Sunday in September by action of the former Tennessee Conference, and

Whereas this special Sunday offering is a primary means of funding the ministry of ENCORE Ministry;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, through the passage of this resolution, affirms the observances of two special Sundays with offerings — Golden Cross Sunday to benefit GOLDEN CROSS Senior Ministries (May 2023) and ENCORE Ministry Sunday to benefit ENCORE Ministry (September 2022).

Be it further resolved that local congregations could observe the Golden Cross Sunday offering on another Sunday in May and the ENCORE Ministry Sunday offering on another Sunday in September.

Be it further resolved that each local congregation shall remit the two offering receipts to the treasurer/director of Administration and Finance of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference.

Be it further resolved that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference affirms its support for Golden Cross Sunday, May 7, 2023, and ENCORE Ministry Sunday, September 11, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

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