

Golden Cross Foundation Resolution to the Tennessee Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church meeting in virtual session on September 18-19, 2020 at Brentwood United Methodist Church in Brentwood, TN.

Whereas, the Golden Cross Foundation is a self-funded support agency for older adult ministries in the Tennessee Annual Conference endorsed by the Tennessee Conference Council on Connectional Ministries;

Whereas, the Golden Cross special Sunday offering would now go to the funding of expanded older adult ministry initiatives;

Whereas, the Golden Cross special Sunday offering by Tennessee Annual Conference action has traditionally been observed on the second Sunday in May (Mother's Day);

Whereas, this date for Golden Cross Sunday offering Golden Cross Sunday competes with Mother's Day, graduate recognition, Native American Ministries Sunday, and Peace with Justice Sunday;

Whereas, the Golden Cross Sunday offering is a primary means of funding the older adult initiatives of the Golden Cross Foundation;

Whereas, the Golden Cross Foundation is an extension ministry of the Tennessee Annual Conference with its programs, budgets and board of directors approved by each session of the Tennessee Annual Conference;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, through the passage of this resolution, affirms that the new date for the observance of the Golden Cross Sunday offering be the second Sunday in September traditionally observed as Grandparents Day;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that local congregations can observe the Golden Cross Sunday offering on another Sunday in September.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each local congregation shall remit the Golden Cross Sunday offering to the Treasurer/Director of Administration and Finance of the Tennessee Annual Conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tennessee Annual Conference affirms its support for this date change in the observance of Golden Cross Sunday to begin on September 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted:

Mr. Charles Hewgley, Chairperson, Golden Cross Foundation Board of Directors; this day of July 20, 2020