



CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Please take just a minute out of your busy schedule to mark your worship calendar to receive the annual offering for Golden Cross Ministries on Sunday, February 5, 2012. The Golden Cross offering is part of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries of the South Carolina Annual Conference, and the purpose of this offering is to help us, help each other. The money received through this offering helps in the following ways:

- To assist United Methodists with insurmountable medical expenses that are not covered by insurance, Medicare or Medicaid
- To provide scholarships for students preparing to serve in the health care field
- To assist retired clergy living in one of our three United Methodist Retirement Communities with the cost of home maintenance and insurance
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Please visit the umcsc website to download the bulletin insert for Golden Cross Sunday and receive this important offering. Your personal attention to this effort will be greatly appreciated by your sisters and brothers in our annual conference who will benefit directly from your effort. What a great way to be the hands and feet and heart and voice of Jesus during this time when so many are in need of hope.

Please make checks payable to Golden Cross and submit on a remittance form to the Conference Treasurer's office.

Thank you for caring and sharing in the new year!

Rev. Sandra Smith King
Chair, Board of Health and Welfare Ministries
South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

The Golden Cross offering is a special program of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The offering gives United Methodists the opportunity to effectively demonstrate their care and concern. The offering is received one Sunday each year, and all funds are used within the South Carolina Conference for the support of the following programs.

Medical Assistance

The rising costs of medical care are creating financial difficulties for many of our United Methodist families. Members of a United Methodist church in South Carolina who incur insurmountable medical expenses not covered by Medicare, Medicaid or hospital insurance may apply for assistance with the help of their local minister or Methodist retirement community president.

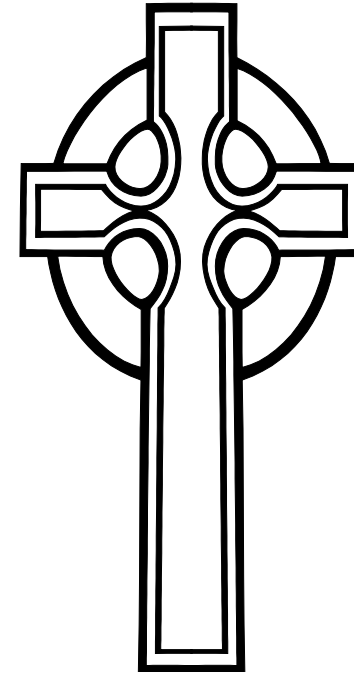
Health Care Scholarships

Each year the fund provides scholarships of up to \$1,000 to persons who are preparing for service in the field of health care. In order to qualify for these funds, the applicants must have completed one semester of training, must be making satisfactory progress in their studies, and must supply evidence of financial need.

*Note: Applications for Medical Assistance and Health Care Scholarships may be obtained online from the Conference website <http://www.umcsc.org/PDF/scholarships/GoldenCross.pdf> or through your local UMC pastor.



Golden Cross



A Ministry of Health and Wholeness



Celebrated annually
on the 1st
Sunday of February

Maintenance and Insurance on Units for Retired Ministers and Spouses

Medical Assistance

Health Care Training Scholarships

Application Deadlines are: July 30th and November 30th each year.

Maintenance and Insurance on Home for Retired Ministers & Spouses living in our three Retirement communities

The Golden Cross offers our retired ministers living in our three Methodist retirement communities income for home maintenance and insurance. The three United Methodist retirement communities in South Carolina are: Wesley Commons in Greenwood, The Methodist Manor of the Pee Dee in Florence, and The Oaks located in Orangeburg. Visit the Our Methodist Homes Online:

Wesley Commons

<http://www.wesleycommons.org>

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On Behalf of the Residents, Staff and Board of Trustees of Wesley Commons, I want to thank you for your continued support of our wonderful ministry. Wesley Commons is a master planned, full-service continuing care retirement community located on over 100 beautiful wooded acres in Greenwood, South Carolina. The Community offers a full-range of services for senior adults - a variety of independent residential living neighborhoods, with the security of quality and caring options for assisted living, Alzheimer's and dementia care, as well as skilled nursing right on our campus. This gives retirees the freedom to shape their own retirement lifestyle with comfort and confidence.

Wesley Commons offers the amenities of gracious lifestyle, such as fine dining, social, educational, recreational and cultural programs. Wesley Commons encourages fellowship, spiritual growth, health, vigor and wellness, through a variety of on-campus activities. The focus on wellness extends from a comprehensive dining program to a full-service wellness complex, complemented by other services to make each and every day rich and invigorating.

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The Methodist Manor of the Pee Dee

<http://www.methodist-manor.com>

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Since 1991, the United Methodist Manor of the Pee Dee has offered the very finest in active retirement living. The Manor is a Continuing Care Retirement Community located just off US 76 at I-95 in Florence, four miles west of the city. Residents make their home on 90 acres of landscaped and wooded grounds, with walking trails, a fish pond, gazebo, and gardens. Several levels of living accommodations are available to our residents. The independent living area consists of 36 patio homes with 5 floor plans and 94 apartment homes with three floor plans to choose from. Wesleyan Suites, the assisted living area, has 53 suites with varying sizes. Magnolia Terrace, a special care area for memory care associated with Alzheimer's and related dementia conditions, offers 12 suites in a secure environment. For those who require skilled nursing care, the Manor provides a 32 bed health care center.

The Oaks

<http://www.theoakssc.com>

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The Oaks is located only three miles south of the city of Orangeburg on a wooded campus dominated by an avenue of Live Oaks. As a continuing care retirement community, we offer retirement living tailored to your lifestyle consisting of private rooms, patio homes, apartments, duplexes, assisted living and skilled nursing care. Quality of life is enriched by the quiet beautiful setting of the Edisto River and the wildlife that live in harmony with the residents of The Methodist Oaks. Since our humble beginnings in 1953 when the South Carolina Methodist Conference purchased the original 113 acres of property now known as The Methodist Oaks, we continue to meet the needs and desires of our residents.