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# ENCORE Ministries

Golden Cross Foundation of the Tennessee Conference

**Fall 2018**

Dear Church Leader,

You are receiving the initial newsletter of **Encore Ministries**, which we hope will be the first of many communications to United Methodist churches in the Tennessee Conference focusing on intentional older adult ministries. Encore Ministries serves the Tennessee Conference by providing consultation, training and support, quality resources and network opportunities to equip church leaders for their ministry by, with, and for older adults. Our newsletter is another means of communicating to help resource you and your congregation. Each quarterly newsletter will contain event information, resources, ideas, and best practices.

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## Encore Ministry Awards – A Call for Nominations

At the 2019 Tennessee Annual Conference, Encore Ministry Awards will be presented to area churches. We invite church leaders to nominate churches in the conference that you believe are providing exceptional or exemplary ministry by, with, and for older adults. To nominate your church or a church in your district for the 2019 Encore Ministry Award, please contact Rick Gentzler at [Richard.gentzler@tnumc.org](mailto:Richard.gentzler@tnumc.org). Please send your nomination by January 21, 2019. In addition, if you know of an outstanding church leader in older adult ministries, we encourage you to nominate this person, too.

Seven (7) churches in the Tennessee Conference were the recipients of the first annual Encore Ministry Awards. The awards, for exemplary older adult ministry, were presented to the church leaders at the Tennessee Annual Conference on Wednesday, June 13 during the dinner sponsored by the Golden Cross Foundation and Martin Methodist College. The 7 churches recognized for their outstanding ministry with older adults in 2018 were:

- Centertown United Methodist Church (Caney Fork River District)

- First United Methodist Church, Cookeville (Caney Fork River District)
- Greenbrier United Methodist Church (Cumberland River District)
- First United Methodist Church, Franklin (Harpeth River District)
- Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church, Nashville (Red River District)
- First United Methodist Church, Smyrna (Stones River District)
- St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro (Stones River District)

Each church received a \$500 check, a framed Award Certificate, and two (2) copies of the new resource by Dr. Richard Gentzler titled, ***An Age of Opportunity***.

Please make your choice for nomination and send this to Rick Gentzler at [Richard.gentzler@tnumc.org](mailto:Richard.gentzler@tnumc.org) Do so by January 21, 2019.

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### **Encore Ministry Webpage at [WWW.ENCORETNUMC.ORG](http://WWW.ENCORETNUMC.ORG)**

Helpful resources and other useful information for your older adult ministry are available on the Encore Ministry Webpage at [www.encoretnumc.org](http://www.encoretnumc.org) Plan to visit the webpage for information about Best Practices, Ministry Resources, Event Information, Scam of the Month, Ministry Announcements, and the 2019 Golden Cross Foundation Grant Funding Guidelines and Application for Older Adult Ministry.

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### **Encore Ministry District Training Events**

Encore Ministry District Team Leaders are planning training and sharing seminars on older adult ministries in specific regions in each of the five (5) districts of the Tennessee Conference. The seminars are held on a Sunday afternoon, from 2 PM – 4:30 PM, and provide valuable resource information as well as an opportunity for listening and sharing ministry ideas. Each church is invited to send a team of 3 to 4 church leaders to the training events and there is **no cost** for the seminar, it is **free!**

The first district training seminar was held in Crossville at First UMC on Sunday afternoon, July 22. Eleven (11) church teams attended the seminar. (Caney Fork River District)

The second district training seminar was held in Nashville at Dalewood UMC on Sunday afternoon, September 30. Four (4) church teams attended the seminar. (Cumberland River District)

The third district training seminar (and the last one scheduled for 2018) will be held in Winchester at First UMC on Sunday afternoon, November 4. (Stones River District)

Encore Ministry District Team Leaders are planning for more training events in 2019!

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## **Encore Ministry District Team Leaders**

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**Christmas at Beersheba**

**Day Events \$18**

November 29, December 4, December 6 and December 11

**Overnight Event**

December 7th & 8th    4 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
\$65 Double Occupancy    \$100 Single Occupancy

To Register Contact:  
Beersheba Springs Assembly  
P.O. Box 577  
Beersheba Springs, TN 37305  
Call (931) 692-3669

**Festival of Wisdom and Grace at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina – August 5-8, 2019**

You will want to hold the dates August 5 – 8, 2019 for the next Festival of Wisdom and Grace Event. For more information and registration: Festival of Wisdom and Grace,  
PO Box 67, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745  
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