

# Golden Cross Fund



Each year, the South Georgia Annual Conference designates a special offering. While we are not yet meeting together in person, we still want to join together our hands and gifts to collectively support a ministry that brings us *Alive Together at the Table*. The South Georgia Conference has therefore designated the **Golden Cross Fund** as the 2021 Annual Conference Special Offering.

The Golden Cross Fund began in 1908 with the commitment of Methodists in Dallas, TX to provide health care to persons who could not afford it. Today, Golden Cross is a ministry that reaches out in love to individuals in our Annual Conference who are experiencing financial difficulty due to excessive medical expenses. Through Golden Cross, United Methodists care for members of our local churches in a time of emotional stress and financial need.

Part of being *Alive Together at the Table* is loving our neighbors by looking to see the needs around us. Just this past year, we have seen the significant impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for individuals and families throughout the South Georgia Conference. We know many individuals across our Conference have been adversely impacted by unexpected medical costs and the associated strain they cause.

The Golden Cross Fund - through the South Georgia Conference - affirms our commitment to help with the financial burden of medical expenses caused by COVID-19 as well as other healthcare needs.

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