Methodists Hear Report on Hospital Fund

HOUSTON, May 27 (AP) — With approximately 65 per cent of the desired $3,000,000 already collected or pledged, construction of a Methodist hospital in the Texas Medical Center here can be started next year, according to reports of the Texas Methodists Annual Conference Wednesday.

The report on the fund drive was delivered by Walter L. Goldston, chairman of the board of Hospitals and Homes. To date, Goldston said, $1,154,092 of the church's $1,500,000 goal has been collected or pledged. The collections include $666,000 in cash.

The drive started with a $1,000,000 contribution from H. R. Cullen, Houston oil man, and $300,000 contribution from the M. D. Anderson Foundation.

Golden Cross Goal

Rev. Ed McCreary announced that the Golden Cross, which directs the charity work of the church, has set a goal of $500,000 for the coming year.

The conference will end Friday with announcement of ministerial appointments for the year by Bishop A. Frank Smith.

The 600 delegates heard the boards of missions and church extension, temperance, and the corresponding evangelism, education, service and finance, laymen's work and statistical committee.

Dr. Charles R. Goff of Chicago preached at noon.

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