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From the President

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

In this season of Advent, the season of expectation of our Lord and Saviors birth, I wish to all of you and your families a blessed Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

October was a busy month for NAPS. We held our first conference at Philmont, it was great. I also attended the BSA Religious Relations meeting in Dallas. I have been assigned to the Religious Awards Sub-Committee and will be working with Mark Hazelwood of PRAY.

We have the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators Conference (APCE) coming up in February in Vancouver BC. The APCE Conference is attended by Directors of Christian Education and Youth Ministers.

The BSA/NAPS booth will be manned by Scott Cummins of NAPS and Dave Richardson of the BSA. This is our opportunity to accomplish some of our goals of encouraging Churches to sponsor the Boy Scout Programs and place emphasis on the God and Country Programs.

The APCE Conference provides us an opportunity to expose the responsible Church staff members to the benefits of the Boy Scout Programs.

Further down the road in 2005, I will attend a meeting in Louisville KY in March to renew our covenant with the PCUSA. In the Summer, of course, there is the BSA Jamboree. We have two staff positions yet to fill, if you are interested in filling one of them please contact me at wray-diana@mindspring.com or (636) 391-0734.

I have been asked, "how I can get involved in attaining the goals of NAPS?" As we go into the New Year, I would like to ask each of you to consider initiating the efforts or getting involved in starting a new unit(s) in a Presbyterian Church that doesn't have the complete Boy Scout Program (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing), encouraging your Church to adopt the God and Country Program and act as coordinator of the program, maybe even teaching or being a counselor for the Programs. (You will find it rewarding, I know I do.)

You could initiate or participate in a Presbyterian Religious Retreat or a 10 Commandments Hike, or simply get a group of NAPS members together for Coffee and discuss how you can make an impact in your Presbytery and synod. You could attend a Presbytery meeting with a NAPS display and acquaint the attendees with what NAPS is and does. Last but not least encourage Presbyterian Church's "Charter Organization Representatives" as well as other Presbyterian Scouters to join NAPS.

Again, have a **Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.**

Yours in Scouting, **Wray**



PHILMONT CONFERENCE attendees were left to right, Eliot Kerlin, Karen Williams, Tom Williams, Perkins Patton, Stephen Smith, and David Richardson. On the front row, Loretta Walker, Wray Johanning, Dr. Don Campbell, and Rev. Rusty Cowden. Not shown, but attending, was Dr. Paul Deason. (Photo by Eliot Kerlin)

Twelve Attend NAPS Philmont Conference

The NAPS sponsored conference on "Using Scouting in Church Outreach" was held October 4 - 8 at the Philmont Scout Ranch Training Center.

"We had many wonderful exciting and informative sessions chaired by Rev. Rusty Cowden and supported by Don Campbell of the PCUSA and Dave Richardson of the BSA," said Wray Johanning, President, "In all we had 12 people in attendance. Philmont was beautiful in the fall and the weather cooperated.

"We were able to tour the "Back Country" (the hiking side of the Philmont Ranch) in 4-wheel drive vehicles and tour the operations of the Ranch, as well as spend our money at the Trading Post."

NAPS will be sponsoring the next Conference in the Fall, 2005. Details should be published in the next issue.

"We will be limited to 30 attendees, so as details become available consider attending," he urged. "You will have a good time as well as an opportunity to share your thoughts and gain information."

How About a Collectors' Patch For The Awards' Candidates?

By Dr. C. William Spencer, FACHA

As promised in my previous article, these are some thoughts on promoting youth participation in the Religious Awards Program.

New unit leaders need to be made aware of at least the existence of the program. A very brief presentation at "Cub Basic" and "Scoutmaster Fundamentals" can easily accomplish this goal.



It is important at any presentation or training session to give the participants something to take home. General information materials are available from PRAY or National BSA Supply, or can be reproduced locally.

Additional opportunities present themselves, either for classes or "midway" displays at Scout-o-rama, Pow-Wow, Merit Badge College, "University of Scouting", Scout Shows or other Council-wide functions which attract large groups.

Another often-lost opportunity is at our camps. Offering to assist in providing a Sunday morning non-denominational service or "Scout's Own" at Camporee, Family Camp, Camporall or even at Summer Camp provide us such opportunities.

Finally, use every opportunity to make presentations at Roundtables, especially in January in advance of Scouting Anniversary Week and Scout Sunday/Sabbath.

UNIT PRESENTATIONS

Every year, each unit has a visit from a District representative making a presentation on "Friends of Scouting". The emphasis at these presentations is to get everyone to complete a pledge card. Experience has shown that making the presentation to the largest possible audience and giving everyone the "opportunity" to participate results in additional revenue to support the Council programs.

Volunteer for your District to be one of the presenters (or train others.) While the families are completing the cards, provide a brief presentation on the Religious Awards to the Scouts and leaders. Again, leave enough materials at least for the leaders as a resource and reminder.

In making the presentation, be sure to emphasize to the Scouts the fact that the square knot received in conjunction with their earning their award, like the Arrow of Light and the Eagle, remains with them on their uniform for their life as a Scout and later as a Scouter.

On a lighter note, upon completing one of these presentations, I was asked by a leader, "Isn't it a little hypocritical to be asking for money and preaching God & Country at the same time?" To which I responded "I don't see why, my Pastor does it every Sunday!"

SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Write or email the Editor with ideas that have worked for you to share with the membership. One I'd like to share I started 30 years ago in Orange County Council while serving as Interfaith Chairman (now known as "Religious Relationships Chairman").

We found a sponsor and produced a patch that was provided, without cost, through the Scout Shops, the Service Center and through the Chairmen of the Jewish, Catholic, and LDS local Committee, to any Scout who purchased or acquired a workbook for the award of their faith.

Easily attachable to the button of their uniform shirt as a temporary patch, it not only identified them as a "Religious Award Candidate" and provided them a collector keepsake, it also "advertised" and promoted the existence of the program to fellow Scouts.



POPULAR SITE at the 2001 Jambo was the NAPS booth. Left, Tom Perik talks with two Scouts, while Rush Hart, at the table prepares luggage tags, and in the background, Gene Foley straightens up the display.

NAPS Booth at Jambo To Draw Thousands

One of the highlights for NAPS activities every four years is planning and attending of the NAPS Jamboree Display Booth, reports Eliot Kerlin, past president.

"NAPS has had a display booth at the last four National Jamborees," he adds, "And the 2005 Booth is well along in the planning stage. It will be in the National Exhibits area in the Relationship tent located very close to visitor parking, and expected to have more than 7,000 Scouts and leaders visit it during the week."

Last time, it was very enjoyable talking to the dedicated Presbyterian Scouts and Scouters that came to the tent to get literature and ask questions about NAPS, he recalled. One of the requirements for the religious chest patch is to talk to a member of your faith and have them sign the requirement page.

"Many Scouts came by that were members of Presbyterian units but didn't have a church of their own and asked if we would sign the visitation requirement - which we did," Kerlin recalls, adding, "There were also many Scouters who didn't know that we existed, and took NAPS applications and literature."

This year Wray Johanning, Eliot Kerlin, Elaine Foley, and Corb Sarchet will staff the booth. "We are looking for two more people to help staff the booth," Kerlin said.

There are many Presbyterians that are going to Jambo who do many tasks to support the youth that are there. The guest Minister for the Sunday worship at one of the two Protestant services, attended by about 6,000 persons, is Dr. Don Campbell, Director of Congregational Ministries Division of PC(USA). The chaplain staff will include Dr. George Hupp, Rev Rusty Cowden, Chaplain Gene Foley, Kenneth Wonderland, William Findley, Martha Carlson, Gordon Mapes, Joseph Simpson, and Richard Spears.



Metal Work MB Booth Has Openings for Scouters

Interested in serving as a day staffer in the Jambo merit badge midway? Andrew "Drew" G. Hangemann, (left, shown in the "official" metal work uniform) the metal work MB coordinator, is looking for some metalwork/blacksmith qualified volunteers.

Contact him at Andrew.G.Hagemann@nasa.gov.

Eight Receive God & Service Award

Eight God & Service Awards were presented to adult Scouters by Presbyterian Churches between August 31 and November 30, reports Joan Walker, from P.R.A.Y. headquarters in St. Louis, MO. They bring to 62 awarded since January 1, 2004.

The new honorees are Mark Farrar, Jim Jessup, Bill Swope, and J. H. Willis Treadwill, from First Presbyterian, Elizabethtown, PA., Clifton Duty, Norris Reynolds, and William Chamberlin, from Park Lake Presbyterian, Orlando, FL (*see picture on right*); and Dr. Harry Holler Summerlin, Jr., Grace Covenant Presbyterian, Asheville, NC.

Portland's Eastminister Presbyterian Notes 50th Anniversary—46 with Scouting!

On October 22, Eastminister Presbyterian Church, Portland, OR, celebrated its 50th Anniversary as a congregation---of which 46 years they have sponsored Scout groups, reports Rev. William E. "Bill" Taylor, pastor, and charter member of NAPS.

The Church currently sponsors Troop 669 and co-sponsor Troop and Venture Crew 606 and Cub Pack 50, all part of the Pacific Coast Council.

Rev. Taylor is a life member of Alpha Phi Omega, the national Eagle Scout fraternity, having joined in 1961 when a freshman student at St. Cloud State, NM.

A veteran Scouter, he has served as a Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Troop Chaplain, Camp Meriweather summer camp chaplain, and on the Council's Protestant Committee on Scouting.



NAPS Display at the December 7 meeting of the Central Florida Presbytery at Port Orange, FL., drew interested ministers, educations, and commissioners to discover NAPS and the story of Presbyterian Scouting. Publications Secretary Corb Sarchet, an elder at Orlando's Park Lake Presbyterian, assembled the table-top display from NAPS and BSA materials.



Three God & Service Awards were presented November 14 to three veteran Scouters by Eliot Kerlin, left, past NAPS president, at Park Lake Presbyterian Church, Orlando, FL. All three also are retired Army officers, so the event recognized their service to youth, God and County during Veteran's Day week. Receiving the award, from the left, were Norris Reynolds, Clifton Duty, and William Chamberlin. All three have provided long-term service to Scouting with PLPC's Troop 48 and other units.

Thanks to our Chaplains.....

As 2004 ends, we want to give a special thanks and recognition to our two Presbyterian Chaplains who served this Summer at Philmont and the Florida Sea Base. They are Rev. Margaret Zedan, Fon du Lac, WI, at Philmont, and Rev. Kenneth Wonderland, Middletown, NY, at the Florida Sea Base. Both are NAPS members.

From Rush Hart, NAPS Treasurer

About Your Renewals.....

I'm the Treasurer for NAPS....Let me tell you the history of some recently late membership renewals.

The applications go first to P.R.A.Y., which is our permanent mailing address (because, we do change Treasurers once in a while). At the end of each month, they collect all they have received and send a package to me for processing.

In October, for some unknown reason, instead of the Post Officer sending the package to me, they returned it to PRAY. PRAY had to repackage and remail them, and I received their package for September on October 31.

I usually receive it around the first or second of each month. It usually takes me a day or two to process the applications and send out the new membership cards. So, then we were late getting them in the mail in October.

Thanks to all for renewing your membership. We hope the postal mix-up did not cause you any grief. We value your participation in NAPS and support of Scouting.

Rush

GET READY NOW FOR SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday is Sunday, February 6, in 2005.

Are you ready for it? If not, time's a wasting.

Make sure that it you've coordinated with the minister(s) and that it is on the Church calendar---as well as your Scouting units' calendars. Here's a check list of things to do:

- A. Put the date on the calendars.
- B. Coordinate with the ministers on:
 - a. Will you have a guest speaker?
 - b. How can your Scouts and Adult leaders participate in the service?
 - i. Lead prayer.
 - ii. Read Scripture.
 - iii. Lead responsive reading.
 - iv. Usher and/or take offering.
 - v. Greeters
 - vi. Present Religious Emblem awards. (Adult, Youth)
 - vii. Give a "Minute for Mission" .
 - viii. Recognize Scouts and Leaders and Parents and Friends attending.
 - ix. Recognize all in congregation who have been involved in Scouting as youth or adults.
 - x. Take part in processional with Troop Colors.
- C. Prepare article for Church newspaper or letter (check to make sure you make the deadline!) and information for the Church webpage.
- D. Make sure Church secretary has names of those participating in the service for the bulletin.
- E. Send letter signed by adult leader and minister to all Scouting parents inviting them to the service.
- F. Obtain Scout Sunday bulletin inserts and/or covers for bulletins.
- G. If using an insert in the regular bulletin, print information about Scouting on the reverse: Unit(s) history, accomplishments; roster of units and leaders; information sketch about those receiving awards during service; etc.
- H. The meeting before, hold a dress rehearsal for those participating in the service.
- I. Youth and adults to wear uniforms.
- J. Have Scouts arrive early and hold uniform inspection.
- K. Have Scout parent ribbons for Mom and Dad. If your units have "mother ribbons" on which they display the metal badges of rank of their Scouts, ask them to wear them. Otherwise, have some sort of ribbon, nametag, etc., to identify them as Scouting parents.
- L. Host reception with light refreshments after Service, include exhibits about units and Scouting values. Involve parents in helping plan and conduct.
- M. During service, remember to invite youth and parents who are not part of Scouting to join your unit(s).

Need resources?

- A. See NAPS Chaplain the Rev. Rusty Cowden's suggested service this issue.
- B. Check other suggested services at NAPS' webpage, www.presbyterianscouters.org.
- C. At the National BSA site, www.scouting.org, go to "site map," and pick "Relationships Division, and then "Scout Sunday Observances," then check out "Duty to God," and "Values," and other areas of "Relationships C Division."
- D. A Scout's Duty to God and Country, by Michael F. Bowman and James Bryant, on line at www.ussscouts.org/scoutduty/index.html.
- E. Prayers and Graces, on line at www.ussscouts.org/reverant/prayers.html.
- F. "Presbyterians and Scouting-Building Values Together", Order No. 5-975, National Council, BSA, tri-fold brochure.
- G. Fact sheet: "Scouting for Presbyterian Youth," Order No. 02-966A, National Council Relationships Division, BSA.
- H. Videos: All from National.
 - a. "Presbyterians and Scouting – Building Values Together."
 - b. "Bring Youth to Christ"
 - c. "Building Effective Values"
 - d. "Promoting Duty to God."
- I. Go to the BSA on-line catalog at www.scoutstuff.org and check out literature, posters, etc. This year's bulletin cover, "A Scout is Reverent," comes in packages of 100 and is stock number ww3004.

Order of Worship
The Service for the Lord's Day
Transfiguration of the Lord
Boy Scout Sunday

WE GATHER TOGETHER . . .

PRELUDE

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Blessed is the Lord, who leads us to the mountain top.

P: Would that we could stay forever, living always in the heights of spiritual peace; knowing always that we are in the Presence.

L: Blessed is the lord, who shows us wonders and miracles.

P: Would that we could always see clear signs of our Lord, and never suffer fear or doubt.

L: Blessed is the Lord, who charges us to return to the valley.

P: Give us strength, O Lord, to be your people in the real world, for it is your world, and we are your people.

*OPENING HYMN #

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

. . . TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 99

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 17:1 – 9

SERMON

There is a natural tie between the mountain top experience of Jesus and the three disciples, and the camping program of the Boy Scouts which can be used to whatever effect the pastor wishes.

. . . TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN #

*CREED

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

. . . AND GO FORTH TO SERVE



News from P.R.A.Y.

New Course on Religious Emblems Added for 2005 at Philmont Training Center

A new course, "Religious Emblems for Youth and Adults," will be held during relationship week August 7-13, at the Philmont Training Center.

Council professionals and volunteers responsible for membership, as well as individuals interested in promoting Duty to God and the religious emblems programs of all faiths, should plan now to attend.

The course will focus on Religious Emblems as a membership tool, looking at retention, increasing membership from current chartered partners and as a tool for reaching under served areas of your council.

The other emphasis of the class will be on Religious emblems as programs that can reinforce BSA values in boys as well as on how and why to promote them.

The tentative syllabus

Rationale: 70% Chartered Partners have only 1 unit; Over 50% of Chartered Partners Are in Religious Institutions; 10% drop in unit rate; 98% clergy have no knowledge that religious emblems programs exist.

Target: Council professionals and volunteers responsible for membership and Individuals interested in promoting Duty to God and the religious emblems of all faiths.

Techniques: Overview of religious emblems and resources for collaborating with religious institutions; In-depth presentations on specific religions (structure, history, doctrine, how councils should best approach a local institution, etc.) and their emblems programs made by an individual of that faith community; Case studies; Extended time to prepare a plan of work to take back to the council .

P.R.A.Y. Begins New Quarterly On-Line and Email Bulletin

P.R.A.Y. announced in the Fall a new quarterly bulletin designed specifically for users of the God and Country program. This bulletin is written with pastors, counselors, mentors, and parents in mind. It will include program helps, best practices, and special features to support a God and Country ministry.

"We see this bulletin as an "idea exchange," and we encourage God and Country users to share their stories and suggestions with us so that we can pass them on to others," reports the P.R.A.Y. staff.

God and Country ... New Curriculum

The God and Country curriculum continues to be revised. If you haven't taught a God and Country class in a while, check out the new curriculum (it is completely different from the old). Listed below are the most recent revision dates:

Grades 1-3 – God and Me – GAMEBox – revised 2002; Grades 4-5 – God and Family – Pizza – revised 2001; Grades 6-8 – God and Church – Journey – revised 2003; Grades 9-12 – God and Life [November 2004].

New Counselor Manuals

The Counselor Manuals are new and improved. In the revised curriculum, pages from the Student Workbook are reproduced on a smaller scale and included in the Counselor Manual. The counselor doesn't have to juggle the counselor and student books anymore. Everything is contained in one book

New Application Process

P.R.A.Y. has simplified the application process. There are two changes. First, regarding church information, we ask for the name and address of the church that taught the God and Country class (we no longer require the church name and address for each individual recipient). Second, we have created a *Multiple Order Form*, which allows the counselor to submit all the names of the recipients on one sheet of paper. This form is included in the new Counselor Manuals, or on our web site. Please note that the Multiple Order Form is a two-sided form – both sides must be filled in and submitted to P.R.A.Y. before your order can be processed. We hope these changes help to streamline your paperwork.

GOD AND COUNTRY: NOT JUST AN AWARD (PowerPoint Presentation)

Many parents have commented that their children have gotten so much more out of the God and Country program than just an award. True, God and Country is an award (and a fancy one at that!). It is also true that the award provides powerful incentive to participate in the program. However, God and Country is much more than just an award; it is *Christian education, Family involvement, Getting to know the Pastor, Service projects, Community outreach, and Real results / changed lives.*

Click for a PowerPoint presentation to help your church understand how God and Country can be part of its ministry with children and youth. http://praypub.org/god_country/god_country_powerpoints.htm Each slide in the PowerPoint has notes: these notes serve as the "script" for the presentation. Be sure to read these notes!

Soon to be in Spanish: God and Me, God and Family - Needed: Volunteers to Field Test Spanish Program

P.R.A.Y. has translated the *God and Me* and *God and Family* programs into Spanish and will be printing a limited number of books to be field-tested. We are looking for volunteers from different parts of the country to field-test these programs in Spanish teaching either an individual or a class. All field-testing would need to be done by April 2005. Volunteers would agree to provide feedback and complete an evaluation of the program for P.R.A.Y. If interested, please contact Deb Hazlewood at debh@praypub.org or call 1-800-933-7729.

Membership Application or Renewal

National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS)

Please use this form to apply for or renew your membership in NAPS. As a membership organization, our only source of funds are your dues. Please clearly print all information on the form below and, after completion, attach your check and mail to: P.R.A.Y., 8520 MacKenzie Road, St. Louis, MO. 63123.

Date: _____ Full Name _____
(please print)

Street Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

If Prefer Mail to a PO Address, Your PO Box Number, City, State, and Zip:

Your Email Address _____

Your FAX Number _____

Home Phone:_() _____ Day Time Phone_() _____

Scout or Youth Agency Affiliation: _____

Scout Council _____ If Registered in Unit, Unit Type, # _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Name of Church: _____

Address of Church: _____

If Presbyterian, Name of Presbytery: _____

Were You in Scouting as a Youth? If so, explain: _____

Are You an Adult Scouter now? If so, what position with whom? _____

Send me the *Presbyterian Scouter* newsletter by email.

Send me the *Presbyterian Scouter* newsletter by postal mail.

I would like more information about: _____

CHECK ITEMS WHICH APPLY

(enclose your check in the total amount)

Annual Membership of \$20

10-Year Membership of \$150

Extra Patch for \$2

5-Year Membership of \$75

Life Membership of \$350

Lapel Pin for \$5

Your Signature

We Want You!

To Help Round Up New Members for NAPS

When you network with, play golf with, go Scouting with, bump into, pray with, or otherwise connect with your fellow Presbyterian Scouters, recruit them for our team--

to assist Presbyterian congregations to become chartered partners with BSA

to assist local Councils in establishing units in Presbyterian churches

to foster individual religious growth of Presbyterian youth

to promote the use of unit Chaplains and Chaplain Aides

to support the chaplaincy program in summer camps

to encourage recognition of and to recognize Presbyterian clergy, laymen, and organizations for their contributions to youth and Scouting

and.....

to bring unchurched youth and their families in contact with

Presbyterian Churches through quality, fun, and exciting Scouting programs



Coming in the April Issue:

Presbytery Presentation Ideas

You and the Council Relationships Committee

We Welcome These New NAPS Members!

Richard Thomas Bell - Knoxville, TN

David P. Berry, Jr. - Spartanburg, SC

Carey Lowe - Covington, GA

Michael Spillane - Bloomfield, NY

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