



# The Presbyterian Scouter



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## From the President

The 215<sup>th</sup> General Assembly meeting in Denver went well for NAPS. The number of attendees in the exhibit area was not as large as last year, attributed to the smaller number of Presbyterians in the Denver area and school still in session. We still gave out most of the literature we had, so the people were interested in Scouting and our program. We were kept busy at the booth talking about our mission. We had given out all two hundred ball point pens by Wednesday evening. Of the 200 NAPS applications, just a few were left at the close of the General Assembly. The commissioners and alternatives each received three pieces of Scouting literature in their mailboxes that totaled 2700 pieces of literature distributed.



The luncheon, “Scouting in the Church Ministry” went very well, and we received many good compliments. The thirty-two attendees included the Denver District Executive and District Chairman and Scouters who plan to join NAPS. The speech by Don Campbell, Director of Congregational Ministries Division was very timely and appreciated. A summary of the speech is on page 3.

Some NAPS members were very busy helping NAPS/BSA grow in numbers and services. A summary of the year’s activities and future plans presented at the Denver business meeting is included in a table on page 5 entitled *Report to the Membership*. I appreciate all the time and effort that they have spent on NAPS’ behalf.

One of my joys was being able to find four active Scouters who were very deserving of the God and Service Award and completing the award. I hope all of you can do the same.

The Bylaws were approved by the few members that voted on them. For anyone who would like a clean copy of the Bylaws please request them from the Secretary. There were a few typos in the PCUSA designation and one part of the name of the current BSA Religious Relations Group’s was different from those approved by the Directors and have been corrected.

## College Scholarships for Eagle Scouts!

With the cost of college tuition increasing every year, we'd like to bring to your attention a wonderful opportunity for Eagle Scouts to substantially offset their tuition burden. The information below comes to us jointly from Lindenwood University of St. Charles, Mo. and BSA. Please take a few moments and make it available to your Eagle Scouts.

Lindenwood University and the Boy Scouts of America have announced a scholarship program for those Scouts and Friends of Scouting wishing to pursue a college education and possibly a career in Scouting. Varying scholarship levels depend upon achievement with the Boy Scouts and motivation to pursue a career in Scouting. A minimum of ten (10) total scholarships will be awarded to begin in the upcoming academic year. These scholarships are competitive; each application will be evaluated by a review committee. For more information, call (636) 949-4812 or email [jparisi@lindenwood.edu](mailto:jparisi@lindenwood.edu)

Below are the criteria for all scholarships:

The candidate must:

- a) have been involved with the Boy Scouts.
- b) include a letter of recommendation from a Boy Scout staff person or adult volunteer leader.
- c) meet University admissions requirements.
- d) apply (and remain continuously enrolled) as a full-time, semester, undergraduate resident student in good academic and social standing.
- e) complete a financial aid application to assess eligibility for federal and/or state grants. Any additional outside grants and scholarships will first replace the Lindenwood University scholarship. Any additional institutional aid must be approved by the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid.
- f) be a new undergraduate, resident student for the upcoming academic year (not necessarily a freshman) not previously contacted by Lindenwood.

Scout Youth of the Year Award:

One \$11,200 scholarship, plus an additional \$1,800 Work and Learn Award\*, renewable up to four years, for completion of an undergraduate degree, totaling \$52,000.

Additional Criteria:

- h) Candidate must be an Eagle Scout.
- i) Candidate must be recommended by the review board and the Boy Scouts as a recipient for this scholarship.
- j) Candidate must apply (and remain continuously enrolled) as a full-time, undergraduate, residential student.

Venture Explorer of the Year Award:

\$6,000 scholarship plus an additional \$1,800 Work and Learn\*, renewable up to four years for completion of an undergraduate degree for a total of \$31,200.

Additional Criteria:

- h) Candidate must be an explorer post or venture crew member
- i) Candidate must be recommended by the review board and the Boy Scouts as a recipient for this scholarship.
- j) Candidate must apply (and remain continuously enrolled) as a full-time, undergraduate, residential student.

Future Scout Leader Award:

\$6,000 scholarship plus an additional \$1,800 Work and Learn\*, renewable up to four years for completion of an undergraduate degree for a total of \$31,200.

Additional Criteria:

h) Candidate must enroll in the Human Service Agency Management program in hopes to become a Boy Scout or nonprofit sector professional

i) Candidate must have been involved in one or more of the following:

- Summer Camp staff
- Order of the Arrow
- Explorer Post
- Venture Crew
- Junior Leader Training Camp

Eagle Award/Venturing Silver Award:

\$6,000 scholarship plus an additional \$1,800 Work and Learn<sup>1</sup>, renewable up to four years for completion of an undergraduate degree for a total of \$31,200.

Additional Criteria:

h) Candidate must be an Eagle Scout or venturing Silver Award.

## Don Campbell receives God and Service Award

NAPS presented the coveted God and Service Award to the Rev. Don Campbell, director of the Congregational Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council during the organization's general Assembly dinner May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Campbell, an Eagle Scout and longtime Scout leader, was the featured speaker for the event, which he characterized as "something of a family reunion," but was surprised and gratified to learn that he was being honored for dual service to the Boy Scouts of America and the Presbyterian Church (USA).

In his remarks, Campbell said that things he learned in his youth as a Scout, especially "respect for all of God's creation," are "fundamental to what I am today." He said the relationship between PC(USA) and the Scouts is "a covenant relationship" in which we "seek to instill the concept of duty to God."



"We are a ministry together," he said.

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<sup>1</sup> Work and Learn Award is available only to residents

Campbell noted that a controversy several years ago over “the sexual lifestyles of leaders in the church and the Boy Scouts of America ... came very close to destroying or seriously damaging our relationship.” He noted that situation – in which some said the Boy Scout’s exclusion of gay leaders was not consistent with the PC(USA)’s commitment to inclusiveness – showed “what can happen when a particular point of view becomes dominant,” when people feel strongly about issues “and the facts don’t seem to matter.”

Almost 200,000 men and boys are active in nearly 4,000 Boy Scout charters held by Presbyterian churches in the United States.

Campbell told his listeners proudly about the first and only Boy Scout troop whose charter is held by a PC(USA) middle governing body – a new troop “down along the border” in New Mexico, led by Sierra Blanca Presbytery Executive Shannon Webster.

### Philmont Request for Assistance

Please contact any retired ministers that you know that might be interested in a month in the mountains to go to Philmont.

Philmont is current one protestant chaplain short, will be 2 short after July 6 and 3 short after July 15. They usually have 3 on staff to make a complete compliment with 4 Catholic, 1 Jewish, and 1 LDS. There have been several unusual circumstances that have presented this problem.

Eliot spoke with Mark Anderson, Director of Program Development at Philmont, and they will pay \$1200 per month, room and board, and a travel allotment. They would like for a person to stay a minimum of one month, but may be flexible on this at this time. You may bring your wife and the living quarters are brick duplex houses. There is a new dining facility where you get your meals, and the houses have a refrigerator and microwave.

Contact Mark Anderson for more details at Philmont main Switchboard 505-376-2281 ask for Mark, or on his cell phone 505-447-2372 and he is very good about calling back if you have to leave a message.

### Gone Home

For more than 60 years, Eugene Kempf taught boys to build campfires, tie knots and do good deeds. Mr. Kempf helped in the organization of NAPS and was a Regional Director of Covenant Region for many years.

Mr. Kempf began his long affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America in 1938 when he was 12, and served the organization as a scout, scoutmaster, commissioner, camping chairman, training director, and as a member of the Detroit Area Council's Executive Board.

"He loved the Boy Scouts," said his wife, Wilma Kempf. "He really enjoyed helping boys become better people."

Mr. Kempf earned several awards for his work with the Boy Scouts, including the organization's highest honor for adult volunteers, the Silver Beaver Award.

He also received both the God and Service Award and the National Jewish Committee on Scouting's Shofar Award, which recognizes outstanding service by adults in the promotion of Scouting among Jewish youth.



## Report to the Membership

Presented at the Adams Mark Hotel May 27, 2003

### During the past year

- ◆ Staffed BSA Booth 2003 at the General Assembly
- ◆ Led Presbyterian training session at Philmont in July, 2002
- ◆ Established High Adventure Chaplain Fund
- ◆ Staffed Booth at Association of Presbyterian Church Educators at Denver CO (Staffed by Bob Matchett and Wray Johanning)
- ◆ Attended BSA Religious Relations Sub-Committee and Related Committee Meeting, Irving TX. Oct. 2002 (staffed by Rush Hart)
- ◆ Attended P.R.A.Y. yearly report to the Directors Meeting Sept. 2002 (staffed by Wray Johanning)
- ◆ Attended BSA Religious Relations Sub-Committee and Related Committee Meeting, Feb. 2003 (staffed by Eliot Kerlin)
- ◆ Staffed Booth and made presentation to Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery (Staffed by Wray Johanning)
- ◆ Updated "Presbyterian Fact Sheet" and provided to BSA for printing
- ◆ Renewed Covenant with CMD
- ◆ Wrote letters of congratulations to four Eagle Scouts
- ◆ Prepared a short history and plans letter to go to new or renewal members. Also completed a list of all materials and certificates available to Presbyterians.
- ◆ Developed the Spiritual Growth Certificate
- ◆ Four Quarterly newsletters published
- ◆ Updated and printed Handbooks for 2003 training course at Philmont
- ◆ Recruited people to help NAPS in the position of: four Directors, a Publication Secretary, a Writer and 3 Secretaries
- ◆ Established the position of Publication Secretary
- ◆ Prepared a letter for Fran Falk to send to all churches in Queens area Presbytery
- ◆ Prepared a letter for Bob Matchett to send to all Denver Presbyterian Scout Troops to invite them to the Luncheon
- ◆ Updated NAPS Bylaws
- ◆ Members have helped with Religious Scouting Retreats, Ten Commandment Hikes, Annual Recognition ceremonies, and Youth Religious Awards
- ◆ Responsible for God and Service Awards
- ◆ The Presbyterian Religious Awards distributed by P.R.A.Y. are:
  - God and Me – 1359,
  - God and Family –1135,
  - God and Church – 401,
  - God and Life – 139,
  - God and Service – 75,
  - Celtic Cross – 80

- ◆ Established a NAPS/BSA Committee for GA 2004 at Richmond, Va.
- ◆ NAPS/BSA article in Presbyterian Ideas magazine.

#### **Future Plans:**

- ◆ Fill the remaining Regional Director, Secretary, and Chaplain positions
- ◆ Directors develop a strategic plan for their region next 2 years
- ◆ Have Web Site updated and current
- ◆ Develop plans for articles written for Synod newspaper, Church magazines, BSA Today, and Scouting Magazines
- ◆ Have a Chaplain at Philmont for 2004
- ◆ Stay in communication with the people working for recognition with the Presbyteries
- ◆ Encourage Directors to write activity reports in NAPS newsletter
- ◆ Initiate National Officer election Process
- ◆ Increase Membership
- ◆ Continue growth made at the council/presbytery level
- ◆ Restricted Presbytel Bulletin Board for Directors to discuss issues before voting to be setup by Andrew Buckley at GA office.
- ◆ General Presbytel Bulletin Board for Member interchange, by Andrew Buckley
- ◆ BSA/NAPS Booth at GA 2004 Richmond Va. 26 June to 3 July
- ◆ 75 attendee's for GA 2004 "Scouting in the Church Ministry Luncheon"
- ◆ Select a well known speaker for Luncheon at GA 2004
- ◆ Philmont 2004 leader for Presbyterian Breakout Session
- ◆ Philmont Fall 2004 training program developed
- ◆ Determine if going to have a booth at APCE 2004 in Norfolk
- ◆ NAPS data base to BSA by 25 September for Philmont Application
- ◆ Work with BSA to update folder "New Unit Resource Kit- Presbyterians and Scouting building Values together" No. 05-976
- ◆ Have exhibit Booth at Grace Presbytery June Meeting (Staffed by Eliot and Fran Kerlin)
- ◆ Attend Grace Presbytery June meeting of Retired and Interim Ministers to tell about High adventure Base Chaplain openings.
- ◆ Increase Celtic Cross and God & Service Awards by 25% during the next year.

### **NAPS Represented at National BSA Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America was held from May 28 through May 30 in Philadelphia. Northeast Region Director Eugene Foley represented NAPS at the Relationships Division Exhibit and the Religious Relationships Committee Meeting.

According to Foley, "The most notable concern now is the provision of chaplains at Philmont late in the summer. Clergy have a difficult time committing to the entire summer and student chaplains are often forced to return to their seminaries before the summer season is over."

NAPS is working to raise money to support a *Presbyterian chaplain* at the National High Adventure facilities and has as one of its objectives, the support of Scouting chaplaincies. According to David Richardson, a professional member of the BSA Relationships staff, "NAPS will support about 20% of the total cost for a single chaplain at Philmont." – being their travel and a stipend. Philmont traditionally requires three Protestant Chaplains on a full-time basis for the summer. One of these chaplains is generally supported by the United Methodist Church. The cost of the other two is shared by many denominations and from other contributions and endowed

earnings. A significant cost of these chaplaincies is the vehicles used to reach the backcountry where chaplains perform their duties.

The Religious Relationships Committee is also planning for the 2005 National Jamboree, which will include a staff of between eighty and one hundred chaplains. In addition to helping recruit chaplains, NAPS will again staff an exhibit promoting the continued relationship between the BSA and Presbyterian churches. NAPS has been well represented at National Jamborees for many years and maintains a high profile to youth and adult members alike.

NAPS has established a separate fund to support a Chaplain at High Adventure bases. We hope to raise enough money to be able to support a Presbyterian Chaplain or secondary year seminary student next year for the full 3 months. We are also looking for a retired Minister who would be able to stay at Philmont for one month or longer is possible. Contributions can be sent to NAPS Treasurer Rush Hart, 2416 Ryan Place Drive, Ft. Worth Texas, 76110-5250.



## Regional News



### Rocky Mountain Region

*Bob Matchett, Director (match@4edisp.net)*

The Rocky Mountain Region of NAPS was privileged to host the 215th General Assembly of PCUSA during the last week of May. Manning the NAPS booth was a great opportunity to make quality contacts with many Presbyterian Scouters and Presbyterian Church leaders from throughout the country.

Of particular note, Kathi Walters has agreed to serve as Rocky Mountain Region Secretary. Kathi is the Roundtable Commissioner for Centennial District in the Denver Area Council. Kathi helped man the NAPS booth during the General Assembly. I am looking forward to her continuing association with NAPS and to her help in developing the Rocky Mountain Region NAPS. At the present time we have about 300,000 square miles and about twenty NAPS members, spread from Utah and Colorado north to the Canadian border.

Additionally, I want to thank Boy Scout Troop 667, sponsored by Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arvada, Colorado for their strong support during the General Assembly. Troop 667 provided their troop flag, their US flag and their knot board which were used throughout the week of the General Assembly at the NAPS booth. Additionally, Bob Shaw, Organizational Representative from Trinity Presbyterian Church, and a NAPS member, put in many hours of volunteer time helping man the NAPS booth during the GA.

### ***NAPS Future Activities***

July 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2003	<b>Scouting and the Church's Ministry</b>	Philmont Training Center	Special Presbyterian breakout sessions
October, 2003	<b>BSA Religious Relations Sub-Committee and Relationship Committee meetings</b>	Marriott Hotel, Irving, Texas	Eliot Kerlin attending
May 19-21, 2004	<b>National BSA Annual Meeting</b>	Hyatt Regency, Chicago	
June 26-July 3, 2004	<b>216<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Meeting, Presbyterian Church (USA)</b>	Richmond, VA	
October 4 – October 8, 2004	<b>Course for Presbyterian Leaders and Educators</b>	Philmont Training Center	Arrival and registration at 4 PM. Final day will complete in the morning to facilitate travel plans of the attendees. (Rescheduled from October 2003)

### **Membership Renewal**

### **National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS)**

**Please use this form to renew your membership in NAPS. Please clearly print all information on the form, and after completion, attach your check and mail to: P.R.A.Y, 8520 MacKenzie Road, St. Louis, MO. 63123**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address; \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Scout or Youth Agency Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Check items that apply:  Annual Membership (\$20)       Five year Membership (\$75)

Ten year Membership (\$150)       Life Membership (\$350)

Extra Patch (\$2)       Lapel Pin (\$5)