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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Philmont Conference: Still Time to Sign Up

Dear Friends,

Summer has been a busy one. Most importantly, Chaplain Gene Foley has returned from Jolly Olde England and the World Jamboree. Please read his report it is fascinating. He even had dry weather.

The big event coming up is our Fall Conference "Forging the link between the Presbyterian Church and Scouting" at Philmont October 29 through November 2. It is not too late to sign up.

The program is about set with speakers from BSA, PC(USA) and P.R.A.Y. as well as our own Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson. We are also going to take time to do some conceptual planning for our booth at the 2010 National Jamboree.

I can assure you that in addition to having some very informative sessions, there will plenty of time for open discussion and fun.

A Nominating Committee has been constituted with Corb Sarchet as Chairman, to propose new officers for the years 2008 through 2010 and to conduct the election. If you have any suggestions to fill any of the National Officers positions or Regional Directors, Please contact Corb.

Looking further ahead we are looking at the BSA Religious Relations Committee Meeting in October, APCE in Feb 2008 and PC(USA) General Assembly in June 2008.

In conjunction with GA, NAPS will hold both the National Officers Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting and our Recognition Luncheon. The new slate of Officers will be sworn in during the Board Meeting..

Yours in Scouting,

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Scouts Gather for worship at the World Jamboree. See Jamboree Chaplain Eugene Foley's report on page two.

National Conference NAPS, Philmont Scout Ranch, NM *"Forging the Link: Scouting and the Presbyterian Church"*

Monday, 30 Oct

1 - 5:30 p.m. Arrive and Register
5:30-6:30 Supper
Later: St James Hotel Event

Tuesday, 1 Nov

8-9 a.m. Breakfast
9-11:30 a.m. Session 1:NAPS brain storming and planning
Noon-1 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Session 2: What is the Presbyterian Church?
3:45 - 5:30 p.m. Visit Seton Museum and Library
5:30-6:30 p.m. Supper

Wednesday, 2 Nov

8-9 a.m. Breakfast
9-11:30 a.m. Session 3:P.R.A.Y. & religious awards programs
Noon to 1 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Session 4: Chaplains and Chaplaincy programs
3:45-5:30 p.m. Villa Philmonte tour
5:30-6:30 p.m. Supper
6:30-later Campfire and fun events

Thursday, 3 Nov

8-9 a.m. Breakfast
9-11:30 a.m. Session 5: Developing & maintaining units in churches.
Noon-1 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m. to supper Vehicle Tour of Back Country and Visit to Philmont Store in Cimarron.

Friday, 3 Nov

8-9 a.m. Breakfast
9 a.m. Depart

World Jamboree- A Big Step To World Peace

By Eugene Foley, Chaplain, World Jamboree

I have just returned from the largest-ever World Jamboree, returning to Sea Base through Labor Day , and then back home!

Rivaling the U.S. National Jamboree in participation, the 40,000 participants in the 100th Anniversary World Jamboree were joined by tens of thousands of visitors in their pilgrimage to celebrate the centenary of world Scouting.

This massive undertaking became the third largest city in Essex County for nearly two weeks, finding its home at the 400-acre Hyland Park in Chelmsford, England.

In order to accommodate the large numbers, thousands of participants were bussed each day to Splash!, the water-based activity center.

They were replaced by day-visitors who were required to make reservations and were bussed from remote parking areas into the main site, where they were permitted to experience the many displays and programs.

The American displays included an area dedicated to baseball. Our guests were invited to get a radar readout of the speed of their pitch. The display also provided batting cages and a staff of uniformed ballplayers. And, of course, there were bags of popcorn for everyone.

Because of the size of the U.S. contingent, more than 3,200 strong with an additional 700 International and Contingent Service Team members, a second American display was also permitted. Following a static exhibit of American history, participants at this second site were given the chance to rope a steer and pan for gold. Thousands of visitors came away a fleck of gold to prove their prowess.

Most importantly, though, youth from all over the world were given a chance to see the diversity of people in America.

As a member of the U.S. Contingent Support Team, I was one of four chaplains chosen to serve the American contingent and to represent American religious values.

I served as the Protestant chaplain, along with Rabbi Peter Hyman, Father Don Hummel and Elder Michael Neider who represented the Jewish, Roman Catholic and Mormon traditions, respectively.

The chaplains not only supported the three worship services held for each religious group at the Jamboree, but they also systematically visited every American troop site, made daily visits to the hospital in nearby Broomfield, and maintained an on-call schedule to provide spiritual guidance. Duties also included notifying Scouts and leaders of emergencies back home and supporting leaders when behavioral issues arose.



I am proud to report that the American Scouts made up the majority of Protestants at the first religious service and were the largest presence at the other two services.

The most amazing characteristic of the Jamboree is that young people from all over the world are going out of their way to make friends with people they've never met, without regard to political, religious or cultural differences.

Racial and ethnic tensions were non-existent as young men and women shared meals, swapped patches and built memories.

I am not alone in recognizing that this Jamboree, and those that will come in the future, are perhaps the most important world gatherings of future leaders.

The tolerance and understanding that is fostered by these programs may ultimately be the critical step that makes world peace a possibility.

I am ever so thankful for the support NAPS has given to me. Without NAPS, I wouldn't have been able to serve as a Jamboree Chaplain. This has been a great honor. All summer long I help to create life-time memories for those who arrive at Sea Base. And, thanks to NAPS, I am also able to come away from this summer with my own life-time experience from the Centenary World Jamboree..

The National Contingent Support Staff (CST) is generally made up of national board and committee members whose personal resources make it possible for them to attend. Chaplains, on the other hand, may be dependent on denominational support to cover the costs of attendance. This group stays off-site where they are able to meet each day with the other CST members to share information on the various aspects of the Jamboree as it pertains to the American contingent.

The cost of the motel and breakfasts are a part of the \$4,000 base fee required of each member of the CST. Additionally, the staff must arrange for their own air fare, transportation to and from the airport in the U.S., most meals, laundry, communications, and other miscellaneous costs.

The typical budget of these staff members is \$8,000 and recognizes that the cost of living in England is more than twice the cost of living in America. I was able to keep my costs to less than \$6,000 for the event.



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

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