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Veteran NAPS Member Receives Silver Antelope

Dr. William H. Findley, an ordained Minister in the Presbyterian Church and a founding member of NAPS, received the Central Region's Silver Antelope award at the recent National BSA meeting in Atlanta, GA.



It is the highest award a region can present, and recognizes long and significant service to the region and Scouting.

A long-time veteran Scouter, Dr. Findley is on the Central Region Board and serves as Central Region area Two Commissioner. He is in charge of all of Lower Michigan and all of Indiana. He commissions all of the Council Commissioners in 12 non metro councils. He also serves as a member of the Great Sauk Trail Council Executive Board.



Dr. Findley has served as a Cubmaster, Unit Commissioner, and Scoutmaster, holding the National Scoutmasters Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver, the District Award of Merit, the Presbyterian God & Service Award, and the Distinguished Commissioners Award.

Recently retired as pastor of the Dundee First Presbyterian Church, Dundee, MI., he previously served the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Toledo, OH. Prior to entering the ministry, he was an educator, serving schools in Florida and Michigan as a teacher and high school principal.

Dr. Findley and his wife, Winifred, now live in Monroe, MI.

Presidents Report 2007 Busy for NAPS, 2008 Bigger

It is hard to believe 2007 is history, but it was a busy and successful year for NAPS, and this year promises to be even more active.



We have negotiated a Covenant with Presbyterian Men in which we have agreed to mutually support each others aims and goals, share communications and have a representative on each others Board.

We have also shook hands with folks in Louisville to continue our Covenant relationship with GA and that the 2006 Covenant will remain in place until we find where we fit within GA Organization and a vehicle can be found to prepare and agree on a new Covenant.

NAPS had our first inclusion in the 2008 "Mission Yearbook", thanks to Bob Wilso, GA's vice-moderator and NAPS member. . We had a booth at the APCE Convention with Gene Foley from NAPS and Dave Richardson from the Relationship Division of BSA supporting our the booth.

I attended three BSA Religious Relationship Committee Meetings one in Atlanta and two in Irving TX. (See President's Report, Page

Volunteers Needed!

The Annual Conference of Presbyterian Educators will be held February 13 to 16, in San Diego, CA. NAPS and BSA will jointly man a display booth there. We need someone to volunteer to represent NAPS at this event where we reach out to thousands of Presbyterian educators and youth directors. Please contact Rush Hart at xxx if you are interested.

Applications will be available at www.scouting.org for those wishing to serve as volunteer Chaplains at the 2010 100th Anniversary of Scouting National Jamboree, July 21 to August 5, 2010, at Fort A. P. Hill, VA.

NAPS will be looking for volunteers to man the NAPS booth at the 218th General Assembly of PCUSA, June 21-28, in San Jose, CA. Contact Wray Johanning at

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We also held our Annual Fall Conference at Philmont BSA National Training Center. (There is more in an article titled Fall Conference). We also attended the PRAY Board Meeting representing PC(USA).

In accordance with the NAPS By-Laws I have appointed a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of National and Regional Officers for election in 2008 in preparation for the NAPS bi-annual meetings, which are held in conjunction with the PC(USA) General Assembly meeting, to be held in June 2008 in San Jose California.

In the last quarter, NAPS has sent over a dozen Eagle Scout Congratulations Letters and Certificates. It must be noted that Troop 78 of Lincolnshire II has six new Eagles. Last but not least I wish to thank everyone who contributed to our endeavor to send Gene Foley to England to serve as the Protestant Chaplin to the US Contingent to the World Jamboree.

Next year as you can surmise will also be a busy one. We will support The APCE Convention in February, the three BSA Religious Relationship Committee Meetings and General Assembly. If things work out we will have another Conference at Philmont in the Fall.

I would be remiss in not thanking a lot of folks who have volunteered their time and skills to make this year a successful one. I am afraid to attempt to name all of them, however, I will offer special thanks to Rush Hart for his continuing outstanding work as the NAPS Treasure, Gene Foley for his exemplary work as Chaplain at Sea Base and at the World Jamboree, Paul Deason and Joe Larrance for their help on special projects and Corb Sarchet for his quarterly efforts to edit and publish the "Presbyterian Scouter" and accepting the responsibility to chair the 2008 Nominating Committee. Thanks Again, Friends

Yours in Scouting

Wray

Bi-Annual Meetings Notice

Officers and Directors Executive Meeting

It was not all work. While we were in session the spouses were escorted by staff from Philmont whom coordinated our facilities and supported our activities. The spouses hiked to Indian Writings camp, attended a informative briefing on Indian Jewelry, toured historic Cimarron and had a private tour of Raydo Camp, a historic recreation of an trading post that once supplied the Sante Fe Trail,

Monday, June 23, Fairmont Hotel (Site of the GA Convention). 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Room number to be announced later. Executive meeting for NAPS officers and directors.

Bi-Annual NAPS Luncheon

Tuesday, June 24, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1100 Shasta Ave, San Jose, CA. 12:15 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 Open to NAPS members and guests, GA attendees. Guest speaker to be announced. NAPS awards to be presented.

Nominations Deadline Nears

Deadline for submitting nominations for those to serve as officers or directors for NAPS for 2008-2010 are to be submitted to Corb Sarchet, corbms3@bellsouth.net, not later than March 30, 2008. Please indicate consent of the nominee

2007 NAPS Fall Conference Focused On Concerns of Attendees, Fellowship

The 2007 NAPS Annual Conference was held at Philmont BSA National Training Center from October 29th thru November 2nd.

Featured speakers for the event were Dave Richardson from the Relationship Division of BSA,.Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson a retired Pastor from the Seattle Area Council (Bob is also a District Chairman) and Mark Hazelwood from PRAY.

We also held a special session aimed at any specific issues the attendees had. This session was designed to insure that all left the Conference feeling that their there issues had been addressed As it turned out, this session was very productive for everyone in attendance. We were able to focus the skills and knowledge of everyone to provide various approaches to the concerns of the attendees.

The first session was supper followed by a short get acquainted Coffee Monday evening. Our formal sessions were all day Tuesday, 2/3 of the day Wednesday and all day Thursday. We closed Friday morning with a meeting and summary session. We then bid Philmont "Adios" late morning.

In that time,we covered topics such a Venturing and the Church's Youth Program, Scouting's link to the Presbyterian Church, Presbyterians what we believe and how it is compatible with the BSA Mission Statement and the Aims and Methods of Scouting, the how to's of starting a New Scouting Unit the God and Country Programs and the Religious Emphases within the Scouting Programs.

When every one had free time, we had a Cracker Barrel which featured cobbler and ice cream and branding. We had a 4 wheel drive of the back contry which featured Hunting Camp and Cimarrcito Camp and the "great buffalo hunt" Note :We never did see the buffalo herd.. We also had a tour of the Villa Philmonte .

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Thanks to Brian Gray and his staff. for being great hosts and making us feel at home.



GOD AND COUNTRY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM COKESBURY

Cokesbury, the primary retail partner for the Presbyterian Church (USA), has announced that it will now be handling the God and Country religious award series from P.R.A.Y.

Cokesbury is a nationwide retailer of Christian resources, and is part of the United Methodist Publishing House, an agency of The United Methodist Church. Cokesbury is also the primary retail partner for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

According to P.R.A.Y. CEO Mark Hazlewood, "Cokesbury will make it so easy for congregations and pastors to order the God and Country booklets. We are excited to partner with Cokesbury in this ministry."



The P.R.A.Y. series includes four programs: God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, and God and Life. These are Christian Education resources with special emphasis on community service and family interaction. These resources are listed in the Book of Discipline for the United Methodist Church for use with the Scouting ministry.

PRAY will continue to offer the God and Country program materials. Cokesbury will just be another outlet where books can be purchased. Cokesbury will carry the program booklets just as PRAY and many Scout Shops do.

The God and Country program will not be changing as a result of this new partnership with Cokesbury. The materials that Cokesbury will offer are exactly the same that PRAY and many Scout Shops carry.

The PRAY office will continue to be the only place to get the awards/medals/pins once the program is completed. The application/order process for awards will not be affected as a result of the new partnership.

When searching the Cokesbury website www.cokesbury.com, you must search for the program level by name (God and Me, God and Family, God and Church or God and Life). The books are listed under the specific titles rather than the series title of "God and Country."



NAPS Message Included In 2008 Mission Yearbook

The following appeared in the 2008 PC(U.S.A.)

Mission Yearbook, as the meditation and prayer for Saturday, February 9. It's inclusion was arranged for us by Robert Wilson, PC(U.S.A.) Vice-Moderator, and NAPS member.

National Association of Presbyterian Scouters Minute for Mission

The Boy Scouts of America is a youth organization that requires reverence and duty to God and commitment to a code of moral standards.

Nationally, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is one of the major sponsors of scouting organizations and has been so historically.

The National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS), which has a covenant relationship with the PC(USA) General Assembly, seeks to promote scouting in Presbyterian churches and encourage the religious growth of young men and women through awards, recognition, fellowship, and goal setting.

Its members consist of lay persons, clergy, elders, and deacons who are united in their love of God and committed to Scouting as an outreach program to youth and their families, a mission to serve young people, and a youth program for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

For more information on NAPS, visit its Web site.

Corbin Sarchet, elder, Park Lake Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida, and national communications director, NAPS

Prayer

Our Father and Lord, we thank you for the commitment of the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters to your service and to our youth.

We ask that you bless and encourage them and their efforts in your name. Grant that they may be effective disciples in bringing your love to those they contact, and continue to let their light shine forth for the glory of your kingdom.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium, World Jambo Great Experiences

By John Washburn

In an earlier issue, the editors asked me write about what I expected to happen at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium and at the World Scout Jamboree. In this issue, they asked me to tell you what I experienced at those two events.

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is held at Purdue University every third year. Groups from each Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, USA, as well as the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Canadian Presbyterian Church worshipped, talked, ate, did service projects, and shared their faith together.

Presbyterian colleges and seminaries held a fair to introduce us to their schools. We made lasting friendships there, and we are staying in touch with one another through Facebook groups.

I would strongly encourage Scoutmasters and other Scout leaders to suggest that their Presbyterian Scouts apply to Triennium 2010. It is a great place for faith to grow and for youth in Presbyterian leadership to get to know one another. Now isn't too soon for those youth to meet the youth ministry staff in their presbyteries. They could learn more about Triennium and the staff will know about their interest.

The World Scout Jamboree was also an awesome experience. I was the Crew Chief for the Southern Region Venturing Crew. There were forty of us, women as well as men, from Texas to Virginia.

We spent our first few days sightseeing in London, at Windsor Castle, the Royal Observatory, and Gilwell Park, Lord Baden-Powell's training center. The Jamboree began with an impressive opening ceremony, and there were different activities planned for each day after that, such as an aquatics day of sailing.

On service days, we cleaned a stream and painted the barn of a petting zoo. On August 1st, we began the world wide celebration



of Scouting's future in a grand assembly; each of us received a special kerchief for the occasion, which we got signed by all the Scouts around us.

(I had applied to be one of the two Scouts representing the BSA on Brown Sea Island. I wasn't chosen, but I did make it to the final round of interviews, and had a really good experience in meeting the National BSA staff and the volunteer Jamboree leaders.)

Jamboree was a small city of its own, with restaurants, computer cafes, banks and stores. I visited the plaza to view all the exhibits, and spent a lot of that time in the religious center, learning about other faiths. We met Scouts from all over the world, and exchanged business cards and e-mail addresses so we can keep in touch with one another.

And then there were the swaps! I collected over fifty patches and a dozen T-shirts. We camped next to the Irish contingent, so I swapped one of my Venturing uniforms for an Irish one, and my Sea Scout uniform for a Greek Sea Scout uniform. The Irish Scouts urged us to join them at their Jamboree next summer, and I'd like to go from there to the Icelandic Jamboree as well.

I would also recommend that Scoutmasters and other Scout leaders encourage the Scouts in their lives to go to Jamboree in Sweden in 2011. It is a once-in-a-Scouting career experience, and I made friends from every corner of the earth. The biggest problem with Jamboree is that it is very expensive, and I would urge anyone who might want to go in 2011 to begin a savings plan now!

As you think about these two opportunities in the next few years, please remember that the BSA now has co-educational programming for youth from age 14 through age 20 in Venturing, including Sea Scouting. These offer a great program for your youth fellowships, and they encourage traditional Scouting rather than competing with it, like so many other youth activities can do.

In the future, I'd like to share more with you about Venturing; in the meantime, you can learn more by sending your questions to askabosun@yahoo.com.

Yours in Christ,

John Washburn.

[Scouting, Faith Theme Book Released](#)

In Our Own Way: Living a Scouting Life through Faith, by Robert Lee Edmonds, PhD, president of Red Honor Ventures, Ltd, Irving, TX.

In Our Own Way is an extraordinary rich compilation of thoughtfully selected and specially written prayers contributed by national religious leaders from over 30 different faiths across the country that embody the founding ideals of Scouting.

Presbyterian Scouts and Scouters are represented in the book. This book also includes an expansive and useful collection of popular Scout prayers presented by program and subject, chosen from historical and contemporary sources spanning a century of the Scouting movement.

"I have been fortunate to have my book receive a number of endorsements and praise from many distinguished groups and individuals," Edmonds said,

"Again, thank you for your past interest and willingness to help. I hope you enjoy the outcome of this worthy effort," he wrote to Wray Johanning, the NAPS president, who coordinated NAPs input with Rev. Eugene Foley, NAPS member and Seabase, National Jambo, and World Jambo chaplain.

For information on obtaining a copy, contact Dr. Edmonds at www.redhonorpress.com.

News of Our Members

Jack Schrimsher, NAPS secretary, was elected in November at Moderator-Elect for the Hearthland Presbytery, which covers eastern Kansas and western Missouri, including the Metro Kansas City area. He will serve as moderator in 2009.

Rev. Ron W. Woods, First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, IN, received two awards for his service to Scouting, the community and the church. He received on February 10 the Celtic Cross award from NAPs and the God & Country Award from the Hoosier Trails Council, BSA.

Dr. George Hupp, veteran NAPs member and former vice-president, has announced his retirement this coming August, and will celebrate his and his wife's, Eileen, retirements with a vacation trip to Alaska.

In Memoriam

Jim Bracy, Fort Worth, TX, January 13, 2008.

Gray Huff, Seattle, WA, in 2007.



SCOUT SUNDAY on February 2 saw this scene duplicated in churches through the Nation. Begin planning now for 2009 when Scout Sunday falls on February 1. Above, NAPS publications editor, Scoutmaster, and Elder, talks to youth at Park Lake Presbyterian Church, Orlando.

Capitol Area Council Develops Chaplain Resources

The Capitol Area Council, Austin, TX, has developed a three-phase Chaplain Training program.

Phase I is a fast start course on the council's website www.bsacac.org. The website posts the PowerPoint presentation as well as the Chaplain manual. Unit chaplains have the opportunity to get started on their own by completing this fast start course.

Phase II is a 2-hour classroom course, again aimed at the unit chaplain, using various methods including counseling scenarios, peer discussions, and role-play.

Phase III is the Chaplain Outdoors Training Course. Participants spend a night at camp but the emphasis is on training Unit Chaplains on how to train their Chaplain Aides.

Some Unit Awards Not "Knot" Eligible

There are several unit awards that recognize outstanding Scouting programs in the local congregation. These unit awards exist for different denominations (see below). Note: these unit awards do not qualify Scouts for the religious square knot. *Please notify P.R.A.Y. if you are aware of additional unit awards.*

United Methodist - <http://www.naums.org/AWARDS/Bishops-Award-of-Excellence.pdf>

Lutheran - <http://nlas.org/lreawd.htm>

Presbyterian
http://www.presbyterianscouters.org/images/UNIT_AWARD_OF_EXCELLENCE.PDF

Catholic - <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems-awards/ppaul6.php>

Jewish -
<http://jewishscouting.org/awards/franklweilmemorialunitrecognitionaward.asp>

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) -
<http://www.homelandministries.org/CivicYouth/Award.htm>



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

We Welcome These New NAPS Members!

Rev. James A. Splitt, 514 N. Edward Drive, Greensburg, IN 47540 (Pastor, First Presbyterian Church.)

Joseph Hughes, 5416 Del Nortz Way, Santa Maria, CA 93455

Dr. Rufus T. Burton, 154 Gemstone Dr, Martinsburg, WV, 25401 (Pastor, First Presbyterian & a PhD)

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