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SPECIAL FIRST EDITION OF NAUMS NEWSLETTER

This is the first issue of a new newsletter for NAUMS!

The purpose is to communicate news about NAUMS and our ministry to children and youth in our communities.

If you have any comments, suggestions or contributions, please send them to Bob Chase at the address on the back page.

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NAUMS Purpose In Ministry

The official purpose of NAUMS, as stated in our By-laws, is to enhance the ministry of the United Methodist Church and to develop strategies and resources in order to support and expand the Church's Ministry.

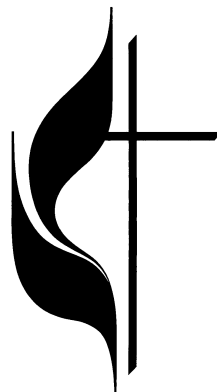
The question is: what is NAUMS really about? Why do we exist and what are we trying to accomplish?

As with most organizations, NAUMS has changed over the past few years. The leadership of NAUMS has been discussing where

we want to be in the near future and how we will get there.

We know we will be involved in training, with the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM) and

Ministry of Scout-



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on our own. We have to develop materials, including a course syllabus, and trainers.

We also know we must work with our Chapters to develop resources for local ministry. Chapters are our future for both ministry and membership.

If any of you are interested in helping with training or Chapters, please contact Bob Chase. We will get you on the proper list.

You will note the new logo on this page. We

Renew Your Membership Now!

The mailing label on your copy of this newsletter should indicate your membership status. If the label has a date that is more than a year old and you are not a Life Member, it may be time to renew.

There is a form on page 5 of this newsletter that you can use to send us your renewal. Your annual dues are our primary source of funds for operating the Association. Please continue your support by sending your payment as

soon as possible. If you have any questions about membership, contact Bob Chase at the address given on the back page.

If you are a Chapter member, contact your chapter representative.

NAUMS Directors And Officers

At the Annual Meeting of NAUMS in May 1999, two new At-large Directors were elected to a one year term: Karen Heim-Baugh from Southern Indiana and Mildred Keeney from Missouri West.

At the Board of Directors meeting, the following officers were elected:

Joanne Beard – President – Florida; Bob Chase – Vice President and Secretary – Virginia; Sims Lawson – Treasurer and Vice President for Fund

Raising – North Alabama; Kevin Clayborn – Vice President for Membership – Desert Southwest; Shirley Lundy – Vice President for Programs – Kansas West and Mildred Keeney – Vice President for Training – Missouri West.

In addition, Bob Cash is now the Immediate Past President.

The At-large Directors (with the year their position is open for election) are: Joanne Beard (2001), David Carney (2002), Bob Cash (2002), Bob Chase (2000), Kevin Clayborn (2002), Julie

Davis (2001), Ed Hammitt (2000), Karen Heim-Baugh (2000), Albert Holler (2002), Mildred Keeney (2000), Sims Lawson (2001), and Shirley Lundy (2001).

The officers and directors are working hard to expand and improve NAUMS. If you have any ideas or comments you would like to share with the officers of your Association, please contact Bob Chase at the address on the back page.

NAUMS On The Web

There are two ways to keep in touch with what's happening in NAUMS and United Methodist Scouting Ministries. One is by checking out the NAUMS Web Site at:

<http://www.naums.org>

The other is by joining the SCOUTS-UMC e-mail discussion list.

Both aspects of the Internet Ministries have been developed and maintained by Ed Hammitt, a member of the NAUMS Board of Directors from North Carolina.

To join the e-mail discussion list, send an e-mail message to:

LISTSERV@HOME.EASE.LSOFT.COM

with **SUBSCRIBE SCOUTS-UMC** in the body of the message. Ed will handle the administrative chores and add you to the list. This list is one of the ways we are communicating with NAUMS members and we would appreciate it if all of you with e-mail would sign up.

NAUMS Web Site:
<http://www.naums.org>

If you would like to support this ministry, send your contribution to NAUMS (see back page) with a note "for internet ministry".

For Over 85 Years, Girl Scouts Helps Girls Grow

A recent study commissioned by Girl Scouts of the USA found that the Girl Scout program provides more growth opportunities for girls than schools do. The opportunities for growth include self-

reliance, self-competence, ability to make friends, respect for others, feelings of belonging, helpfulness, concern for the community, teamwork, leadership, values clarifications and decision-

making.

--from "Girl Scouting--It Works! Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. National Outcomes Study Executive Summary," copyright 1997, by permis-

A Message From The NAUMS President

Thank you for your patience and well wishes during my recent move from Birmingham, Alabama to Winter Park, Florida. It has been quite an experience. We feel that it is what God wanted and we are very excited to be here.

NAUMS has a great opportunity this year to work for the betterment of youth and children. What better way to help a young person realize their potential than through Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Boys and Girls and 4-H. As an association we are not always directly involved with youth but we are involved with adults who directly impact youth. We are a resource, a training base and a support network.

Over the next several months the Executive Committee will be discussing several issues including membership and training. Only through the growth of membership in NAUMS and its Chapters can we create the network of volunteers that we need to become an effective organization offering support and

training. As we explore the best ways to provide training and to use our financial resources wisely we can make a difference in our ministry.

I have spoken to Larry Coppock about Youth '99 in July and The Girl Scouts of the USA Convention in October. We are glad that we will be working together at some of these upcoming events. Together not only to promote the National Association of United Methodist Scouters and the Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting, but together as Christians representing the Body of Christ and our ministry in the United Methodist Church.

This year as we take new steps forward let us not forget our past, but keep our eyes focused on who, why and what we are for the future.

Yours in Christ,
Joanne Beard, President of NAUMS

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had to change because GCF&A determined that the old logo violated the rules. We thought that using the Cross and Flame with our full name would make identification easier for those who do not know what NAUMS is.

We would like to find a more inclusive word than "Scouting" (which does not recognize Campfire Boys and Girls or 4-H and is not usually used to refer to Girl Scouts or their leaders) but have not found one. If you have a suggestion, please let us know. We need to get away from the notion that we are only working with BSA.

Bible Project A Huge Success

Our Bible Project at Philmont was such a big success that Bibles were ordered three different times. A total of 7700 Bibles were given out to scouts and explorers at Philmont in 1998.

Funding for the project came from individual contributions, a grant from the United Methodist Men's Foundation and some Bibles donated from Jesus Christ is Lord Ministries.

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The NAUMS Executive Committee has approved working with the National Association of Conference Presidents of UMMen to provide up to 30,000 Bibles next year for NAUMS to distribute at youth events and for men's fellowships to purchase for their youth.

If you would like to support this project, send your contribution to NAUMS (see back page) with a note "for Bible Project".

Why Sponsor Girl Scout Troops At The Local Church?

Why should a local church sponsor Girl Scout troops? The answer is very simple: because sponsoring Girl Scouts is one of the most effective ways that a local congregation can make a real and positive difference in the lives of girls and young women in their neighborhoods. Partnering with Girl Scouts becomes, then, a ministry of outreach to the community, something near and dear to the United Methodist heart.

Many studies have been made which prove that community organizations, such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Campfire, and 4-H, help youth improve their ability to make moral decisions. When youth are members of both a community organization and a church congregation, their ability to make these decisions is improved even further. Church-sponsored troops bring into the church girls whose families may be looking for a church home. Some of the girls may never have been inside a church before. Some of these girls eventually join the congregation, and some don't – but even those who

don't join will acquire a positive image of church life that may lead them to join a congregation as an adult.

So how can you get started? Present a plan to the church Board or Council. Get approval to provide support for a budget to get the group started. Elect a Scouting Coordinator and other adult leadership for a task group. Then contact your local Girl Scout council and ask for the name of the Troop Organizer for your area. The Troop Organizer will help you with the details. And be sure to plan for the Scouting Ministries Sunday service!

Children and youth are an essential part of our congregations, even - perhaps especially - when they are not members. Reaching out to these children through community programs such as Girl Scouting is an effective way to influence our church's future.

Sandy Keeney
Kansas City, MO

Editor's note: Sandy has created a wonderful collection of Girl Scout Prayers which she will send to you. Send her an e-mail or contact the editor. Please note that a non-electronic version may have a small cost involved.

Chapters Represent The Future Of NAUMS

As we look at the future shape and function of NAUMS, local, district and conference chapters are where we need to focus our efforts. Chapters can help deliver the ministry resources that the national organization creates. Chapters can do a better job of encouraging people to join NAUMS. Chapters can do what the national organization

cannot, namely be at the local church and district meetings and make things happen.

A NAUMS Chapter Committee is being formed to create resources for chapters. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Bob Chase at the address on the back page.

Upcoming Meetings And Events

- Philmont Training Program – 7/11-17/99
- Youth '99 – 7/28-8/1/99 – Knoxville TN
- Executive Committee – 10/15/99 – Kansas City MO
- Girl Scout National Convention – 10/14-18/99 – Kansas City, MO
- Executive Committee – 3/24/00 – Nashville TN
- National BSA Meeting – 5/24-26/00 – Nashville TN
- Board of Directors – 6/23-24/00 – St. Louis MO
- Annual Meeting – 6/24/00 – St. Louis MO

Use the application on this page to join NAUMS or to renew your membership. You may also indicate your willingness to help the Board of Directors by joining one of the NAUMS Committees. Make your check payable to **NAUMS** and mail with this application form to:
NAUMS, P.O. Box 23172, Nashville, TN 37202-3172. Thank you for your support.

NAUMS Membership Application

Sign up for:	Price	Payment Enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> New Annual Membership	\$ 20.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew Annual Membership	\$ 20.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> New Life Membership	\$ 150.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter	\$ 35.00 Plus \$10 per member	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution		_____

Designation (if any)

- Communications Committee Free
- Membership Committee Free
- Chapter Committee Free
- Fund Raising Committee Free
- Program Committee Free
- Training Committee Free

Amount Enclosed _____
 (Make your check payable to NAUMS)

 Name

 Address

 City, State, Zip

 Phone

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Utilizing the Programs of the Boy
Scouts of America, Camp Fire Boys
and Girls, Inc., 4-H Clubs and Girl
Scouts of the USA.*

Bylaws Changed At Annual Meeting

The Bylaws of NAUMS have been brought up to date and retyped. At the Annual Meeting in May, changes were made to the make up of the Board of Directors, the election of Directors and the definition of our relationship with our affiliate organizations. Also, an Article on Chapters was added.

The Board of Directors consists of two classes: At-large and Reciprocal. There are twelve At-large directors representing all five Jurisdictions and our four program agencies. The Reciprocal directors are those representing

organizations which give NAUMS representation on their boards. The relationship is defined by the other organization. For example, if the other organization gives NAUMS voice and vote, we give them voice and vote.

At-large directors are elected for three year terms with one third of the directors elected each year. The article about the Directors on page 2 indicates when the terms for the current directors expire.

Chapters are now defined in the bylaws.