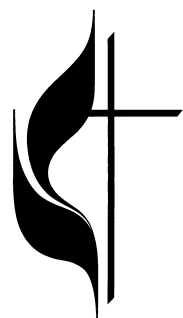


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Ministry of Scouting



**National Association
of United Methodist
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Editor's note: The officers of NAUMS are making a concerted effort to enhance the value of membership in the Association. This newsletter is one way we communicate that value.

If you know of a prospective member, give them a copy or send me their name and address and I'll mail a copy.
Bob Chase

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Ministry Of Scouting Sunday

It is not too early to start planning for next year's Ministry of Scouting Sunday.

You may observe it on Boy Scout Sunday, February 13, 2000, on Girl Scout Sunday, March 13, 2000, on some Sunday in-between or on some other Sunday during the year. Just make sure your church recognizes its strong outreach ministry to

the children and youth of your community.

The Ministry of Scouting Sunday is a great time to recognize the dedication of your ministry leaders with the Cross & Flame Award or the God & Service Award. A public "Thank You" also goes a long way.

There are a number of great ideas for worship programs, respon-

sive readings, prayers, messages, etc., on our web site: <http://www.naums.org>. If you have other ideas or materials, send them to the editor and we'll add them to the site.

Talk to the leaders of your groups and make sure they know why we celebrate this ministry. Make sure they are an active part of the plan.

Newsletter Ideas and Comments

This is our second issue. Our goal is to put out at least two issues per year. One in July following the Annual Meeting and one in October or November with ideas for Ministry of Scouting Sunday and a membership renewal reminder.

What do you think? Should we try to get an issue out in February or March with ideas for Chapters?

Send your comments to Bob Chase (see page 6). If you want a copy of the first issue, send your mailing address.

Renew Your Membership, Please!

If you are an Annual Member of NAUMS, it is time to renew your membership. There is a form on page 4 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 or Chapters, contact

Kevin Clayborn at: NAUMS, P.O. Box 23172, Nashville, TN 37202-3172.

Chapter members must renew through your chapter so that half of your dues stays with the Chapter.

NAUMS Executive Committee Report



NAUMS Executive Committee – Left to Right: Kevin Clayborn, VP for Membership; Shirley Lundy, VP for Program; Bob Chase, Vice President and Secretary; Joanne Beard, President; Mildred Keeney, VP for Training; and Sims Lawson, Treasurer and VP for Fundraising.

Your NAUMS Executive Committee met in Kansas City in October and spent a full day discussing the needs of the Association and our plans for the future.

We met with Larry Coppock to discuss what was going on in his office and to discuss the upcoming events we would jointly support.

You can read about the Bible project, training, patches, and membership renewal in other columns. We are working on

cleaning up the membership database. There are addresses and zip codes that don't look right and there is concern that we are missing information on some Life Members.

The Treasurer's report shows we are in reasonably good shape, although we could always do more if we had additional members or additional contributions.

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

There is an effort to expand our committees and use them to develop ideas by adding details. We are working on membership and Chapters, training, program and fundraising. Your input and support would be appreciated.

While we were in Kansas City, some of us visited the Camp Fire Boys and Girls headquarters and discussed with them how we might enhance the use of their programs in our ministry.

Chapters Make An Impact

The Wichita, KS UMC District formed a NAUMS Chapter three years ago. Membership in the Chapter has increased 500% since it was formed. Lots of exciting things have been accomplished since then. The

Chapter has funded and recruited full time chaplains for the Boy Scout Council's summer camp. They also provide camperships and help with registration costs for under-privileged scouts. The annual regis-

tration fee to charter a chapter is \$35 and the chapter retains \$10 of each member's \$20 fee.

Shirley Lundy,

President – Air Capital Chapter.

A Message From The NAUMS President

I will try to explain in words the excitement I see building in NAUMS. I want to share with you some of the things that have happened this year and that we have to look forward to in 2000.

As you can see by reading this newsletter, we have now completed the second issue. The first issue was very well received and we expect the same for this one. Bob Chase has done a great job in putting our newsletter together and getting it mailed out.

The Executive Committee has been very busy since the Annual Meeting in May. NAUMS has been represented at the General Commission on United Methodist Men meetings in March and September, National Boy Scout meetings in February, May and October, and the National Girl Scouts of the USA Meeting in October.

The response we received at the Girl Scout Meeting was overwhelming. Girl Scout leaders and national GS Staff were grateful for our presence (with Larry Coppock from the Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting) and for our emphasizing the connection between the church and GSUSA. It was not only those attendees who are United Methodist but others as well who gathered information to help the leaders, girls

and volunteers in their troops, Councils and Areas.

The executive committee met in October to plan for the next year and for the long term and to make sure each member of the committee had a specific set of goals and plans. For the first time in years the entire Executive Committee was present. We have made great strides but we still have a lot of work to do.

Next year our annual meeting will be held in St. Louis. We are excited that this will not only be our annual meeting, but a training session as well. We will be meeting with our friends at P.R.A.Y and they will be involved with us in the training effort.

It is a great time to be a member of NAUMS. We need you to be an active part in making the Association work. Please write or e-mail us if you have an area of interest you would like to be involved in.

We wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season and look forward to what the Year 2000 will bring.

Joanne Beard, President of NAUMS

New NAUMS Patch Available

There is a new patch with the new NAUMS logo now available for purchase. The design allows for square rocker strips for Chapter name, Charter Member, etc. If you have a request for a specific rocker strip, let us know. Chapters may have their own strips made up.

Use the order form on page 4 to purchase your patch.

Philmont Chaplain

We did not have a United Methodist Chaplain at Philmont in 1999. There is a concerted effort to find a qualified Chaplain for 2000 and beyond. If you know of someone interested in being a Chaplain in 2001, please send their name and address to NAUMS, P.O. Box 23172, Nashville TN 37202-3172.

Bible Project A Continuing Success

Our Bible Project at Philmont continues to be our most important project. A total of 5500 Bibles were given out to scouts and explorers at Philmont in 1999.

We are investigating having Bibles available for different programs and events.

We want to give Bibles to young people at Youth '03 and other United Methodist events and at special events of the four agencies, such as high ad-

venture and other special camps, jamborees, conventions, etc. In this way, we want to encourage our youth to make the Bible and its message an important part of their lives.

Funding for the project comes from individual contributions and The United Methodist Men Foundation. If you would like to support this project, send your contribution to NAUMS (see page 4) with a note "for the Bible Project".

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distributed at
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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 and you may order the new patch. 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 – Annual Fees	\$ 35.00 Plus \$10 per member	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution		_____

Designation (if any)

<input type="checkbox"/> Communications Committee	Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee	Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Committee	Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Committee	Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Program Committee	Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Training Committee	Free
<input type="checkbox"/> New NAUMS Patch Quantity _____	\$ 5.00 per patch plus \$3.00 for Shipping & handling

Amount Enclosed _____
(Make your check payable to NAUMS)

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

Report From The National GSUSA Meeting

What a thrilling experience it was to see the sea of green at the Girl Scout convention! There were 2,021 voting delegates and 7,719 visitors, plus approximately 600 volunteers from the local Girl Scout Council.

NAUMS helped motivate the attendees to offer Girl Scouting through their home churches. The booth in the exhibition hall told the story, reinforced by buttons proclaiming GS and UMC as "A Great Connection."

Rebecca Lobo, a player for the New York Liberty basketball team and a Girl Scout alumna, addressed the packed auditorium at the opening ceremony. She told how her GS experiences taught her the importance of teamwork and helping others. Lobo is a member of Girl Scouts' All-Star Team, a group of professional athletes who have served as inspirational role models and spokespeople for GirlSports 2000, a GSUSA initiative designed to encourage girls nationwide to develop life-long health and fitness habits.

Ida McBeth is a famous jazz singer in Kansas City, and the KC Star called her gospel rendition of the song "Girl Scouts Together" at the convention the "most soul-stirring performance ever." She shared how she wanted to be a Girl Scout but her mother worked 7 days a week, 12 hours a day, and couldn't afford uniforms, raising 5 kids by herself. A teacher helped her join and she never forgot how Girl Scouts built her self-esteem.

In addition to these and other inspirational keynote speakers, the National Council Session plans direction for the future of GSUSA, reviews the activities of the past three years, and elects national board members. The newly elected President is Connie Matsui, the first Asian American to serve as the elected leader of Girl Scouts. There is a need for more volunteers – individuals, agencies, businesses, and foundations (and we know we can add churches) – to make the program available to more girls.

A new partnership with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will bring Girl Scouting to more girls in the housing developments with

their particular needs.

The Executive Director, Marty Evans, in her address, looked beyond the goals to dreams we have for the Girl Scouts, not just for the next three years, but for the next millennium. Ms. Evans said, "Working together, our dreams for Girl Scouting can come true: more girls can be reached – no matter where they live, what their background, or what their race. We are in a powerful place to make a difference in communities. As is evidenced in all-too-common tragic headlines, this country's youth need moral leadership – who better to provide it than the Girl Scouts? It's our duty." We could add, who better to provide it than the Girl Scouts working in and through our United Methodist Church?!

She said further, "Catch the dreams of the movement. Be dream makers for girls. Give your all to this tremendous Girl Scout dream team!" Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

"Girl Scouts. Where girls grow strong." This is the new brand identity campaign, befitting a major powerful movement over the past 87 years, with program activities for today and tomorrow.

Sports is one major emphasis, developing skills for basketball, volleyball, soccer, tennis, golf, and GirlSports Basics. There is also an emphasis on rappelling, zip lines, scaling cliffs, hiking and backpacking, horse programs, white water rafting, canoeing and other water sports, as well as major computer program activities and camps, science and math programs, studying planets and stars, and auto maintenance. Yes, Girl Scouts still sell cookies and in the process begin to learn how to be successful bankers and business people.

Mildred Keeney

Upcoming Meetings And Events

- 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
- NAUMS Training Program – 6/23-24/00 – St. Louis MO
- Philmont Training Program – 7/9-15/00
- Executive Committee – 9/15-16/00 – Nashville

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NAUMS Training

Your NAUMS Training Committee is working on a new syllabus to be used for training. The first place it is to be used will be in St. Louis on June 23-24, 2000. The training will be in conjunction with the Board of Directors meetings and the Annual Meeting.

Having the syllabus will enable us to provide training in less time and at less expense than previously possible.

Mildred Keeney

NAUMS Annual Meeting

While there will be an official notice in the Spring, as required by our By-laws, mark your calendars now for the Annual Meeting in St. Louis on June 24, 2000. We have reserved the Pallottine Renewal Center in Florissant, Missouri for the training (see article on the left) and the Annual Meeting. We have reserved some rooms for overnight stays on a first-come first-served basis.

We will be meeting with P.R.A.Y. to discuss how we can work together to advance our ministry and will be touring their facilities as well.

Get your reservations in early. We hope to see you in St. Louis in June.