



NAUMS News

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Editor's note: The officers of NAUMS are always looking for ideas on how we can help the local church use the Ministry of Scouting in creative ways.

All too often we hear about "those scouts" who meet in the church. We must get the message out that they are "our scouts".

Please send me your success stories of how you were able to promote the Ministry of Scouting.

We also want to hear what you would like this newsletter to become. It is how the leadership keeps you informed but it could be how Chapters share ideas with each other. It could be how we promote the Ministry of Scouting to non-members. Let me know what you think.
Bob Chase

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Dr. Kenneth Wyatt's NAUMS Print

After many years of effort by Past Presidents Bob Cash and Buddy Davis, and the Rev. Byron White, we have limited edition prints of a painting by Dr. Kenneth Wyatt which NAUMS will be selling as a fundraiser.

The painting has been approved by BSA and is available immediately. (See the insert for a picture of the

print and for ordering information.) This print would be a great way to recognize someone who has made a big impact on your Church's Ministry of Scouting.

The leadership of NAUMS has always had bigger dreams for impacting our ministry than our financial resources could support. We are hoping that

this wonderful print will generate the revenue needed to implement the programs we have only been able to talk about.

If your BSA Council office has a Scout Shop that you would be willing to contact to see if they would sell our print, please contact Sims Lawson at the NAUMS address in Nashville.

NAUMS Training Programs

NAUMS wants to make it easier and less expensive for you to get the information you need to give effective ministry to the young people in our United Methodist Churches. We have new training events scheduled, in addition to the traditional one at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico the week of July 10, 2000.

The first will be at the Pallottine Renewal Center in St. Louis June 23-24, 2000. As a bonus, we have arranged for an opportunity to tour PRAY (Programs for Religious Activities with Youth) headquarters on Thursday, June 22, at 2:00 p.m.

Starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 23, and lasting until noon on Saturday, June 24, we will give you information about the ministry and

provide a manual for you to keep as a reference. This is a new manual, concise but complete, in a form allowing changes or new additions to be made to keep it current. Supplemental pages may be sent with future editions of NAUMS News. Send in your registration promptly (use the form on page 4) to secure your place at the reasonable price of \$115 (3 nights, 9 meals).

Similar training events will be held in Blackstone, Virginia on September 8-9, 2000 and in Wichita, Kansas, on October 14, 2000. Watch NAUMS News for more training events as they are scheduled, hopefully at a place convenient to you. For information, contact Mildred Keeney, VP-Training at: mildredkeeney@juno.com.

NAUMS Executive Committee Report

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

Your Executive Committee met in Nashville in March in conjunction with the National Association of Conference Presidents of UMMen. We spent three days discussing how NAUMS could be improved and what we could do to advance our ministry. Some of what we did is evidenced in articles in this newsletter.

The Training Manual, the Training events, the Wyatt print, plans for the Annual Meeting, the Bible Program,

plans for our Chapters, ideas for improving our web site, and ideas for youth at risk are all subjects we worked on.

We need your help. We have made great progress in forming working committees that are actually creating new programs and new ideas. We need your input, your ideas, your participation. Please join our committees. Most

of the work is done through e-mail and only requires one hour a week (that was supposed to be a joke).

We also need your help in attracting new members. Invite friends to join, form a Chapter, help spread the word that NAUMS is making a difference in the Ministry of Scouting in the United Methodist Church.

Come to the Annual Meeting and find out more about our vision for the future.

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

Chapter Information

Chapters are organized a number of ways, but there are several things in common with each. Each chapter must have at least 5 members, with one member serving as the President. Each chapter agrees to follow the mission and purpose of the national organization. Each chapter defines its own boundaries.

Some chapters cover an area the size of the church conference. These chapters tend to be educational in nature, informing pastors and laity within their conference of the benefits of the Ministry of Scouting to youth and the church.

Other chapters are defined by their church district boundary. The focus of these chapters tends to be outreach to the children in a given area. Chapters of this na-

ture hold retreats, sponsor district wide events and use the connectiveness of the church to foster support and fellowship among other scouting leaders.

There are a few chapters defined by a local church or by a cluster of churches. These chapters generally serve as supporters for the local church's ministry by serving as event coordinators, God & Country mentors, merit badge counselors and role models for the youth in the local area.

Would you like to be a part of a chapter but need to know where one is? Thinking of starting a chapter in your area, but need some more information on how to do it? Contact Kevin Clayborn, VP-Membership at: jkclayborn@uswest.net

A Chapter May Be Forming In Your Area

As a new feature of NAUMS News we will be listing information about members who have formed or are interested in forming a Chapter. If you live in or near one of these areas contact the individual listed.

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8941 Chapman Cir, Strongsville, OH
44136 - 440-572-0864

A Message From The NAUMS President

I can not tell you how many times I have been asked “*Why should I join NAUMS?*” Well I can give you a number of good reasons.

We have great training events planned to help church leaders get the ***Ministry*** information they need. A few of the locations for 2000 are St. Louis, Wichita, Virginia, Philmont and Indiana.

A new Training Manual. We have just completed our first training manual to equip people to do training for local and District coordinators.

Our newsletter. Our method for keeping members informed as to what is going on in NAUMS, in our Chapters and in different ***Ministry*** areas.

Chapters that are growing. These chapters help to support ***Ministry*** at the local church and help provide training.

An outstanding Bible project that is continuing to grow. The Bibles given at Philmont are a treasure piece for the young men who hike into the back country. Soon we hope to be sharing Bibles at other Boy Scout High Adventure Bases as well as with Girl Scouts and with Camp Fire.

Our presence at National Events. We were definitely seen at the National Girl Scout Convention in Kansas City in 1999 and our presence was really appreciated. We were also at Youth '99, Philmont, General Commission of United Methodist Men (GCUMM) meetings, and national Boy Scouts of America meetings. For 2000 we will be at General Conference as a sponsor to the GCUMM Breakfast, at national Boy Scout meetings, and at GCUMM meetings. In 2001 we will be at Purdue for the quadrennial UMM gathering, at Philmont

Training Center and at the National Boy Scout Jamboree.

Our Web site. Our web site continues to grow and the information resources that are available are endless. Our e-mail discussion list is always busy and buzzing with ideas.

Now for the best reason to be part of NAUMS and the ***Ministry*** of Scouting. Last night I attended a play called the Wiley Women of Winter Park. This Brownie troop, sponsored by First United Methodist of Winter Park, researched the subject, wrote their own lines, made costumes, painted backdrops and performed this 30 minute play in a school auditorium. These eleven little girls and their leader were great. After leaving the play I went back by the Church to pick up some supplies for another meeting. As I parked I saw our Cub Scouts all lined up outside the church. One of den leaders had forgotten his key. I unlocked the door and was quickly run over by a pack of Cub Scouts. What a great sound to hear Cub Scouts who couldn't wait to get started on their next project.

The best reason to be part of the National Association of Methodist Scouters is the children, youth and adults effected by the ***Ministry***. The ***Ministry*** is what we are all about. Promoting a place for children, youth, adults and their families to feel loved, nurtured and cared for while learning the disciplines and positive morals of life.

I hope to see you all in St. Louis for the Training Event and the Annual Meeting.

Joanne Beard, President of NAUMS

Renew Your Membership, Please!

If you are an Annual Member of NAUMS and have not renewed this year, it is time to renew your membership. Use the form on page 4 to send us your renewal.

Your annual dues are our pri-

mary source of funds for operating the Association. Please continue your support by sending your renewal.

If you have any questions about membership or Chapters, contact

Kevin Clayborn at the NAUMS address in Nashville.

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

Bible Project Making An Impact

Our Bible Project at Philmont continues to be our most important project. We will provide 10,000 Bibles to be given out to scouts and explorers at Philmont in 2000.

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 with a note “for the Bible Project”. We are also offering to send a Bible to anyone who donates a minimum of \$10.00 to the project (see the insert page).

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 And Sign-up Form

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	_____

Sign up for the St. Louis Training Event \$ 115.00 _____

Amount Enclosed _____
(Make your check payable to NAUMS)

I hereby give my proxy vote for the 2000 Annual Meeting to the Secretary of NAUMS

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

Youth At Risk Opportunities

Among the issues we need to address as we advance our ministry to children and youth are how we promote programs that are consistent with the Episcopal Initiative on Children and Poverty and how we provide programs that will assist youth who are living in situations that could easily lead to problems. In other words how do we help children and youth who are at risk.

Our tradition has been primarily Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts meeting in middle class churches. We need to find ways to help churches develop programs in the communities that have children and youth who are at risk. There are existing programs and there are developing programs. If you know of good programs in addition to those discussed below, please write it up and send it to the editor.

The Boy Scouts have programs for urban areas with resources for the African American community, the Asian American community, and the Hispanic Community. BSA also has programs for communities with Public Housing and other HUD-Assisted Housing.

The Urban Emphasis Division the BSA headquarters is eager to work with churches in implementing their programs.

More than a dozen cities across the country now have Girl Scout programs for homeless girls, and more are needed. One of the biggest problems with keeping a troop in a homeless shelter is attracting adult mentors.

The 'Girl Scouts Beyond Bars' program has created troops in several states that meet in prisons, where inmates and their children can eat, make art and sell cookies together. These programs, and others like them scattered across the country, affirm that the parent-child bond, in addition to its private importance to the individuals involved, is a social asset that should be valued and preserved.

Legal Aid of western Missouri began the Migrant Farm Workers Project to help address the needs of the farm worker's families. They worked with Girl Scouts to launch a seven-week Girl Scout program, bringing es-

teem-building and age-appropriate learning experiences to an often overlooked segment of our society.

Another program worthy of our assistance is the PAVE program. Girl Scouts have a \$5 million federal grant to be used by the nine Missouri Girl Scout councils to pilot "PAVE the Way" (Project Anti-Violence Education Program), followed by implementation in other parts of the country.

At the General Commission on United Methodist Men Scouting Advisory Committee meeting in March, a new program to be developed with the Camp Fire Boys and Girls was approved in concept. This program will develop and test a model for providing youth and family programming – the Community Family Club Program. This model will involve the entire family in the Camp Fire group and uses a congregational setting with parents and congregational volunteers delivering monthly programming.

This concept will help address the critical issues of volunteer engagement and program accessibility, particularly in low income or at-risk communities. It also provides a vehicle for reaching out into unserved and underserved neighborhoods through its community service program.

The Nashville United Methodist News Service recently wrote, "Responding to the epidemic of violence among young people around the world, nine United Methodist mission initiatives have released statements vowing increased collective support for ministries that address those concerns. A 'Call for Commitment,' a jointly produced statement, highlights the initiatives' plans for dealing with violence among the young."

We all know how needs are greater than our energy and time allow for us to meet those needs. Then it becomes a matter of priorities. Think a moment whether your church can do something to help in needs like these.

Upcoming Meetings And Events

- NAUMS Training Event – 6/23-24/00 – St. Louis MO
- Board of Directors – 6/23-24/00 – St. Louis MO
- Annual Meeting – 6/24/00 – St. Louis MO
- Philmont Training Program – 7/9-15/00 – NM
- NAUMS VA/NC Training – 9/8-9/00 – Blackstone VA
- Executive Committee – 9/15-16/00 – Nashville TN
- NAUMS Training Event – 10/16/00 – Wichita KS

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Girl Scouts of the USA.*

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NAUMS ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the National Association of United Methodist Scouters will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2000, at the Pallottine Renewal Center in St. Louis, Missouri, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Life Members and all Annual Members who have paid dues between January 1, 1999 and June 1, 2000, are eligible to vote.

Items of business include the election of this year's class of At-large Directors (four), a review of 1999 operations and discussion of future plans.

The annual meeting will be held at the same location as the training program, the Pallottine Renewal Center, which is located at 15270 Old Halls Ferry Road,

Florissant, Mo, northeast of St. Louis Intl Airport. Take I-270 West Florissant exit, left on W Florissant, left on New Halls Ferry RD, right on Lindbergh (Hwy 67) and left on Old Halls Ferry RD. The Center is one mile on the right.

If you are eligible to vote, cannot attend the meeting and are satisfied with the performance of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, please send the proxy vote found on Page 4 to NAUMS with your renewal. Life Members may send it to the Secretary at the above address. You may also send an e-mail, giving your name and proxy, to rwchase@erols.com. If you have any questions, direct them to the Secretary.