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Editor's note:

The leadership of your Association was very busy this summer. NAUMS was well represented at Philmont, Purdue, and the BSA Jamboree.

There are articles in this issue covering these and other events since April.

Plans are underway for the Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, next June. With the special rates Joanne Beard has obtained, this will be a great time to visit "Mickey" with your family.

One last thing, after living in Virginia for the past 30 years, my wife and I are moving to South Central Illinois this fall. The next issue will have my new address, phone and e-mail.

Bob Chase
Vice President, Editor

Jamboree Bible Project Successful

In spite of a pouring rain, over 1,500 Boy Scouts and leaders attended the United Methodist worship service at the 2001 BSA National Jamboree. Each scout and scouter in attendance received a New Testament from NAUMS.

In addition, we gave another 1,500 to scouts and scouters who came to the NAUMS booth after the Sunday morning service.

NAUMS was able to obtain the Bibles through a collaborative effort with the General Commission on United Methodist Men and the United Methodist Men Foundation.

We still have a number of Bibles with the 2001 Jamboree logo that are available to anyone who would like to contribute to the Bible Project. We would appreciate a donation of \$10 for each Bible requested. This will allow us to provide Bibles at Philmont next summer as well as prepare for the 2005 BSA National Jamboree.

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If you would like a Jamboree Bible, please use the form on page 7 and indicate the donation and the number of Bibles you would like. Give the enclosed Bible Project flyer to a friend, your church and/or your men's fellowship and ask for their contribution.

One of the great things about the Jamboree was being able to talk to the scouts who came to the NAUMS booth. When we discussed our Bible Project, many of the scouts said they had received a Bible at Philmont and a few even pulled the Philmont Bible from their backpacks.

This project is making a difference in the lives of our youth. Let's keep it going.

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NAUMS Shirts For Sale

We have a new high-quality, limited addition polo shirt available with the NAUMS logo prominently displayed. All NAUMS members will want to include this shirt in their wardrobe.

The shirts have a distinctive heringbone weave and come in two colors: white with black trim on the collar and sleeves, and gray with red trim. The shirts are available in sizes

M (gray only), L, XL and XXL (also has a white with red trim available).

The cost, including shipping, is \$32, for sizes M-XL, and \$35, for XXL. To order, use the form on page 7 and indicate the quantity and choice of color. Quantities are limited, so order quickly.

These shirts were a big hit at Philmont, the UMMen Congress at Purdue and at the BSA Jamboree.

NAUMS Meeting Reports

The NAUMS Board of Directors Meeting and the Association's Annual Meeting were held in Nashville in June.

Our officers reported on the accomplishments of the Association in the past year and on the plans for the coming year.

Accomplishments include:

- Great relationships with BSA, UMMen and the UMM Foundation.
- Excellent on-going Internet Ministry led by Ed Hammitt.
- Continuing improvement in training materials and training events due to the efforts of Mildred Keeney.
- Tremendous success with our Bible Project at Philmont and this year's BSA Jamboree, thanks to Shirley Lundy.
- Increased recognition of church ministry using the

NAUMS Shepherd Church Award.

- Improved communications using the e-mail list and *NAUMS News*.
 - Improved visibility with the new NAUMS brochure .
- Plans include:
- Researching and developing grant requests.
 - Increasing the visibility of the Wyatt Print fundraiser.
 - Obtaining NAUMS polo shirts to sell to improve our visibility and recognition.
 - Arranging for credit card acceptance for payments to NAUMS.

- Continuing the Bible Project at Philmont and expanding to Sea Base soon.
- Increasing membership and the number of chapters.
- Strengthening Chapter support.

The Board of Directors approved the planned Life Member dues increase. Life Member dues are now \$250.

The following Directors were elected at the Annual Meeting: Joanne Beard, Linda Hildebrand, Tina Justice, Sims Lawson, Patton Long, Shirley Lundy and George Morrell. Tina, Pat and Shirley were elected to one year terms to fill director vacancies due to resignations and inactivity.

Plans are being made for next year's meeting in Orlando, Florida. Details are given on page 3.



Using Wyatt Prints As Recognition

"Family of Scouting", the NAUMS print painted by Dr. Kenneth Wyatt, is being used to recognize ministry support by pastors and Boy Scout leaders instead of using a plaque or just a handshake.

A copy of the color flyer showing the print and the various sizes is enclosed with this newsletter. This is our only fund raiser for the Association so please help us promote the sale of this great print.

Chapter Information

Shirley Lundy has agreed to take on responsibility for coordinating our efforts to improve resources available to and communication with our chapters and potential chapters.

If you are considering forming a chapter or have a chapter that could use a little help, contact Shirley at: (316) 684-4914 or by e-mail at: bsamom@wichitausea.com.

We are working on our chapter resource materials, so, if you have a need or suggestion of what might be helpful, please contact Shirley and let her know what you are thinking.

The President's Message

NAUMS has been busy this summer. We have been represented at the BSA National meeting in Boston, the United Methodist workshop at the Philmont Training Center, the United Methodist Men's Congress at Purdue, and the 2001 BSA National Jamboree. We also had a training event, Board of Director's Meeting and our Annual Meeting in Nashville.

During the June Board Meeting we discussed the lack of a clear Mission Statement and strategic plan. Your Executive Committee met in August to begin the process of developing these. I am going to share with you the Mission Statement and some of the priorities that are vital to our future.

"The mission of the National Association of United Methodist Scouters (NAUMS) is to enable adults of the United Methodist Church to provide ministry to children, youth, their families, and their communities by utilizing the programs of the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA and other civic youth serving agencies.

NAUMS develops and provides resources, training and programs in cooperation with the General Commission of United Methodist Men (GCUMM), its office of Civic Youth Serving Agencies/Scouting, the National Association of Conference Presidents (NACP) of UMMen, the United Methodist Men Foundation, the General Board of Discipleship (GBOD), and each civic youth agency."

One of the most important priorities is to develop funding to support our on-going projects. This means everything from training events to the Bible Project. It is imperative that we get to the point where the Bible Project is self-funding.

We want to expand the Bible Project to include the BSA Sea Base. The dream of the Board and members that I have spoken to is to see the Bible Project grow. We have expanded to the BSA Jamboree and the Sea Base is the next feasible opportunity.

We want to continue to develop and up-date our training materials. We know that they are being used but how can we improve them? What other materials do we need?

We need to find the national and regional events where NAUMS should be represented so we can increase our visibility. These events would include adult workshops and church programs for ministry to youth and children.

We want to increase our chapters to at least one per conference. Chapters will continue to play a vital role in our future. We need to create more resources for our chapters as well.

How can you help? Copy the enclosed Bible Project flyer and give it to individuals, churches, UMMen fellowships or businesses that might like to help support the Bible Project. Use the training materials and share them with others. Help us identify national or conference events in which NAUMS may want to consider participating. Honestly look around your area and see how many friends, acquaintances and scouters you have to form a chapter. Send us your ideas and comments. The Board cannot do these things alone. We are an association of ALL volunteers and we need your help.

Thank you for all you do and for your continued support.

Joanne L Beard

2002 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida

The Caribe Royale Resort Suites & Villas in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, will be the site of the Board of Directors meeting June 20-22, 2002 and the Annual Meeting of the Association, June 22, 2002.

All rooms are suites that will sleep 4 adults and the per room rate for our group, including tax, is \$154.29. Other, more elaborate suites are also available at special rates. The group rate will be honored for 3 days before (June 17) and 3 days after (June 25) if space is available. They have a large convention coming in after us, so call soon if you would like to make a family vacation out of this opportunity.

The Caribe Royale is about ten minutes from Disney and is within minutes of Universal and Sea World. There are shuttles right out the front door to these and other attractions. The pool has a 75 foot water slide. They have tennis courts and a state of the art exercise facility. There are several golf courses in the area. What more could you possibly want on your dream vacation???

We are planning a training event for Saturday night and Sunday that would end Sunday afternoon. Details of the training event will be in the next newsletter, but make your reservations at the hotel as soon as possible.

For reservations, call the hotel at 800-823-8300.

New Brochures For NAUMS And NACP

There are two new brochures available for advancing our ministry.

NAUMS now has a brochure that can be given to prospective members. Current members should use the form on page 7 to renew their membership.

The National Association of Conference Presidents of UM-Men (NACP) also has a new

brochure for Men's Fellowships to encourage the men to get involved in the Ministry of Scouting. This brochure was developed for the NACP by NAUMS,

Both of these brochures are available in just about any quantity for distribution throughout our conferences and districts. To request cop-

ies, send your name and address along with the name of the brochure(s) you are requesting and the quantity you need to the NAUMS address in Nashville.

One copy of each brochure is enclosed. Read them over and then give them to someone who needs to know more about our ministry.

Youth

I recently attended Youth Convocation 2001 held in Indianola, Iowa and it was absolutely wonderful. It was a great learning experience. I have to say it was also funny watching people's facial expressions when I told them that I was representing the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

I was put on the legislative committee, so I got to jump in headfirst trying to get things done before Legislative assembly. I got to meet several other youth and particularly the ones on the boards/agencies that were just as confused as I was about our role as Youth representatives. I now have a better understanding of why we have youth on our boards and agencies. This is the only way we can get to voice our thoughts and also the only way we

can learn about the different boards and agencies.

While at Convocation we discussed many issues. One of these was changing the age requirement for new Youth coming on to the steering committee. We are proposing that youth representatives be no older than a junior in high school when they start their term, so that the youth will still be involved with the right age group for at least 2 years and have more input as a youth. We are also in the process of creating a task force that will create guidelines for boards and agencies on how to take care of their youth members when traveling.

Samantha Beard

Youth Member of NAUMS Board of Directors

From The GCUMM Scouting Office

A Bishop's Dinner for Scouting is one of the most effective ways to encourage the utilization of the four youth organizations that we promote to and for local churches. In the last 4 years over 30 Bishop's Dinners have been held in 20 separate annual conferences across our denomination. Plans are being made for another 24 within the next 30 months.

Thousands of youth are now part of our church family due to these events being conducted and the post-event organization.

The God and Country series is an integral part of our ministry work with youth agencies and local churches. Over 9,000 God and Country awards were made in 2000 to deserving United Methodist youth. God and Country

brings the youth, his/her pastor, and parents or mentor into a unique relationship and spiritual growth experience. We are currently working with P.R.A.Y. to find new ways to promote the God and Country series to a wider religious and secular audience.

Larry Coppock—National Scouting Ministries Director, GCUMM

The Shepherd Church Award

We encourage you to use the NAUMS Shepherd Church Award to recognize churches that provide outstanding outreach ministry through scouting.

The flyer for the award, which has the requirements and the award application, is enclosed in this issue of the newsletter. Additional copies may be obtained from the web site: www.naums.org.

District and Conference Scouting Coordinators are promoting the use of this award by including recognition of Shepherd Churches at district and annual conferences and in district and conference newsletters.

If you need any additional information about the award or how you can promote its use, contact NAUMS at the address on the back page.

NAUMS Recognized at UMMen Congress

NAUMS was chosen to be the host affiliate organization at the Saturday morning plenary session at the UMMen Congress at Purdue University this past July.

Bob Chase, NAUMS Vice President, was the Association's representative and opened the session by introducing the speakers on the dais and leading the opening prayer.

The Africa Mission Team (see the article on page 6) from the South Indiana Chapter of NAUMS was part of

the program and ten of the youth members were presented with the Good Samaritan Award.

Karen Heim-Baugh, Larry Coppock and Bob Chase led over 20 scouters in a pre-congress Scouting Coordinator's training program. Over 60 scouters attended three scouting ministry workshops that dealt with targeting the Ministry of Scouting on inner-city communities and utilizing the Ministry of Scouting to increase the local church's

ministry to its community.

The NAUMS booth at the ministry fair was constantly active with visits from current and future members. Karen Heim-Baugh and Bob Chase had a lot of help in the booth from NAUMS members in attendance at the congress. It was great to put faces to familiar names and to meet so many of you.

A number of attendees have joined NAUMS and the NAUMS message is spreading.

2001 BSA Jamboree

Working in our booth at the jamboree was most rewarding and exciting. The response of the thousands of scouts and scouters, who visited our booth, proves that there is lots of interest in the United Methodist Scouting Ministry. Scouters were hungry for information about NAUMS.

One mother was very thrilled when she found our booth because her son had received a Bible at Philmont last summer. Until then she had never heard of NAUMS.

It was very encouraging to learn that about 75% of the scouts that I visited with had received one or more of the God and Country awards.

The Jamboree Bibles were a tremendous hit and scouters were very supportive of the Bible project. We definitely made an impact and accomplished our goal of spreading the word about NAUMS and the importance of the Scouting Ministry.

Shirley Lundy, VP for Program

Upcoming Meetings And Events

- South Georgia Training—10/27/01
- South Carolina Training—Feb 02
- North Alabama Training—3/9/02
- NAUMS Executive Committee—Spring 02
- BSA National Meeting—6/5-7/02—New Or-

leans, LA

- Board of Directors – 6/22-23/02 – Orlando, FL
- NAUMS Annual Meeting – 6/22/02 – Orlando, FL
- Philmont Training Program – 7/7-13/02 – NM

Ministry Training At Philmont

The premier ministry training event of the year is held at the Training Center at the BSA Philmont Scout Ranch. Joanne Beard, President of NAUMS, was this year's Course Director. Her report follows.

I am always amazed at the beauty and splendor of the land that God created when I set foot on Philmont ground. This year I encountered two bears and one deer up close and personal at the training center.

This year's class of 20 individuals from around the country was energetic, inquisitive, and fun. The class learned the basics of scouting ministry in the local church, district and conference. PRAY has de-

clared this the year of the United Methodist so PRAY's Executive Director, Mark Hazelwood, spent time going over the RED Team and the God and Country Series information.

Don Oblander, BSA's Director of Relationships, visited with us twice. He shared new information on Relationships and Venturing. Craig Grabeel, the new Virginia Scouting Coordinator, and John Dieken, California Pacific SC, were a great asset in helping teach sessions throughout the week.

If you would like to attend next year's workshop at Philmont, July 7-13, 2002, contact your local BSA office for an invitation.

Mission Accomplished: "Bwana Asafiwe!"

Bwana Asafiwe! - Swahili for "Praise the Lord." A team of eleven youth and five adults sponsored by the South Indiana Conference Committee on Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting Ministries spent 19 days in May and June traveling to and across the United Republic of Tanzania in East Africa to train United Methodist leaders to use Boy Scouts and Girl Guides as a vital part of the Church's youth ministry. This was the first such training offered in Africa, and the African Church has received it eagerly. A whole new mission field has been opened up.

The nine boys and two girls on the team ranged in age from 13—27 years old. They were: Zach Randall, Patrick Hennessy, Seth Williams, Alex Barr, Amber Bloom, Greg Griffin, Trevor Griffin, Kenton Morrell, Don Torrance, Hannah Seevers and Nathan Williams. The adult leaders were: Art Collins, Karen Heim-Baugh, Mike Torrance, Ken Griffin and Tracy Taylor.

Approximately sixty youth and adults from Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo attended the seminar at Mwanga UMC in Kigoma, Tanzania. In addition, clergy and lay members of the Tanganyika-Tanzania Annual Conference (also meeting that week in Kigoma) dropped in regularly to see what was going on. Many of the local pastors and participants were from refugee families, trapped in Tanzania by the fighting that has plagued Congo in recent years.

Translation of the formal sessions was made much easier by the skill of a Congolese refugee translator who translated into two dialects of Swahili and French. No translators were required for the youth of both continents to form immediate friendships, play together and teach

each other their favorite songs and games.

The American youth gave formal presentations on a variety of subjects, but the seminar was never dull. There were challenge games, scoutcraft contests among the patrols, volleyball and soccer tourneys, a tug-of-war, morning devotions led by the African youth, and a closing campfire. Sunday worship was held in conjunction with the close of the Annual Conference.

The seminar closed amidst tears and laughter, but the work is only beginning. The translator was retained to begin the translation of NAUMS and UM CYSA resources into Swahili. Without this vital component, our designs would be frustrated.

So, besides having a once-in-a-lifetime trip, what did we accomplish in Africa? Well, the leadership of both Conferences worked together across vast distances to pull off one of the most complicated events of its kind one could imagine. This foreshadows more kinds of cooperative ministries beyond the traditional mission trips or tours. The African leaders who attended have been empowered to offer what we offer our churches here for the first time ever. The African youth have had their expectations raised, and we are working mightily on two continents not to disappoint them. Our American team members have been changed by God in ways that none of them can yet fully appreciate. Over the next generation, we will begin to see the effects of The Trip of the Millennium in their continued leadership of the Church.

Dr. Art Collins—South Indiana Conference Coordinator of Scouting Ministries, NAUMS Membership Chair

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 And Sign-up Form

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

At the Board of Directors meeting in June, the term for all memberships, other than Life Member, was established as calendar year. Thus, all annual members and all chapters must renew membership on January first of each year.

In order to ease the transition, the Board voted to set October first as the date when membership dues apply to the following year. This means that any membership renewal or new application received on or after October first will be credited to the next year and you will still enjoy all the great benefits of mem-

bership immediately.

Chapters are reminded that membership renewals and new member applications must be submitted with the chapter renewal. Additional new members can be added during the year by identifying the chapter and sending the \$12.50 Chapter membership fee.

Please support the Association by sending your renewal membership as soon as you can. Also, use the form on page 7, and give the enclosed new brochure to a friend. If you need additional brochures, contact NAUMS at the address in the top left corner.