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Editor's note:

Once again we head into a busy summer. With all the events on the calendar, NAUMS and everyone involved in the Ministry of Scouting will have plenty of opportunities to learn more about the ministry, see new and old friends and spread the word about our ministry.

We have new NAUMS brochures we'll be passing out at the summer's events so be sure to pick up a few copies for your friends and neighbors.

A busy workload has forced Ed Hammitt to step down as webmaster for the NAUMS website and as moderator for the e-mail list serv. Ed has been deeply committed to this part of our ministry having created the website in the mid 90's and maintained it ever since. Ed—thanks for your long time commitment and for all you have done to support our ministry and the association.

Bob Chase
President, Editor

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Summer 2005 Events

Philmont Training Center, Boy Scout Jamboree, United Methodist Men Gathering at Purdue—it all happens in a two month span this summer. Add to that the BSA National Meeting in May in Dallas and the GSUSA National Meeting in October in Atlanta and you've got a full calendar.

NAUMS will be involved in all of these events coordinating with Larry Coppock in the Office of Civic Youth Serving Agen-

cies/Scouting of the GCUMM. We'll jointly support a booth at the BSA Jamboree in the Relationships tent and at the GSUSA Convention in Atlanta. We'll also have a booth at the UMMen Gathering at Purdue.

The PTC relationships week has been moved to August for this summer and is still the best training available.

If you attend one of these events, please look us up.

Shepherd Church Awards

The following churches have received the NAUMS Shepherd Church Award:

Dove of the Desert UMC Mesa, AZ
Leaksville UMC Eden, NC
St. Timothy UMC Stone Mountain, GA
First UMC Georgetown, TX
Grace UMC Wichita, KS

Ebenezer UMC Conyers, GA
Conyers First UMC Conyers, GA
First UMC Mount Dora, FL
Hope UMC Tucson, AZ
Sierra Vista UMC Sierra Vista, AZ

If your church deserves to be on this list, check out the award requirements on the NAUMS website: www.naums.org.

BOY SCOUTS MOVE TO CHURCHES TO TRY TO PROTECT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is removing the charters of thousands of scouting units from public schools after an American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) threat to sue taxpayer-funded institutions that enter into charter agreements with the BSA to operate Cub packs, Boy Scout troops, or Venturing crews.

The ACLU sent a letter to the Boy Scouts of America in February threatening legal action against the public schools and other governmental agencies that operate Boy Scout units on the grounds that their sponsorship amounts to religious discrimination and violates the separation of church and

state.

Boy Scouts open their meetings by holding up their hands and repeating an oath to do their duty to God and country, resolve to help others and commit to keeping themselves strong in spirit, mind and body. Central to the BSA's stated mission is character development and values-based leadership training. ACLU leaders view these areas of emphasis as warrant for legal action, according to documents on the ACLU Web site.

"Since our earliest years of incorporation, the BSA has (continued on Page

PRAY for God and Country

Programs of Religious Activities for Youth (P.R.A.Y.) has three new e-mail lists for staying up-to-date with their current information. The links are:

Boy Scout: <http://www.praypub.org/working/emailrequest.asp?Flag=1>

Girl Scout: <http://www.praypub.org/working/emailrequest.asp?Flag=2>

God and Country: http://www.praypub.org/gc_signup.htm

Sign up for the e-mail list that meets your needs and get the latest information.

There will also be a special class on Religious Emblems at Philmont during the Relationships Week (August 7-13, 2005.) Check out the information at: http://www.praypub.org/ptc_syllabus.htm. The class will be led by Mark Hazlewood, the Executive Director of PRAY.

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2) enjoyed excellent relationships with public schools and governmental entities operating Scouting units, "according to Donald York Director of Relationships, "It would be unfortunate if these longstanding partners should be subjected to the expense and inconvenience of litigation as a result of their support of Scouting." For this reason, local BSA councils and districts have been instructed to transfer its charters for operating all traditional Scouting units to nongovernmental organizations, including churches and other private community-based organizations.

United Methodist Churches can help in *two* ways: by picking up a scout unit charter from a local public school or by starting a new unit. Currently, around 12,000 United Methodist Churches

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sponsor a Boy Scout program. Of these about 7,500 only have one unit, either a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, or a Venturing crew, but not all three. Because of the pressing need for alternative chartered organizations this is an opportune time for the UMC Scouting Ministries to reach out and expand their touch. It would be particularly advantageous for the congregations that sponsors a Boy Scout troop and has depended on receiving its new members from a local public school Cub Scout pack to reach out and operate the younger boy program as well. Resources and further information are available by contacting the GCUMM Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting or your local Boy Scout Council office.

Upcoming Meetings And Events

- 9th National Gathering of UMMen—7/15-17/05—
Purdue University, W Lafayette IN
- NAUMS Annual Meeting—7/16/05—W Lafayette IN
- BSA National Jamboree—7/25/05-8/3/05—
Ft A P Hill VA
- Philmont Training Program – 8/7-13/05 – NM
- GSUSA National Council Session/50th Convention—10/7-10/05—Atlanta.

Chapter Ideas

NAUMS Chapters are involved with supporting local Ministry of Scouting issues. These can include financial support of Hunger Relief projects, collecting funds for the NAUMS Bible Project, supporting or paying for local camp chaplains,

building chapels at summer camps, organizing training and resources for new Scouting Coordinators, providing God and Country training and support, etc., etc., etc.

Members interested in forming a chapter in the Houston area should

contact Brad Hollingsworth at: bradh1@charter.net.

If you are thinking about forming a chapter or have questions about what chapters can do, contact Shirley Lundy at: (316) 684-4914 or by e-mail at: bsamom@wichitusa.com.

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 Individual Membership And Sign-up Form

Sign up for:	Price	Payment Enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> New Regular (Annual) Membership	\$ 30.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew Regular Membership	\$ 30.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Regular Membership	\$ 50.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> New Life Membership	\$ 400.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> New Spouse Life Membership	\$ 200.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Life Member	\$ 50.00/yr	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution		_____

Designation (if any) _____

NAUMS Patch Quantity _____ \$ 5.00 per patch plus \$3.00 _____
for shipping & handling

Total Payment Enclosed _____
make your check payable to NAUMS

- My contribution to the Bible Project is noted above. Please send me _____ 2001 BSA Jamboree Bibles.
- I prefer to read the newsletter on line—please do not mail a copy to me.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

_____ _____
Phone E-mail Address

Please note that individual memberships are available to individuals only. Spouses must join separately to be eligible for election as a Director. Most of NAUMS operational funding comes from annual member dues so please encourage your friends and neighbors to join.

Chapter Renewals

Chapter members must renew with their chapter. The renewing chapter collects the \$30.00 dues from each of its annual members and sends a list of member information (as above for individuals) with a check for \$40.00 for the chapter plus \$15.00 for each annual member. Life Members do not pay additional NAUMS dues but may pay dues to the chapter as the chapter

determines.

New Chapters should send a list of Chapter officers and the Chapter name along with the list of members. From each renewing Chapter, we would like to receive a brief report on what was accomplished in the previous year with a list of new officers. What you accomplish may well be an inspiration to another chapter.

Send Membership Renewals,
Contributions and Address
Corrections to:
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Dedicated to Enhancing the Ministry
of the United Methodist Church by
Utilizing the Programs of the
Boy Scouts of America,
Camp Fire USA, 4-H Clubs and
Girl Scouts of the USA.

Official Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the members of the National Association of United Methodist Scouters will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2005, at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, beginning at 11:15 am. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 9th National Gathering of United Methodist Men.

If you are not familiar with national gatherings of United Methodist Men, check out the website at www.gcumm.org. NAUMS is an official affiliate of the General Commission on United Methodist Men and is actively involved in the work of the Commission. The

quadrennial gathering is a great event that all men of the church should attend. There will be Ministry of Scouting training on July 15th led by NAUMS, nationally recognized speakers, lots of workshops, good fellowship and a chance to sing in a 200 voice choir. If you haven't registered yet, please do it now. It's easy to do on-line.

NAUMS will have a booth at the Ministry Fair in the Armory so make sure you come by and say hi. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions about the meeting or the Gathering, contact Bob Chase.