

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNITED METHODIST SCOUTERS
SHEPHERD CHURCH AWARD
for United Methodist Churches that have given
Outstanding Ministry To Youth and Children
through Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.,
Camp Fire USA, and/or 4-H

Purpose:

To honor churches that provide outstanding ministry to their communities through Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, Camp Fire USA, and/or 4-H. These churches welcome all youth and children; nurture them as they grow to become good citizens with a deeper relationship with God; and work with them in service to others.

Requirements:

1. Make available BSA, GSUSA, CFUSA, and/or 4-H groups to meet the needs of all youth and children in the congregation and the community.
2. See that no individual is denied participation in the groups because of race, creed, or economic capability. All are welcomed into the United Methodist Church and its activities, but members of different faiths or religious affiliations are not required to participate in church activities.
3. Offer and encourage participation in a God and Country religious education program each year for all ages of youth and children served. In addition, all those in the groups sponsored, but who are of another faith, will be assisted in obtaining the comparable program for their faith.
4. Observe a combined Scouting Ministries Sunday or separate special Sundays for each of the groups. The youth and children should have an opportunity to take an active part in the service.
5. When the group meets for camping or other activities which take them away from regularly-scheduled worship services, assist them as needed to provide a service of worship.
6. All leaders are required to be of good character, to have a faith in God that enables them to be a good example, and to have completed training for the position. Each group must have at least one person who is a member of the congregation serving as leader or as an active member of the committee.
7. Each group in the church has given significant service in at least two projects within the past 12 months. Service in cooperation with the local church and its members is encouraged.
8. The church has an elected or appointed local church Scouting Coordinator who reports regularly to the governing body of the local church.
9. The local church Scouting Coordinator has NAUMS Scouting Ministry training. (For training information and materials contact: NAUMS, PO Box 23172, Nashville, TN 37202-3712 or <http://www.naums.org>)
10. At least one member of the local congregation is a member of the National Association of United Methodist Scouters. Active membership in a NAUMS Chapter is strongly encouraged.

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Requirements for this award must be reviewed and evaluated by the Pastor, a leader from each group, and the local church Scouting Coordinator. After all agree that the requirements have been met, and sign the application, it is to be submitted to NAUMS, PO Box 23172, Nashville, TN 37202-3172. NAUMS will send a certificate of recognition and will notify the Annual Conference Scouting Coordinator for appropriate Conference recognition.

Church
Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail
address _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____

Conference _____ District _____

Number of children and youth receiving God and Country awards in past 12 months: _____

Please describe service projects on the back of this page or on additional pages.

Who in the congregation are members of
NAUMS? _____

Scouting Coordinator trained at _____ on (date) _____

Signed:
Pastor _____ Date _____

Local Church Scouting Coordinator _____

Leader _____ Group _____

Leader _____ Group _____

Leader _____ Group _____

Leader _____ Group _____

Additional groups, please sign below or attach another page.

