



**National Association of Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Camp Fire Leaders**
2004 Bluebonnet Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76111



Dear Friends:

Tending to the needs of the youth of our church is a primary responsibility and joy of each and every congregation. They need a strong program which encourages faith to their God, community involvement, personal growth, leadership, recognition of their worth and accomplishments, and a loving attitude toward all persons.

The program of the Boy Scouts of America, within its framework of duty to God, offers moral guidance and ethical values, built on a cornerstone of unselfish service. Sound like what we, as a church, want to offer our developing youth? It can be used, with the guidance of dedicated leaders, to enrich and expand congregational programs for youth and young adults.

I could write a lot about the way the Scouting program can have a positive effect on the evangelism efforts, the community outreach work, the education program, and the spiritual growth of the members. However, the real benefits are the effect on the growth and development of the youth.

If your congregation is already using the Scouting program, I and the youth involved in those programs thank you. If you are not, then you can "Do a Good Turn" for the youth and potential leaders in your congregation and community by becoming a partner with the Boy Scouts of America to provide its excellent, proven program to them.

Your fellow servant,

Dave Romack
President



**MEMORANDUM
OF
MUTUAL SUPPORT**



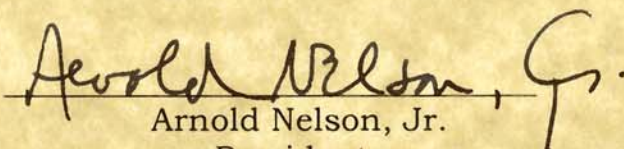
WHEREAS *the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Boy Scouts of America have maintained a valuable and productive relationship on behalf of boys, young adults, and their families for many years. We now enter into this agreement for the purpose of confirming a framework for a cooperative relationship under which the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Boy Scouts of America will assist one another in areas of mutual objectives.*

WHEREAS *“It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.”*

WHEREAS *“It is a mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to equip its members with such skills as allow them to use their divinely-given gifts to the glory of God, the enhancement of human service, and enjoyment of a creative life. It is a goal of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to extend itself to all who love God through Jesus Christ without reference to any other matter of human concern.”*

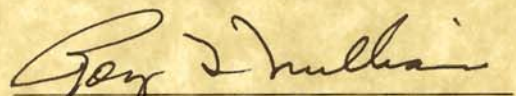
WHEREAS *The Boy Scouts of America is desirous of lending its aid and support to the citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness of boys and young men and women through community-based organizations.*

RESOLVED, *the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Boy Scouts of America will work cooperatively with each other, within the policies and regulations of each organization, to establish and nurture Scout units as an expression of the outreach ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) so that boys, young adults, and adults may grow in Christian character, citizenship responsibility, and with the personal fitness necessary to achieve their greatest potential.*



Arnold Nelson, Jr.
President

Disciples Home Missions
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Roy L. Williams
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Boy Scouts of America