

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
General Commission on United Methodist Men
And
Boy Scouts of America



WHEREAS, *The General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM), the United Methodist Church and Boy Scouts of America (BSA) would like to establish a valuable and productive relationship on behalf of boys, young adults and their families for many years; and*

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, Scout Law and Venturing Oath; and*

WHEREAS, *The GCUMM is responsible for Scouting Ministry in the United Methodist Church. Its purpose is to Make Disciples: to help men, youth and families grow in Christ so that others may know Christ. Its ministry is guided by the Four Areas of Focus – church renewal, developing principled Christian leaders, elimination of poverty and advocacy of global health. Its mission is to utilize the Scouting program as a transformation outreach ministry and, in the process, glorify the name of Jesus Christ; and*

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; therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *That the GCUMM and 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 GCUMM 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.*

Gilbert C. Hanke
General Secretary
The General Commission on United Methodist Men

Date 9/6/12

Wayne Brock
Chief Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America

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