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Dear Friends,

As an active member and leader of the United Methodist Church I am proud of our relationship with the Boy Scouts of America. We value our long-standing agreement and direction Boy Scouts give to young men across the country. Our churches have long recognized the importance of the scouting program in proclaiming and demonstrating Christian values in boys and young men. BSA is a tremendous resource to our churches in helping them minister to youth, both in and out of the church.

We are pleased to be one of the leaders in the country in the number of Boy Scout members affiliated with churches. We pray for continued success as we seek to expand our scouting ministry to more churches in additional locations. With the BSA emphasis in leadership development, fostering an appreciation for God and the created order, encouraging civic responsibility and social involvement and helping shape young men's moral and ethical values, we feel that the Boy Scouts of America is an organization all young men should consider joining.

It is a privilege and honor to have countless numbers of selfless disciples who give so much of themselves to the ministry of scouting. It is through their dedication and leadership that scouting continues to grow in the United Methodist Church. My grandfather was the first Scoutmaster in Coffee County, Tennessee in the early 1920s. I have pictures of the Boy Scout troop at their encampment. I know of no better program to help prepare boys to deal with the pressures and temptations of the world than scouting.

As we move into the future, I look forward to the continued and expanded relationship between the United Methodist Church and the Boy Scouts of America. It is our job to help young men to be "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

God bless us as together, we serve the youth of our country through the ministry of the Boy Scouts of America.

In His service,

David C. Adams  
General Secretary



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