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## NLAS Assists P.R.A.Y. at the Girl Scout PHENOM

On 20-22 July, Wayne and Kay Stuckey of NLAS staffed the P.R.A.Y. exhibit at the 2023 Girl Scout Convention Exhibition Hall, called Girl Scout PHENOM. The PHENOM was quite an impressive expo in the Disney Coronado Springs Convention Hall, Orlando. There were many fun activities, including shows featuring GS talent, STEM and faith exhibits, and others.

Adult leaders who said they were “in charge” of religious recognitions for their council. stopped by to get information on what was available. We had a display of the Religious Recognitions that are available from the participating faith groups, with a square code for accessing the faith groups index page. Many people took a photo or URL to that page.

There was a lot of interest in Bible Basics RP3 studies from troop leaders and home school leaders. Bible Basics RP3 is designed to help youth get into the Bible, with three Bible readings about each topic, along with reflection on the readings. We had a reference copy of all the RP3 topics and were able to show how they fit with earning the GS My Promise, My Faith award.

Many troop leaders expressed interest in getting some Religious Recognition classes going and promoting earning the awards. We had discussions about meeting with their clergy to say that their youth wanted to learn more about their faith, and taking along the student workbook and counselor’s manual to show. I told some Protestant leaders about the virtual on-line classes scheduled for this fall.

Most of the girls and some leaders enjoyed learning how to tie the cross knot. We suggested they wear them on their credential badges. Learning the cross knots encouraged people to hang around in the display for a while.

We handed out about 250 P.R.A.Y. Awards flyers, tied about 486 knot crosses, handed out 493 knot tie instructions with links to GS religious recognitions, My Promise, My Faith, and Lutheran resource links. We ran out of To Serve God patches RP3 patches.

Overall, the Girl Scout PHENOM exhibit was very well received, successful, a positive experience, and tiring!

## Establishment of a Council-level Duty to God Award.

Shortly after the National Duty to God Award was established in 2016 to recognize transformational leadership in promoting Duty to God at the national level, applications began arriving for Scouters who were doing exceptional work at the council level. The need for a council-level award similar to the National award was recognized.

The BSA National Religious Relationships Committee announced at the Duty to God Breakfast of the National Annual Meeting on 31 May the establishment of a *Council Duty to God Award*. The Council Duty to God Award was created to recognize those registered Scouters who have demonstrated an exemplary history of transformational leadership in supporting and promoting the spiritual foundation of Scouting at the local Council level. The award is ready to kick off for the 2024 year, with information and nomination application available at the Duty to God BSA web site <http://bit.ly/3LqUtjB>

An unlimited number of nominations can be submitted to any Council each year, but a maximum of two Council Duty to God Awards per year may be award-

ed by 100 and 200 level councils and a maximum of one Council Duty to God Award per year may be awarded by 300, 400, and 500 level councils.

The NRRC suggests that the Council Duty to God Award presentation should be conducted with the highest level of honor at a council event (such as the council’s Silver Beaver recognition) or a religious emblem ceremony of the recipient’s faith. Each recipient should receive recognition worthy of the service rendered on Scouting’s behalf.



# President's Perspective

I want to thank all of you for your trust in electing me as President of NLAS. I have volunteered with both church and scouts for somewhere over 30 years, and this organization is the perfect marriage of these two passions.

I had the privilege of directing a Wood Badge course, with the theme *Passion Precedes Performance*, and I'd ask that you hold me accountable to that focus.

Let me share with you my vision for the next two years:

- ◆ Encouraging our charter partners – schools and churches – to view the scouting program as part of their mission and ministry and NOT as a group that just 'uses their facilities.'
- ◆ Support our youth serving organization by building bridges to the Lutheran school systems – I don't see why every Lutheran elementary school doesn't have a cub scout pack as part of either community outreach or afterschool programs (and from those packs will grow troops and crews).
- ◆ Encourage youth members of our partner organizations to deepen their understanding of their relationship with God by participating in the various 'God and . . .' programs published and coordinated by P.R.A.Y.
- ◆ Be visible to our partnering organizations by participation in things like the 2023 National BSA Jamboree and the 2023 GSUSA National Meeting.
- ◆ Strengthen and expand our membership so that we have multiple volunteers on each of the various committees of the organization.

I know this seems overwhelming, but management has taught me to have BHAG's (Big Hairy Audacious Goals) and faith has taught me that there is nothing our God cannot do.

In service,

*Tom*  
NLAS President



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## Lutheran Eagle Scout – 60 Years in the Making

By Ken Woo

**TACOMA, WASHINGTON** – The Pacific Harbors Council of the Boy Scouts of America has recognized the achievement of 75-year-old Samuel Lynn Jones who became an Eagle Scout at age 15, but was denied public recognition because he was judged “not



to be from a model African American family,” while growing up in the housing projects of 1960’s Rochester, New York.

A long-deserved Court of Honor was held for the now-retired Navy Commander on June 19, 2023, at Mountain View Lutheran Church, Edgewood, WA 98372. “This will not make up all the lost years,” said Mark Crawford, President of the Pacific Harbors Council. “It was inexcusable and insensitive to do this to a young person who learned so much from Scouting and used it as motivation to achieve an honorable and useful life serving his country and his community”. Sam Jones is a person of faith and a motivational leader for younger people. ...

Jones earned all the requirements to become an Eagle Scout in 1962. But, he was told there would be no Court of Honor for him because he was told he “*did not represent Boy Scout Troop 147 as a family model, the unit wanted to support,*” according to a social worker at the time from the Baden Street Settlement which chartered the Scout troop. He was angry, hurt and in disbelief when told this. “What did they mean ‘not from a model family?’” ...

One lesson he learned in Scouting was to pick himself up and move forward.... Sam Jones never gave up and was determined to be a victor. Scouting was a pathway to Jones’ dream, making his mother proud of him.

### **Rochester’s Housing Projects**

Samuel Jones came from a single parent home where his mother worked two full-time jobs, determined to buy a home, and move the family out of the housing project. He never knew his father. ... While his mother worked, Samuel Jones had responsibility for taking care of his younger brother David, making sure he was looked after, fed, and doing his schoolwork. Jones did well in local public schools. In the 5th grade, he received a good citizen medal from the

DAR in Washington, D.C.

He said his Scout training on leadership, accountability and responsibility helped him in his daily affairs. “... The Boy Scouts gave me the opportunity to achieve my dreams and complemented my mother’s mandate that ‘we were going to make it, through discipline, grit and hard work,’” said Jones.

### **On My Honor**

“The Scout Law and the Scout Oath would resonate throughout his life. It was there when he celebrated good times. It was there to lift him up during bad times. ...

Sam Jones came to Scouting after watching a 1958 western movie, “Light in the Forest”. He doesn’t recall much of the film, but vividly remembers the opening scenes of nature and forests and thought “if God exists, he exists in the woods.” That influence was behind

the beginnings of his spiritual journey and his desire to be part of Scouting. He joined Boy Scout Troop 147 in Rochester in 1958.



Scout Troop 147. Sam Jones is in the back row, fourth from right

Jones said there was never racial injustice within Troop 147. “It was the opposite; it was an oasis for me to learn and grow.”...

### **Role Models**

He put his Scout skills to work during summers when his high school science teacher introduced Sam to Dr. Charles Perham from Cornell University. Perham was personally involved in helping kids in need through programs that involved the outdoors such as canoeing and hiking. He also supervised working vacations in Canada where youngsters did work for the Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada. Perham also encouraged young Sam Jones to enroll at the University of Michigan.

Perham, along with his Scoutmaster John Morrison were his role models. Morrison was more than a Scouting instructor to Jones. He was an influential father figure who helped teach kids what it was like to be a responsible citizen and a responsible member of a family.

Jones went on to the University of Michigan and was commissioned through the Navy *continued on p. 10*



## THE 2023 BSA JAMBOREE IS NOW HISTORY!

by Jim Whitehead

The tents are down and packed away, the busses have come and gone, the laundry is done, sleeping gear aired out and souvenirs sorted.

Can you guess what the best part of the 2023 BSA National Scout Jamboree was? For me it was that, after the COVID cancellation of 2021, we were able to gather **TOGETHER** again! Although the exact attendance figures haven't been published yet, nearly 20,000 Scout and adult participants, Jamboree Service Team members and day-volunteers convened at The Summit Bechtel Reserve near the New River Gorge in West Virginia for ten days of Scouting fun, fellowship and adventure.

Operating out of a booth in the Duty to God and Country area, the

**NLAS** was represented by our President Tom Miller, Treasurer Phill Lawonn, Charles Hill, Kurt Newman and Jim Whitehead.



In addition to providing information on the youth Religious Emblems programs, the *Lamb* and *Servant of Youth* adult recognitions, the *Lutheran Recognition of Excellence* unit award and NLAS membership, our staff gave active witness as we helped Jambo participants earn the DTG&C patch.



To earn the patch, participants had to complete the Escape Room, visit 7 Faith Group and 2

Community Service Group booths.

Our booth activity was learning to tie the Sailors' Cross Knot (thanks, Kristen!) and/or discussing the Lutheran faith – *Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Word Alone* – along with a brief explanation of how the Reformation came to be.

In teaching the tying of the knot, our staff also brought in an analogy of faith: what will happen if you just put the basic knot into your pocket and

walk around the Jamboree? It will loosen and fall apart. But if you tug and pull and exercise it, the knot will strengthen and be more permanent. What's that like? **Your faith!** If you just set it aside and don't work with it, it won't be there when you need it. But, if you work it, exercise it and make it stronger, it will be there for you when times get tough.

Since we tied a lot (*that's the actual number!*) of these every day, you'd think we'd get them

perfect each time . . . but look, the ends aren't even . . . it's not perfect . . . and neither are we, but God



loves us anyway. It was truly a blessing to be able to connect with so many Scouts, Venturers and Scouters in this witness.



Another highlight was that, for the first time since 2010, we were able to conduct a separate Lutheran worship on Sunday

morning.

Our worship service, conducted by Bishop Matthew Riegel of the WV/WMD Synod of the ELCA and our NLAS President Tom Miller, an ordained pastor of the LCMS, was the *Morning Matins* service of prayer and praise; followed by a discussion of what it means to be Lutheran. It was truly moving to worship in that outdoor setting with about 475 of our fellow Lutherans!



Speaking of NLAS membership, we extended our traditional Jamboree promo opportunity for participants identifying as Lutherans to become NLAS members with their first year complimentary. When all have been processed, we expect to add more than 12% to our association membership!

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## The BSA National Duty to God Award

This award was created in 2016 to recognize adult individuals who have demonstrated, at the National level, an exemplary history of transformational leadership in supporting and promoting the spiritual foundation of Scouting. It acknowledges the unswerving dedication to faith, fellowship, and national service of those whose character embodies the moral principles and shared ideals of the Boy Scouts of America. The award distinguishes persons who selflessly work to prepare youth for life by perpetuating the merit and legacy of a Scout's duty to their Creator. Nominations are open to candidates from all faiths and religious groups chartered by the Boy Scouts of America.

This year, a member of NLAS was presented this prestigious award on May 31 at the first post-pandemic live Duty to God Breakfast at the BSA National Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. The announcement reads:

Wayne D. Stuckey has an ability to talk to people and share with others the faith that sustains him. He has a way of explaining things to youth that makes even the most complex things simple and easy to understand. He has been an adult leader in Scouting for 25 years. He has served on the board of the National Lutheran Association on Scouting for 15 years, serving in most of its officer positions, including as President. He has used these positions in his unending promotion of the religious emblems program across the nation, and the promoting of Scouting as a solution to engaging young people in their faith. He has served on the BSA National Religious Relationships Committee since 2015 and has been instrumental in the development of the proposed Council Duty to God Award. He has served on numerous Jamboree staffs in the Lutheran exhibit of the Duty to God and Country/Faith & Beliefs area. At the Philmont Training Center he has served 3 times on the faculty of the Scouting in the Lutheran Church course. His church has recognized him with the God & Service Award and the Lamb Award. He has also received the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, and the James E. West Award. Wayne is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

Congratulations, Wayne!

## Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sunday 2023

BSA designates Scout Sunday as the Sunday that falls before February 8, Scouting's birthday. February 5 was the suggested date in 2023. GS-USA designates Girl Scout Sunday as the Sunday beginning Girl Scout Week, the week celebrating Girl Scouts' founding on March 12. Girl Scout Sunday occurred on the founding date this year. Of course, the celebration can be on any Sunday that is convenient to the congregation. It's a great time for units to show appreciation for the support of the congregation and for the congregation to recognize their units for the outreach they provide into the community. It's also a great time to provide recognition and encouragement by awarding the religious emblems to youth and recognitions to adults. As an organization that encourages the growth of faith in youth and promotes these youth serving organizations to Lutheran congregations and schools, NLAS is pleased to receive and to share photos of Scout Sunday observances in Lutheran congregations.

Members from Troop 123G, Troop 46 and Pack 146 gathered for a photo on Scout Sunday February 5, 2023 at Bethany Lutheran Church, Emmetsburg, IA. (Photo submitted by Peter Morlock.)



At Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Elgin, IL, which chartered Troop 9111G, Scout Sunday is "all Scouts". Joining Scouts from 9111 (from a number of churches and faith traditions) are church members from Cub Scout Pack 14 and Troop 10B to handle almost all positions during the Sunday service (except those requiring ordination).



From greeting, to reading and preaching, to special music and serving communion, Scouts and Scouters are in every role. This year there was

also the awarding of religious awards to Cub Scouts Mackenzey J. and Kevin H. and the Lamb Award to their grandma, Marti Jernberg.

## Two Four Star Scholarships Awarded

The NLAS awards Scholarships to young men and women who have received the Four Star Award from P.R.A.Y. According to Jason Noland, CEO of P.R.A.Y., a four-star recipient means many things: it means that the recipient has completed all four levels of the P.R.A.Y. Program series, but more importantly it means that they have served their church and community and that they have a heart for God and want to grow in faith. Those who have earned this distinction can apply to be considered for the scholarship. The application and requirements can be found on the NLAS website.

### DUSTYN SCHELLENBERG

In spite of facing health challenges, Dustyn Schellenberg has managed to earn Honor Roll standing on the AP track with a 3.45 GPA and be involved in numerous activities in school, in his church and in Scouting.

At Woodrow Wilson High School in Paramount, California, Dustyn has sung in his high school choir and the district honor choir. He was also named to the Homecoming Court.

As a member of the BSA, Dustyn earned the Arrow of Light and Nova Awards as a Cub Scout. He has earned all four of the religious emblems and also his Eagle Scout Rank with Palms. He has been active in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA and Venturing.

A talented musician, Dustyn uses his gifts in various ensembles at his church and in his school chorus. He also serves his church through assisting with youth programs, youth group and discipleship group, worship, volunteering – even helping to lead some of the activities. “As a person, Dustyn is caring, funny, responsible, respectful, and passionate about loving God and neighbor,” states his youth pastor, Rev. Jonathan Tamayo of Emmanuel Reformed Church. “I have walked with Dustyn for most of his teen years and I have seen him grow in maturity and in his love and knowledge of God.”

Dustyn plans to attend Vanguard University of Southern California.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Information about the 4-Star Scholarship can be found on p. 10 of this publication.

### LENA TOWNE

Also on the Honors and AP track with a GPA of 4.1, Lena Towne of Suwanee, Georgia, has been active in her school, Scouting, church and community.

Lena was selected for Governor's Honors Program for Latin (this is a highly competitive state-wide program based on nomination, academic achievement, and performance). She lettered in Drama and Scholarship and is a member of Beta Club and the National Honor Society.

A member of the inaugural class of female Eagles, Lena earned her Eagle Scout rank in 2020 and Silver Palm in 2021. She was a founding member of her troop and served in various positions of leadership. She attended NYLT and served on BSA National Youth Advisory Board in 2019-20. She was recognized as the Eagle Scout of the Year by the Gwinnett Sons of the American Revolution. Not only is Lena and Eagle, she is a “Gold Eagle”, having also earned her Girl Scout Gold Award in 2022. As a Girl Scout she earned various awards in Cadet and Senior. She served as a Counselor for Girl Scout Day Camp.

Lena is a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church where she chose to complete her Eagle Scout project: a renovation of a Sunday School room in the basement. The project was suggested by her pastor as something the church had needed for many years. “It has been incredibly fulfilling to see the impact that my work has had on the... community at my church,” says Lena. The room also has become a meeting room for the board and Scout Troop there.

As if all of that is not enough, Lena also plays the ukelele and is an aerial silks performer.

Rev. Chris Hermansen, pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church says, the church “has been blessed to have Lena be a part of our church and we look forward to watching her continue to grow, continue to lead,

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## NLAS introduces:

## Build-it-Yourself Religious Emblems Tabletop Display Kits

Have you ever wanted to explain the Religious Emblems at an event, or talk about your Lutheran faith to youth? Is making a nice Religious Emblems display too hard? NLAS is pleased to present two build-it-yourself tabletop displays. The free downloadable kit includes two images that are sized perfectly for a 36" x 48" tri-fold project board, and a list of links to downloadable documents for display or handouts. Send an image to your vendor of choice for printing on adhesive backed vinyl (costs about \$30) and select and print the documents you wish to hand out (or hand out the list of links). Place the vinyl image on your own display board (~\$10 at your office supply store), and you're ready to go!

The kit is downloadable from <https://bit.ly/3ZklZQE>. Or from the Volunteers - >Resources page at <https://nlas.org/resources/>



NLAS tri-fold poster A.png is an image such as NLAS might use to witness to the Christian faith in Lutheran terms, such as at the BSA National Jamboree Duty to God and Country exhibits.



## Meet the New Communications Team

### WEBMASTER

I am a thirty-eight-year-old faithful, confessional Lutheran (LCMS), husband, and father of two. My name is Ryan Emblem and I will be volunteering my time to assist the NLAS with website design and regular maintenance. Additionally, I will assist with managing and posting to NLAS social media accounts.

My professional background consists of a combined 12 years in public service; the last three and a half of which have been within the realm of contracts and grants management for a county human services agency. In college, I attained a BA in Communication (2012) and a Master's in Public Administration (2021).

In our free time, Rachel, my wife of 11 years and I enjoy regular corporate worship and engagement with our church, Trinity Lutheran Church in Temecula,



California, and participating in our children's school and extracurricular activities, including our son, Lathe's (who is currently an Arrow of Light) Scouting and swim club activities.

Over the coming weeks and months, I will be working with Ron Jensen and Tom Miller in becoming more familiar with the NLAS and the online media platforms.

My favorite Bible verse is John 3:30: "He must increase, and I must decrease."

### Jambo Recap (continued from p. 6)

At the time of this writing, we don't know exactly when the next Jamboree will be held. However, we *can* tell you being part of a Jamboree on our booth staff is an amazing and rewarding experience! You won't want to miss it! We'd also love to add youth to our mix (*they get to go at half-price!*). We'll put the word out as soon as we know, so keep your eyes and ears open for news!

### PUBLICATIONS

My name is Marti Jernberg. I've been a Scouter for over 30 years, serving in various positions beginning with Tiger Den Organizer. I currently serve as COR for Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elgin, Illinois, and as Council Religious Emblems Coordinator. In 2021, I attended the Lutheran Scouter week at Philmont. On Scout Sunday, 2023, I received the Lamb Award. My uniform holds both of the religious knots, having earned the God & Country as a Camp Fire Girl.



My husband David and I will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in November. The mother of two grown children and grandmother of four, I keep busy with my own volunteering in Scouts, at the public library and for other organizations and helping out with grandchildren's activities—especially Scouting. Both children and three grandchildren are all in the BSA.

I have served as editor of several newsletters over the years—some of which were part of my professional duties. I hope to continue to bring you the quality newsletter you have come to expect of this publication.

My favorite Bible verse is from Romans 5 (paraphrased) "Trials help us learn to be patient, patience develops strength of character and helps us trust God more each time."

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A shot of the Jambo Drone Show

## NLA Four Star Scholarship

**Amount:** Two (2) \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded annually by NLAS

**Eligibility:** Open to all youth registered with American Heritage Girls, Girl Scouts of the USA, or Boy Scouts of America who have successfully earned four (4) P.R.A.Y. Program Awards and are seniors in High School. Scholarships are for post-secondary education and will be paid directly to the designated institution.

**Criteria for consideration:**

1. P.R.A.Y Awards: Earning the following: 1) either Jesus & Me or God & Me, 2) God & Family, 3) God & Church, and 4) God & Life.

2. Congregational activities: Summary of participation in home congregation such as confirmation education, youth group activities, or church sponsored programs. In addition:

A 500-1000 word faith statement from applicant.

Letter of Recommendation from Pastor of home congregation.

3. Academics: High School transcript reflecting a minimum of six (6) semesters of academic achievement that states unweighted and weighted GPA.

4. Summary of Extra-Curricular activities/awards: Summary of activities (such as athletics, drama, robotics, band, or choir) and awards (such as varsity letter(s), NHS, or John Philip Sousa award).

5. Scouting program: Summary of participation years and highest rank achieved (such as Gold Award, Stars & Stripes Award, Eagle Scout rank).

**Qualifying Institutions:** Accredited Junior Colleges, Colleges, Universities, or Vocational Schools. Awarded scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution in the name of the recipient for tuition costs only. Funds cannot be applied to books, room & board, or travel expenses.

**Application Process:**

Applications may be submitted to NLAS from January 1 to May 1, 2024

Review by NLAS will be completed by May 15, 2024

Recommended recipients will be approved by NLAS Board by June 1, 2024

Recipients will be notified by June 15, 2024

### Jones Eagle (continued from p. 5)

ROTC program where he earned a degree in Industrial Psychology. Through the Navy, he enjoyed travel and postings around the world representing the best of the American people. Jones served his country in Vietnam. He was awarded a meritorious service medal and retired as a Naval Commander.

#### ***The Significance of an Eagle Court of Honor***

Eagle courts of honor are significant celebrations recognizing Scouts who have attained Scouting's highest rank. They often feature a variety of ceremonies commensurate with the high honor being bestowed upon outstanding young people. The Eagle court of honor has been referred to as Scouting's greatest moment. It is an event that is long remembered fondly by the Scout being honored....

#### ***From Rochester, New York***

"We are very proud of Sam Jones," said Stephen Hoitt, Scout Executive and Chief Executive Officer of the Seneca Waterways Council, in the Rochester,



New York area. "... He is the embodiment of our mission... I'd say he continues to honor Scouting with his life accomplishments. Thank you, Sam, and Cindy, for representing the best of Scouting."

Sam Jones has seen a lot of life in his 75 years. And through it all, he counts his faith, his Scouting experience, and his family as ongoing points of inspiration. His advice to the Scouts in the four units chartered by his church, "you've got to serve the community, you've got to serve your country. It is the heart and soul of who you are, who we are. Without it, we are nothing."

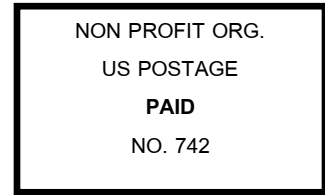
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Sam and his wife Cindy are devout Lutherans and members of the Mt. View Lutheran Church in Edgewood, Washington. Sam Jones says this delayed recognition is an amazing blessing beyond imagination.



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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR WINTER ISSUE: DECEMBER 16, 2023**



We are a resource for youth and adults who wish to know more about the religious emblems program, endorsed by the Lutheran Churches for members of Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts USA, American Heritage Girls, 4H and Camp Fire USA.

### **NLAS Mission**

To equip Lutherans and other Christians to minister to young people, using the programs of our partner youth serving agencies.

### **NLAS Vision**

That all young people and their families are exposed to Jesus Christ and have an opportunity to know him as Lord and Savior

The mission and visions statements were accepted by the NLAS Executive Board on October 12th, 2002