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NLAS Announces 2016 Annual Meeting

NLAS announces the 2016 Annual Meeting for August 5-6 at the headquarters of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in St. Louis, MO. The LCMS is an NLAS partner serving as chartered organization/sponsor of units of the youth serving agencies.

Training will be offered for NLAS exhibit staff of the 2017 National Scout Jamboree and other interested NLAS members on Friday August 5, with the executive board and general membership meetings on August 6.

Training participants should plan to arrive in St. Louis by the evening of August 4. Plan on staying for the weekend.

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Report of the 2015 NLAS Nominating Committee

Every two years a Nominating Committee is formed to develop a slate of nominees for the national officers of the Executive Board of the National Lutheran Association on Scouting: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Members at Large.

The officers are elected by the voting membership (dues-paid and honorary members) of NLAS and are installed at the annual meeting in even numbered years, such as the 2016 annual meeting. Terms are for two years with the exception of President-Elect who succeeds to the office of President after two years.

The 2015 Nominating Committee consisted of
Wayne Stuckey, President-Elect, chairman
Mary Wangerin, NLAS President,
Jim Whitehead, NLAS Past-President
Cole Petersen, former NLAS President
Trent Christian, former NLAS President

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HELP WANTED

Chaplains are needed for the BSA Jamboree July 19-28, 2017 at Summit Bechtel Family Reserve in West Virginia.

Please note the medical risk factors for participation in activity at a BSA high adventure base apply which includes the Body Mass Index (BMI) calculation. The Center for Disease Control calculator tool can be accessed at www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnapa/bmi. For complete details on the health factors involved in this commitment, please visit www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/risk_factors.aspx.

The contact for participation, questions or further information is Pastor Sherman Martel who can be reached at shermanmartell@sbcglobal.net
Thank you in advance for your consideration.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

New Year's Blessings

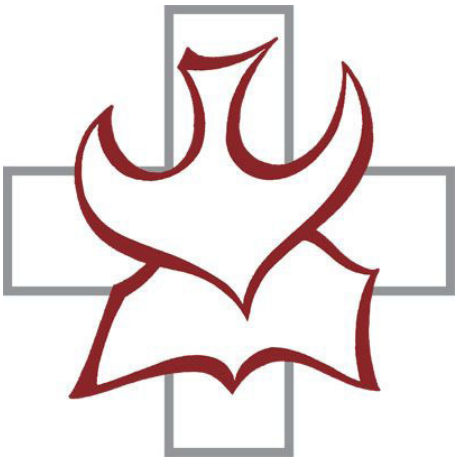
I bring you New Year's blessings from the Executive Board of the NLAS! Even though Christmas is past, it is our fervent hope and prayer that each one of you are still rejoicing in the true meaning of Christmas – CHRIST our Lord!

I just finished filling all my bird feeders and it is snowing here in NebraskaLand – Linda and I love the seasonal changes from summer to winter here in the Great Plains – that's all just Summer & Winter!

As I watch my feathered minions squabbling over seeds it reminds me of how Solomon talks about birds in Proverbs 27:8 - A man who wanders from his home is like a bird without a nest.

To apply this to our lives is like saying that when we as God's people stray from the Word, we are vulnerable to temptations and perhaps even physical danger just like a bird that leaves the safety of its nest too soon. We need to always stay close to God for His protection and unction.

We, as Lutheran adult leaders in our various youth programs, can facilitate this by the conduct and guidance we give our youth, especially those in our organizations that are unchurched both youth and adult alike. Regardless of anyone's political ideology or sexual orientation/



identification, we owe it to them to share the love of Christ.

This is why our Religious Emblems programs are so important to the NLAS. I just finished the God & Me with my granddaughter. What a privilege and joy to see one so young confess Christ! These children are the hope for the future of our faith and Church as they enter a world that is increasingly becoming more secular and anti-Christian. We owe it to them and all other youth to help them find security - a nest - for their souls in God's Word.

St. Matthew 10:29 quotes Jesus by saying that two Sparrows are sold for a penny (over priced in my opinion!). Yet aren't we worth more than a Sparrow? So regardless of how we perceive someone, aren't they worth more than a penny? Didn't Jesus suffer and die on the cross for ALL sinners?

I've been in a couple of wars and when visiting wounded military guys and gals they often say they survived because God protected them. As I looked down at one young lady in her hospital bed who had a leg amputated, I thought: she thanks God that she only lost a leg?! That's gratitude – real gratitude – my eyes filled with tears as I stood next to her on both my legs.

Yet the greatest threat to us is not physical but spiritual – not ISIS but false teachings and gods that roar about as lions seeking someone to devour. In this PC-crazed culture in which we live we need to stop and take note – are we straying from the truth? from the nest of our Lutheran heritage? our Confessions? are we not worth more than a Sparrow? hasn't Jesus already paid our entry fee to paradise? What are we to fear when we know we have over come the world through Christ our Lord!

I know all this because a little bird told me (Ecc 10:20) – it was a dove!

– *Reverend Dr. James Hoke*

It's Annual Membership Renewal Time...

Current memberships will expire May 31st . On **March 20th**, members with active email received renewal notices for annual dues. Please renew promptly in response to the email notice. This will save your association postage fees because paper renewals will follow in the U. S. Mail in April and are sent to those who didn't respond to the electronic mailing.

Dues in 2015- 2016 will remain at the same rate for all levels: Regular- $12, Couples- $18, Contributor- $50, Century Club- $100, and a Life membership for a onetime fee of $350.

This is an opportunity for the Association to keep records updated with your latest information so that you are receiving all communication. We look forward to all of the responses!

…information needed from Life Members, Too!

If you are a Life Member, you also received a renewal notice. Please reply with any changes to your address, phone number or email address . Of course, no dues are collected but we do want to ensure you receive all communication.

2015 NLAS Nominating Committee Slate

The NLAS Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the 2016 slate of nominees for NLAS national offices. The following members have agreed to serve in officer positions on the Executive Board.

Position	Nominee	Background
President-Elect	Rev Dr. James Hoke	Ordained LCMS 1980. US Army Chaplain Corps (Colonel, Ret.), Chaplain 1985 BSA National Jamboree, 1995 World Jamboree, Philmont Scout Ranch. P.R.A.Y. Board of Directors. NLAS Life Member.
Secretary	Cole Petersen	Current Secretary NLAS, President 2010-2012. Lutheran exhibit staff 2005, 2010. 15 yr. staff member for JLTC and NYLT, Wood Badge staff.
Treasurer	Phill Lawonn	Current Treasurer NLAS. Former Member-at-Large Executive Board. Northern Star Council 2017 Jamboree Committee; Northwest District Advancement Vice-Chair & Cub Scout Training Chair. NYLT & Wood Badge staffs, 1st Asst. Scoutmaster for 2013 Jamboree.
Member at Large	Rev Rick Egtvedt	Ordained ELCA 2015, Pastor of congregation in development. 26+ yr Air Force veteran (Ret.). Chaplain 2013 BSA National Jamboree, asst. pool director 1989 Jamboree, former summer camp staff. Scouting in the Lutheran Church 2014. Chaplain, Potomac District - Laurel Highlands Council.
Member at Large	Deacon Paul Lumpkin	Rostered Deacon ELCA. 15 yrs. Hudson Valley Council camp chaplain. District Chaplain. Chaplain 2001 BSA National Jamboree. NE Region NLAS Vice Chair. Silver Beaver. 60 years of Scouting experience.
Member at Large	Matthew Rogahn	Elder in congregation and youth co-lead with wife Kristen for 15 yrs. Lutheran exhibit staff 2013, Scouting in the Lutheran Church 2014. Active in Scouting since 1981 (Wolf Cub). Attended Philmont 1981 - 88, music assistant for Lutheran worship 1989 Jamboree. Eagle Scout. Den Leader Tiger through Webelos, COR, ASM & Scoutmaster T354, Religious Emblems Coordinator (REC) for all units in Newton, IA. Counselor for all Lutheran (Protestant) Religious Emblems. Servant of Youth and Lutheran Living Faith recipient. NLAS Life Member.

NLAS is truly blessed by this roster of dedicated and talented individuals. NLAS thanks the candidates for their willingness to serve.

For the 2015 Nominating Committee,

- Wayne Stuckey,
Chairman

Nominees for National Officers of the Executive Board

Rev. Dr. James L. Hoke –
Candidate for President-Elect

Reverend Hoke is a native of Lincoln, Nebraska where he is now retired with Linda, his wife of 49 years. They have two children and 4 grandchildren.

Rev. Hoke was ordained in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in 1980 and served parishes in Montana, Nebraska, Germany and London, England before retiring from active parish ministry in 2008 and from the US Army Chaplain Corps as a Chaplain (Colonel). He is a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

A Life Member of the National Lutheran Association on Scouting (NLAS) and a continuous member since 1982, Rev. Hoke served as North Central Regional Vice President from 1985-1989. He was awarded the Lamb Award in 1992.

He served as Chaplain to the 1985 National BSA Jamboree and the 1995 BSA World Jamboree in Holland. In 2010 he served on the National Jamboree NLAS booth staff. He has also been on Staff as a Chaplain at Philmont Scout Ranch.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors of P.R.A.Y. and as the Religious Advisor to the NLAS.

He is the father of an Eagle Scout and his daughter is an American Heritage Girls Troop leader and a life member of the NLAS.

Rev. Hoke is currently registered in the BSA as Council Commissioner of the Cornhusker Council, Walton, NE. and also serves as the Chaplain and the Ecology/Nature Director of the Council's summer camp.

- *Rev. Dr. James L. Hoke*

Phill Lawonn –
Candidate for Treasurer

Phillip Lawonn, Mounds View, MN
Member of Christ the King Lutheran Church (ELCA), New Brighton, MN
NLAS member since 2009
Current NLAS Board member & Treasurer
12 years of service to BSA
Current unit role: Committee Chair (Troop 106), New Brighton, MN
Current Northern Star Council roles: 2017 Jamboree Committee, Northwest District Advancement Vice-Chair and Cub Scout Training Chair
Served on staff for NYLT, Wood Badge, and 1st Asst Scoutmaster for 2013 Jamboree
Employed by Boston Scientific as a Principle Scientist in the Corporate Lab

Cole Petersen –
Candidate for Secretary

Cole is currently serving as the NLAS Secretary, and has been an active member of NLAS since 2005 (including serving as President during 2010 – 2012). He served at the Lutheran exhibit at the 2005 and 2010 BSA National Jamborees, and also served as a Jamboree Scoutmaster in 2001. Cole has attended all NLAS annual meetings since 2008, and plans to attend again in 2016 in St Louis. He is from the Northern Star Council in Minnesota, where he has served as staff on several Wood Badge Courses, as well as 15 years as a staff member for JLTC and NYLT. Cole is a member of St Stephen Lutheran Church in Bloomington (where he and Marie were married in 1974). He is in the transportation business, and has worked for the last 5 years as a truck broker for IMD (also in Bloomington).

Rev. Rick Egtvedt –
Candidate for Member-At-Large

I currently serve as a District Program Staff member and Chaplain for the Potomac District of the Laurel Highlands Council. The congregation where I am serving as Pastor (Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, ELCA, in McHenry, MD) is working to organize the first Venturing Crew in Garrett County MD, with me serving as the Crew Advisor. I have previously served as a Chaplain for the Battlefield District of the New Birth of Freedom Council, a sub-camp Chaplain for the 2013 National Jamboree at the Summit, and an Assistant Pool Director at the 1989 Jamboree at Fort AP Hill. A 26+ year Air force veteran, I served as an Assistant Scoutmaster then Scoutmaster for Troop #46 in Berlin, Germany. Before that I served on the Aquatics staff for several Michigan based summer camps including a summer as the Aquatics Director for the Pontiac Council's Lost Lake Scout Reservation. I was honored as the Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year for the Trans-Atlantic Council in 1986 and as a Nacha Tindey Lodge #25 (Grand Rapids MI) Arrowmen of the Year, where I also completed my Vigil. I served as an EC-2B Section Chief, a Nacha Tindey Lodge Chief, and Hopewell-Tawakini Chapter Chief. I look forward to building upon my 2014 Philmont Training Center experience with "Scouting in the Lutheran Church" by serving as your representative on the NLAS executive board. Thank You!

Deacon Paul Lumpkin –
Candidate for Member at Large

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ. My name is Paul Lumpkin and I would like for you to vote me as a member at large for NLAS. I am a member of King of Kings Lutheran Church in New Windsor, New York and am a rostered Deacon of the Metropolitan New York

Synod of the ELCA. I am registered as the Charter Organization Representative of our Cub Scout and Boy Scout units. I am also the Chaplain and member of the District Advancement Committee. I have been the camp chaplain during the summer since 2000 and I am currently the Director of the Scout Museum at the camp.

I bring gifts as a communicator, counselor, teacher, organizer, and role model in my congregation, community, and council. I served as chaplain at the 2001 National Jamboree. I was the Membership Chairman and currently the Vice Chairman of the Northeast Region of the NLAS. In February 2016 I will have 60 years in scouting. I have the Silver Beaver, District Award of Merit, Vigil Honor, Lamb and Bronze Pelican award and Life time achievement award for my service to scouting and the community in the New York City and Hudson Valley area.

With the Lord's help, I hope to apply the gifts He has given me to promote and enrich the spiritual, moral and intellectual development of young people and their families.

My wife, Faith and our sons (all grown) have been involved in scouting. Two of them are Eagle Scouts. I am a retired correction officer and now working as a substitute teacher in the middle and high school.

Thanking you in advance for your confidence, and May the Lord always be a blessing to you and the NLAS.

- *Deacon Paul Lumpkin*

Matthew Rogahn –
Candidate for Member at Large

Matthew Rogahn lives in Newton, Iowa. He is a member of Our Savior Lutheran church, where he is a youth leader along with his wife, Kristin, for the past 15 years. Matt has served 2 years as an Elder, and also served on the nominating committee. Matt has been active in Scouting since 1981 when he joined as a Wolf. Matthew continued on through Cub Scouts, and attained the Arrow of Light. He then bridged into Boy Scouts, where he earned the Lutheran Living Faith and followed the trail to Eagle and attained the rank of Eagle in 1991. Attended Philmont from 1981 to 1988 and National Jamboree in 1989 where he also helped with music at the Lutheran service. As Matt's family grew, both of his boys joined the Scouting program. He has been a leader in many facets of Scouting from Tiger Den Leader, Wolf Den Leader, Bear Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Charter Organization Representative, Assistant Scoutmaster, and is currently the Scoutmaster for Troop 354 and serves as a Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator for all units in Newton. Matt has been a Mentor and Counselor for the God and Me, God and Family, God and Church and God and Life classes over the last few years. He became a member of NLAS in 2010 after receiving the Servant of Youth Award and has served as staff for the NLAS booth at the 2013 National Jamboree and attended the "Scouting in the Lutheran Church" conference at Philmont Scout Ranch in 2014. Matt is currently employed at UPS and a package car driver.

Welcome to the new NLAS newsletter editor

Introducing the newest member of the NLAS newsletter team: our editor, Pam Ciccarello. Pam is originally from Georgia, but grew up in Northeast Ohio. Her family resides southwest of Cleveland with membership at Bethel Lutheran, Middleburg Heights where she serves on the altar guild, is in the church choir, and last year directed the youth group mystery dinner theater fundraiser for the youth gathering in Detroit this past August. A lifelong Lutheran and Scouting for 17 years, Pam and her husband, Mitch, have been married for 26 years, and have three sons: Bryan, a recent college graduate and Army officer on active duty at Ft Hood, TX; Alex, pursuing a degree in environmental science, and Max, a junior in high school interested in engineering. All are Eagle Scouts and four star religious emblem recipients. Rounding out the male dominated household is Adam, the family dog.

Pam was a Girl Scout for a number of years, and served her boys' Cub Pack as Popcorn Kernel to Den Leader, and as the boys crossed over into Boy Scout she assumed roles as event volunteer. Mitch became an ASM and now serves on the troop committee as well as a merit badge counselor. After 10+ years at home with the boys, Pam returned to insurance, licensed in property and casualty as an account manager for a surplus lines broker. In her free time, she loves reading, traveling, gardening, decorating, DIY projects and family time.

She feels she was led by the Holy Spirit to the NLAS editor role while searching the internet for a P.R.A.Y. contact! It is a fabulous opportunity to contribute to a program that has given so much to her family. Utilizing her BA in English language and literature is a bonus (Thanks, Baldwin Wallace University!). Her goals for the newsletter include: ensuring that the content is informative, engaging, and accurate, expanded circulation which inspires more participants in religious emblem involvement would be fantastic, recognizing the achievements of those who complete the programs, promoting the program, and acknowledging those mentors and organizations who work with youth is an honor. She is truly grateful for this opportunity to serve both the Lutheran and Scouting communities near and dear to her heart!

Lutheran Scouters Association of Maryland holds Lamb and Servant of Youth Award Dinner

The Lutheran Scouters Association of Maryland (LSA-MD) held its 52nd annual Lamb and Servant of Youth Award honoree dinner at the Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont, MD on October 17, 2015. The Lamb and Servant of Youth Award dinner honors past and present recipients of the Lutheran adult recognitions. LSA-MD membership includes Scouters from National Capitol Area Council, Baltimore Area Council, Mason Dixon Council, New Birth of Freedom Council, Girl Scouts of Central MD, Girl Scouts Heart of Pennsylvania, and others.

The local Lutheran Scouting associations are an important part of the fabric of support for Scouting in the Lutheran Churches. The LSAs provide a local and personal touch in encouraging and recognizing youth religious emblems, adult religious recognitions, encouraging Lutheran congregations and schools to support Scouting, and encouraging local pastors and seminarians in volunteering as chaplains at council and district camps and events.

Contact Mr. Dennis Thornton at dthorn51@verizon.net to offer your support and membership in the Lutheran Scouters Association of MD or contact your local LSA.

Annual LAS Renewals

Springtime means LAS renewals!

Local Lutheran associations and committees are encouraged to partner with NLAS to provide local support and contacts for our membership nationwide. By working together, we can accomplish much more than as individuals or small groups. Your registration with NLAS provides not only a National Certificate of Recognition but copies of *Lutheran Scouting* throughout the year. Encourage your local President or Chair to return the renewal registration which they will receive in April via or print a form from the NLAS website, *www.nlas.org*.

Send completed form and $5.00 registration fee with checks made payable to NLAS to: NLAS- LAS Renewal, 11123 S. Towne, Square, Ste B, St. Louis, MO 63123-7816.

New Life Member

Welcome New Life Member Brian Valentino from Long Branch, New Jersey. Brian presently serves in the Monmouth Council for Boy Scouts of America and is a member of Reformation Lutheran Church. Thank you Brian for all you do for our youth in scouting.

Adult Awards

Adult recognitions are given to adults for outstanding service to youth through both their church and one of the national youth-serving agencies (Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., American Heritage Girls). Adult awards are not earned like youth awards: An outside party must nominate an adult to receive an award by submitting the required applications, letter of recommendation, and resume of activities. Self and spouse nominations will not be accepted. Nominations cannot be made posthumously. There is an approval process for adult nominations. Please review the approval process before planning your presentation ceremony. For complete details on the God and Service, Good Shepherd, Lamb, Shofar and Building Faith in Youth awards, including requirements and forms, please visit www.praypub.org.

Please join us in congratulating the following adult awards which were bestowed upon the following individuals in the final quarter of 2015:

Servant of Youth Adult Award

Chris Chistensen
Stephen DeFrees
Adam Grau
Judy Grau
Jim Keehn
Kitty Sweitzer
Heidi Wyatt

Lamb Adult Award

Todd Hergenhan
Robert Keplinger
Alfred Redden
Jim Roblyer

Building Faith in Youth Award

Millie Timba

Lutheran Awards for Scout Units

The Lutheran Recognition of Excellence (LRE) Award recognizes outstanding packs, troops and crews chartered to a Lutheran church, school or organization. The award requirements need to be completed within the charter renewal term (calendar year). While eligible units usually submit their application with charter renewal, an LRE application can be sent in anytime.

Has your unit qualified this year for the LRE Award? Review the complete requirements and applications at www.nlas,org by clicking on the LRE link.

Please note that units who submit an application and earn the LRE will receive a certificate and ribbon to recognize there achievement for no charge. For the nominal $3.50 fee, LRE patches also are available. Please complete the appropriate section of the application and make check payable to NLAS. All proceeds benefit the NLAS Chaplains Fund.

Why Join NLAS?

Membership in NLAS adds ***your*** voice and efforts in promoting the working witness of Jesus Christ in service to the civic youth serving agnecies. NLAS works closely with youth ministry leaders of the Evangical Lutheran Church in America and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to develop, maintain and promote mutual efforts and programs. NLAS is represented on the Boy Scouts of America National Religious Relationships Committee.

Members receive regular communications on various ways to share the message of Jesus Christ.

• *"LUTHERAN SCOUTING" the* NLAS newsletter is published four times a year.

• The NLAS website has a variety of resources and ideas on it **(www.nlas.org.)**

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Send NLAS News Items

The deadline to submit articles for the next issue is April 1, 2016. Send Association and other news for the *Lutheran Scouting* newsletter to Pam Ciccarello at eaglesnest0810@att.net. Please spell out acronyms and give state and area or city locations so complete information is included in the publication. For events, be sure to include the date. For photos, either e-mail or send a glossy print.