# TO SERVE GOD...

RELIGIOUS RECOGNITIONS CREATED BY THE FAITH COMMUNITIES FOR THEIR MEMBERS WHO ARE GIRL SCOUTS



# We, the members of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, (are) united by a belief in God.... We believe that the motivating force in Girl Scouting is a spiritual one.

-Preamble, Constitution of Girl Scouts of the United States of America

The following national organizations have created religious recognitions to encourage girls to grow stronger in their faith. The Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. has approved of these programs and allows the recognition insignia to be worn on the official uniform, but each religious organization develops and administers its own program. Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.

#### African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.)

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#### **Anglican Church in North America**

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#### Raha'i

Baha'i National Center, Office of Education & Schools 1233 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201-1611 (847) 733-3492 / e-mail schools@usbnc.org www.bahai.us/unity-of-mankind-scouting-awardprogram

#### **Baptist**

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#### **Buddhist**

National Buddhist Committee on Scouting 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco, CA 94109-4341 e-mail: bcascoutinginfo@gmail.com www.bcascouting.org

#### **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

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# Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.)

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#### **Christian Science**

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#### **Churches of Christ**

Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting P.O. Box 3738, Abilene, TX 79604 (800) 393-1494 / www.goodservant.org email: info@goodservant.org

#### **Church of the Nazarene**

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#### **Community of Christ**

World Community Program Series 1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050-3562 (800) 825-2806 / email: jfears@cofchrist.org www.cofchrist.org/world-community

#### **Eastern Orthodox**

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#### Hindu

North American Hindu Association 9803 Goldfinch Ct., Saline, MI 48176-9191 (612) 470-6242 / e-mail: info@naha.us / www.naha.us

#### Islamic

Islamic Committee on Girl Scouting 31 Marian St, Stamford, CT 06907 (203) 359-3593 / www.nicgs.com

#### Jewish

National Jewish Committee on Girl Scouting 5 McLeod Terrace, New City, NY 10956 (843) 638-4518 / e-mail: njcgs.comm@gmail.com www.njcgs.org

#### Lutheran

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#### (Mormon) Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints

Young Women's and Primary Organizations Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 76 N Main St, Salt Lake City, UT 84150 Ages 8-11 call (801) 240-2382; Ages 12-18 call (801) 240-2141

#### **Polish National Catholic Church**

National Committee on Scouting 11 Everette Pl., Wayne, NJ 07470 973-694-9457 e-mail: dickdaum@gmail.com

#### Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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## Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

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# Protestant and Independent Christian

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#### **Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)**

Friends World Committee for Consultation 1506 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215) 241-7250 / e-mail: clerk@quakerscouting.org www.quakerscouting.org

#### **Roman Catholic Church**

Local diocesan office or National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, 415 Michigan Ave. NE, Ste. 40, Washington, DC 20017-1518 Attn: Orders Clerk (202) 636-3825 / e-mail: info@nfcym.org / www.nccgscf.org / www.nccgscf.org / www.ncrym.org

#### **Unitarian Universalist Association**

24 Famsworth St., Boston, MA 02210 (617) 742-2100 / email: info@uua.org www.uua.org/children/scouting

#### **United Church of Christ**

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#### **United Methodist Church**

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### **United Pentecostal Church International**

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#### **Unity Worldwide Ministries**

PO Box 610, Lee's Summit, MO 64063 (816) 524-7414 / email: kid@unity.org www.unity.org/emblem

# How do we get started on these programs?

## 1. Girls must obtain the specific booklet for their religion.

- Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly (see list above).
- Each girl needs her own booklet to document progress.
- Some religions offer adult manuals for counselors and mentors.

#### 2. Parents should review the program guidelines.

- Some programs require that girls be official "members" of the religious institution.
- Age/grade requirements vary from program to program.
- Each program sets its own guidelines as to who may serve as counselor. Some programs require clergy to serve as counselor, other programs allow parents or other family members to serve as counselor.

- Families should talk to their religious leaders and show them the booklet before beginning any program.
- Most programs require that they be completed under the auspices of that religious organization.
- Many programs require a religious leader's signature.
- 4. Girls must complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the recognition or pin.
- These recognitions or pins are not available in your Girl Scout store (follow the instructions in your booklet).
- The award should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the girl's religious institution.
- The award can be presented at anytime of the year. (Don't forget: Girl Scout Sunday/Sabbath is in March.)