The United Methodist Church and Girl Scouts: Serving Girls Together

Our History of Service

The United Methodist Church and Girl Scouts have been serving girls together since 1913, when the second Girl Scout troop was formed at Hyde Park Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida. Today United Methodist churches across the United States partner with Girl Scouts to reach out to communities and girls.

Shared Values

Girl Scouts’ longstanding connection with United Methodist congregations and their recognition of the P.R.A.Y. religious program (an age-appropriate series that focuses on discipleship, family, and service) makes Girl Scouts a natural partner to minister to young people with.

Additionally, the United Methodist’s Office of Civic and Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting Ministries has identified the following reasons to consider Girl Scouts for your church:

- Girl Scouts offers opportunities for adults as well as youth to participate.
- Girl Scouts can be an effective outreach ministry.
- Girl Scouts’ mission to prepare girls to improve the world is a perfect parallel to the mission of the United Methodist Church to see “transformation of the world.”

Girl Scouts and Faith

Faith has been a part of Girl Scouting since its founding in 1912. As part of the Girl Scout Promise, girls pledge to serve God and to help people at all times. Although Girl Scouts is a secular organization, it has always encouraged girls to take spiritual journeys via their faith’s religious recognitions, because it recognizes that religious instruction is at the center of many families and communities.

How Girl Scouts Benefits Girls

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

Studies show that Girl Scouts improves girls’ confidence and makes them better prepared for life’s challenges. That’s because Girl Scouts is dedicated to helping girls follow their hearts while they discover new interests, strengths, and abilities. Together with girls’ families, Girl Scouts supports girls’ dreams, growth, and success.

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