

North Star Emblems

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Scouting with God

“No man is much good unless he believes in God and obeys His laws.

So, every scout should have a religion

Religion seems a very simple thing.

First: Love and Serve God.

Second: Love and serve your neighbor.”

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Baden-Powell (*Scouting for Boys*, 1908)

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RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS PROGRAMS

AT THE HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL

The Religious Emblems Programs allows Scouts to demonstrate they have done their "duty to God" as promised and shows reverence towards ones faith.

The Heart of America Council is consistently a National leader of Religious Emblems Programs. This is because HOAC parents value character and quality.

Additional information for your faith can be found on the Religious Emblems website referenced below

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HOAC-BSA.ORG/RELIGIOUS-EMBLEMS

♦Each faith has their own materials, resources, curriculum and requirements

♦Programs are generally age specific

♦Youth can earn the Religious Emblem, while adults must be recommended

♦Religious awards are recognized by Order of the Arrow & Mic-O-Say with coups for each

♦Protestant & Catholic program materials are available at your local Scout Shop

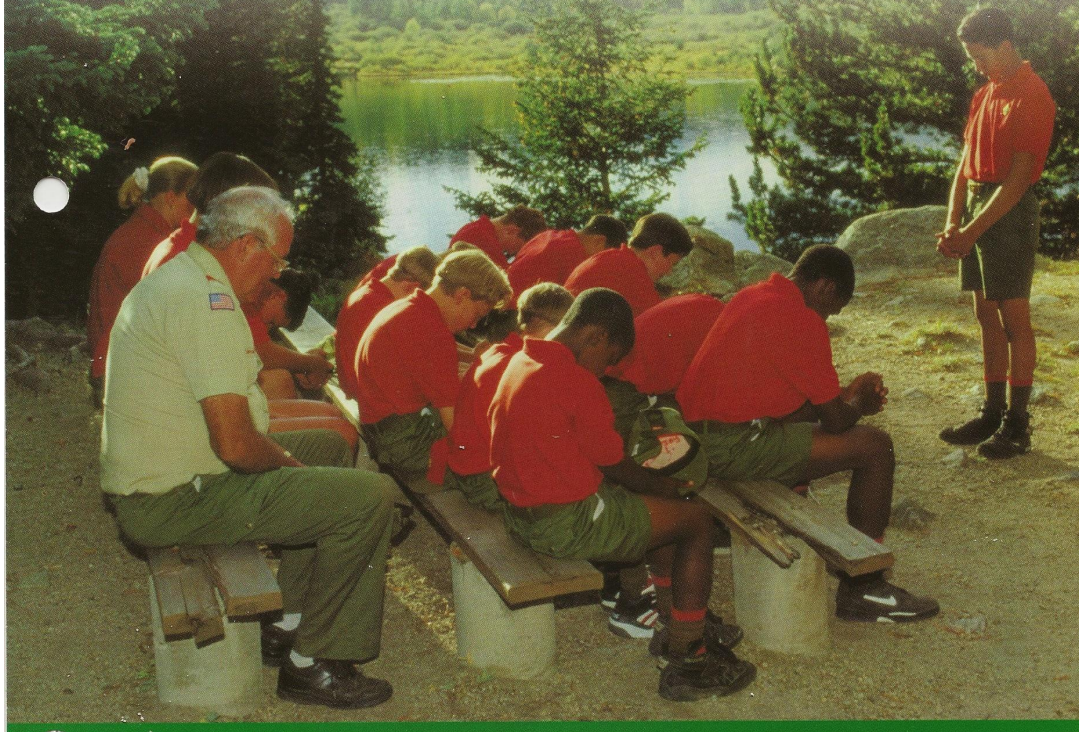
♦Other religion's programs can be found online

♦All recipients can wear the Religious Emblems Medal & Uniform Knot



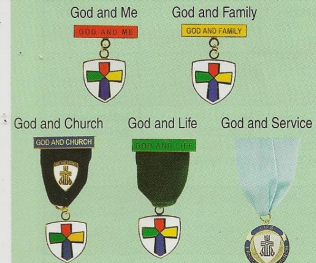
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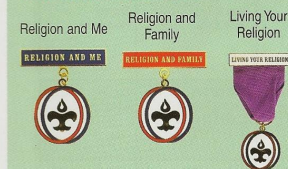
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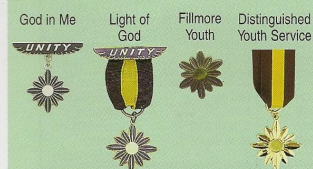
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)



Unitarian Universalist



Unity Churches



Zoroastrian



Protestant/United Church of Christ/Community Churches



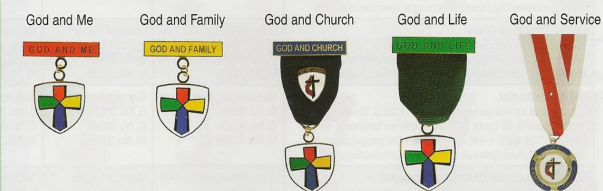
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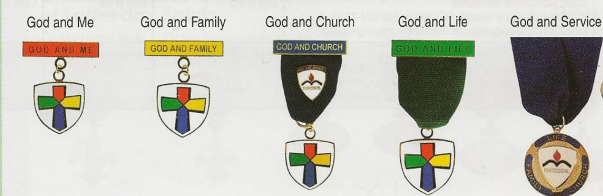
Salvation Army



United Methodist



United Pentecostal Church International







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GOD AND CHURCH



Emblems Programs for Catholics, Protestants and Jewish Faiths

	Protestant	Catholics	Jewish
Cub Scouts Grades 1-3	God & Me (P.R.A.Y. Program)	Light of Christ (Tiger & Wolf Cubs)	Maccabee Emblem (Tigers & Cubs)
Cub Scouts Grades 4-5	God & Family (P.R.A.Y. Program)	Parvuli Dei (Bear & Webelos)	Aleph Emblem (Cubs & Webelos)
Scouts Grades 6-8	God & Church (P.R.A.Y. Program)	Ad Altare Dei (Scouts, age 13-14)	Ner Tamid Emblem (Scouts & Ventures)
Scouts Grades 9-12	God & Life (P.R.A.Y. Program)	Pope Pius XII (Scouts, age 15-17)	Etz Chaim Award (Scouts Gr. 14-127) (Ventures Gr. 14-20)
Sponsoring Organization	P.R.A.Y.	National Catholic Committee on Scouting	National Jewish Committee on Scouting (P.R.A.Y.)

See the **H.O.A.C webpage** for **other faiths** for Cubs and Scouts.

Catholic Emblems Programs

	Light of Christ	Parvuli Dei	Ad Altare Dei	Pope Pius XII
Section 1	Families	God and His Creation	Sacraments and Sacramentals in Our Daily Life	In the Beginning
Section 2	God's Call	God, Our Father; His Son, Jesus Christ; and I	Baptism	God and You
Section 3	Forgiveness	Jesus, Our Church, and I	Confirmation	Life Choices
Section 4	Eucharist	Jesus, His People, and I	Eucharist	"9 to 5"
Section 5	Family of God	Children of God, Other Cub Scouts, and I	Penance and Reconciliation	Here I Am
Section 6			Anointing of the Sick	A Melting Pot
Section 7			Holy Orders	Putting It All Together

P.R.A.Y. Programs: Various Protestant Denominations

	God & Me	God & Family	God & Church	God & Life
Section 1	God Created Me	We Are God's Family	Meeting Jesus, the Person	God Calls All Kinds of People
Section 2	Jesus is God's Gift To Me	Family Heritage, Spiritual Heritage	Meeting Jesus, the Son of God	God Does Not Expect Us To Do It On Our Own
Section 3	I Can Talk With God	Our Talents and Gifts Strengthen Our Families	Meeting Jesus, the Head of the Church	Each of Us Must Make a Personal Response to the Call of God
Section 4	Because God Cares for Me, I Can Care For Others	In God's Family We Are Loved No Matter What (Rules)	Learning How Christ Worshiped God	God Gives Strength To Face Adversities
Section 5		Being In God's Family Helps Us When Things Are Tough	Exploring How My Congregation Worships God	God Can Accomplish Great Things Through Those Who Are Willing To Do God's Will
Section 6		In God's Family, We Share As a Response To God's Love	Learning How Christ Witnessed and Ministered to Others	
Section 7			Exploring How My Congregations Witnesses and Ministers to Others	
Projects			Bible Reading Everyday for Three Weeks Three Projects	Bible Reading Everyday for Three Months Five Simple Projects

Programs do not require that young people have official membership in a congregation.

God and Life

STUDENT WORKBOOK



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**Section 5:
Service Project**

Dakota A. Stephens

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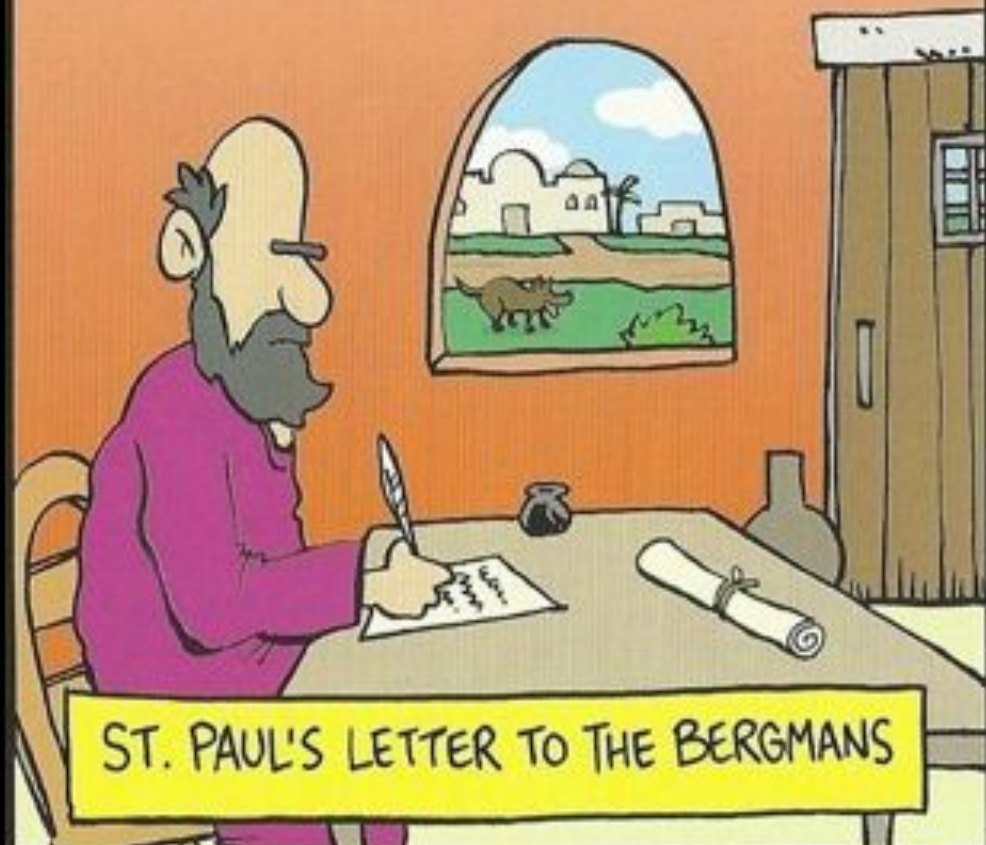
Section 1: God Calls All Kinds of People

This section talks
about how Paul
started his journey of
service to God.

Acts 9:16

For I will shrew him
how great things he
must suffer for my
name's sake.

I, Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus,
greet you in the name of the Lord,
and ask you to keep your dog
out of my petunias.



ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE BERGMANS

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Section 2:

**God doesn't
expect us to do it
on our own**

Acts 9:10

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

†OMICS by Tom Gould

Acts 9:10-16



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He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan.

- 2 Kings 2:13

Section 3:

Each of Us Must Make A Personal Response to the Call of God

You have a friend request.



Jesus Christ (Son of God)
wants to be your friend.

You may have friends in common.

Confirm?

I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in... - Rev. 3:20

When a person turns to God, it is never by an act of his or her own willpower or choosing. God reaches out to us, and we need to respond in faith.

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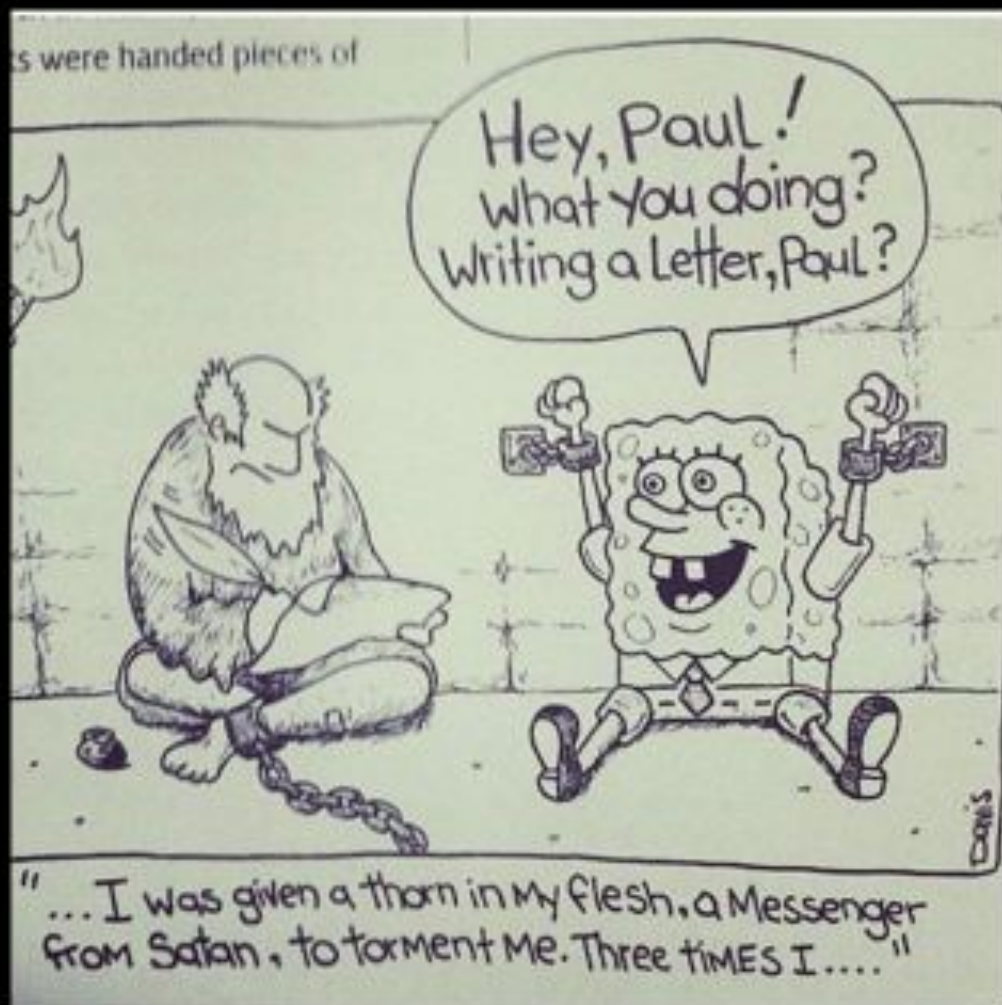
Created for Protestant and independent Christian Churches for young people in grades 9-12

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.
-2 Corinthians 12:7

Section 4:

God Gives Us Strength to Face Adversities

Besides enduring many hardships, Paul also suffered from a "thorn in the flesh."



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Now when they saw the boldness of peter and john, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.
-Acts 4:13

God Can Accomplish Great Things Through Those Who Are Willing to

Do God's Will

Elijah was a great prophet who was honored by God. God honored him by taking him up in a "whirlwind" to heaven.



Duty to God through the ranks

Tiger Adventure: Tiger Circles: Duty to God

Complete requirement 1 plus at least two others.

1. [Discuss](#) with your parent, guardian, den leader, or other caring adult [what it means to do your duty to God](#). Tell how you do your duty to God in your daily life.
3. [Earn the religious emblem of your faith that is appropriate for your age or grade](#)

Wolf Adventure: Duty to God Footsteps

Complete Requirement 1 or 2 plus at least two others.

1. [Discuss](#) with your parent, guardian, den leader, or other caring adult [what it means to do your duty to God](#). Tell how you do your duty to God in your daily life.
2. [Earn the religious emblem of your faith](#) that is appropriate for your age, if you have not already done so.

Bear Required Adventure: Fellowship and Duty to God

Complete the following requirements.

1. [Discuss](#) with your parent, guardian, den leader, or other caring adult [what it means to do your duty to God](#). Tell how you do your duty to God in your daily life.
3. Complete at least one of the following:
 1. [Earn the religious emblem of your faith](#) that is appropriate for your age, if you have not already done so.
 2. Make a list of things you can do to practice your duty to God as you are taught in your home or place of worship or spiritual community. Select two of the items and practice them for two weeks.

Webelos Adventure: Duty to God and You

Complete Requirement 1 and at least two others.

1. [Discuss](#) with your parent, guardian, den leader, or other caring adult [what it means to do your duty to God](#). Tell how you do your duty to God in your daily life.
2. [Earn the religious emblem of your faith](#) that is appropriate for your age, if you have not done so already.

Arrow of Light Adventure: Duty to God in Action

Complete Requirements 1 and 2 and at least two others.

1. [Discuss](#) with your parent, guardian, den leader, or other caring adult [what it means to do your duty to God](#). Tell how you do your duty to God in your daily life.
3. [Earn the religious emblem of your faith](#) that is appropriate for your age, if you have not done so already.

TENDERFOOT Rank Requirements

9. Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. [Tell how you have done your duty to God and how you have lived four different points of the Scout Law in your everyday life.](#)

[*****No optional requirement for earning religious emblem.](#)

How do you find a counselor to be part of an emblems program?

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North Star District Religious Emblems Coordinator

Mike Bennett

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Contact priests, pastors, roundtable coordinators and unit Chaplains

God and Me

STUDENT WORKBOOK



Created for Protestant and Independent Christian Churches for Children in Grades 2 & 3.
To be used with the *God and Me* Counselor Manual (REQUIRED).

Online ordering available at www.praypub.org 
Order by noon and get SAME BUSINESS DAY PROCESSING through P.R.A.Y.'s online store

God and Life Award Application Form

Incomplete applications will be returned. Submit one application per candidate (unless using the Multiple Order Form from the Counselor's Manual).

Shipping address: Allow two to three weeks for delivery. Overnight shipping requires a street address & correct zip code.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Day contact: Phone _____ E-mail _____

Candidate's Information:

Name _____ Grade _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Denomination (Church Body) _____ Check one: ☐ BSA ☐ GSUSA ☐ AHG ☐ Other: _____
☐ Check here and sign your name if you are a Four Star recipient (completing all four programs in the P.R.A.Y. Series)

Church Information: Please provide the following information for the church that sponsored the program or whose clergy reviewed the candidate's work.

Name of Congregation _____ Denomination (Church Body) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Clergy's Name _____ E-mail _____
Who was responsible for coordinating and/or teaching the class? Who served as counselor?
Counselor's name _____ E-mail _____

Certificate of Eligibility: The clergy's signature is preferred; however, other signatures will be accepted.

I certify that the candidate has successfully completed the requirements for the God and Life program and has presented his/her work to the clergy for final approval.

Signature _____ Date _____

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¹ Four Star Pin may only be purchased by candidates who have earned all four programs in the P.R.A.Y. Series (see description on page 35)

Peace Light

Don Shapley <donshapley@yahoo.com>

To: [Travis Rubelee](#)

Cc: Brick Huffman, Erik Petersen

Fri, Sep 16 at 2:22 PM

Travis and HOAC friends of Religious Relationships,

We will, once again, host our annual Peace Light offering this year. While we cannot determine, yet, when the flame will arrive in the U.S. we anticipate offering to share it with the public in the lobby of HOAC from **4:00 - 6:30 PM each day** beginning **Dec. 1 and ending Dec. 23**. Each day will have a volunteer accompany the flame.

Please put this on your calendar. Each of us can certainly give 2 1/2 hours to promote peace and scouting. The flame is gathered from the believed grotto of Jesus's birth but the flame is **non-sectarian**. **The flame merely represents world peace** and has been widely **used by scouting since 2000**.

As a group of God-loving individuals **PLEASE help us promote GOOD**.

Travis, the Religious Relationships Committee would like to request permission to make this offering available again this year.

Don Shapley

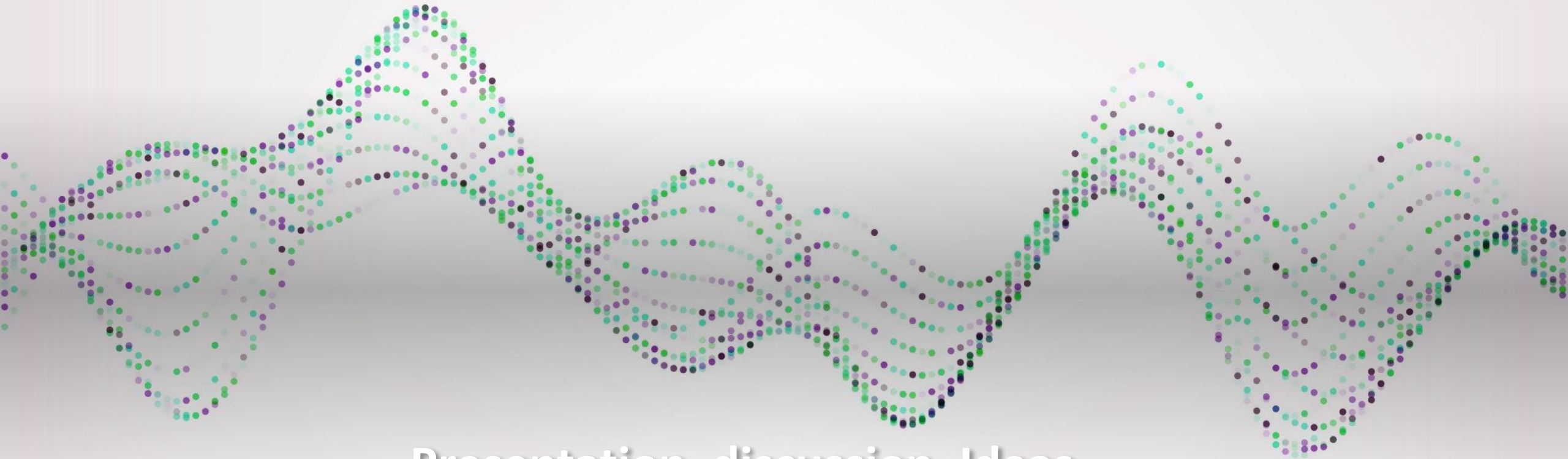
Peace Light comes to KC



It's a symbol of peace, goodwill, and hope...now the Peace Light is making its way to Kansas City this holiday season. The flame of the Peace Light burns 365 days a year in the holy city of Bethlehem. Thanks to our council's Religious Relationships Committee, the Peace Light will be available to share at the Heart of America Council Service Center (10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO) December 18th thru December 21st.

- What is your **Pack** doing to satisfy the Duty to God responsibility ?

Duty to God for Cub Scouts



Presentation, discussion, Ideas

January 2023 Round Table

Any packs or troops in the **North Star District** who have experienced **emblems counselors** for any of these programs should **register them with Mike Bennett** so that he might help to advertise for their emblems classes, to publish names and unit numbers of completed scouts in programs, to be available to help in ceremonies for awarding religious medals, and to be available to help in instruction materials, suggestions for running classes, answering questions and connecting with the council and other counselors.

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