



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod

Office of the President
The Reverend Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick
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Mr. Robert J. Mazzuca, Chief Executive Scout
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
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Dear Mr. Mazzuca:

On behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), it is my privilege to express support for the Boy Scouts of America. The LCMS has experienced a long-standing, positive relationship with the Boy Scouts. It pleases me to extend in this letter our continued respect and support for this organization.

Many of our congregations have worked in partnership with the Boy Scouts of America in providing leadership, programs and resources that have enhanced their ministry with young people. While the Boy Scouts of America does not promote any particular religion or theological point of view, we are appreciative of the emphasis the Boy Scouts teach and model in regard to ethical and moral living.

There are many outstanding individuals in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who contribute their time and energy to BSA through the sponsorship and support of troops on the community and congregational level. It is our prayer that God will continue to guide their efforts so that both those who participate and those who lead will be enriched through their scouting experiences.

As a former Boy Scout, I thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the Boy Scouts of America and to convey appreciation on behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for the excellent work this organization continues to do for the young people in our country and around the world.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



MEMORANDUM
OF
MUTUAL SUPPORT




WHEREAS, *The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Boy Scouts of America have maintained a valuable and productive relationship on behalf of boys, young adults, and their families for many years; and*

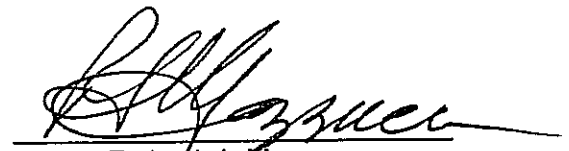
WHEREAS, *It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law; and*

WHEREAS, *The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by love for God. Its mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in His name without discrimination; and*

WHEREAS, *The Boy Scouts of America is desirous of lending its aid and support to the citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness of boys and young men and women through community-based organizations; therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *That The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Boy Scouts of America will work cooperatively with each other, within the policies and regulations of each organization, to establish and nurture Scout units as an expression of the outreach ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod so that boys, young adults, and adults may grow in Christian character, citizenship responsibility, and with the personal fitness necessary to achieve their greatest potential.*


Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick
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