

THE PURPOSE OF THE TORCH AWARD

The United Methodist Church accepts the programs of Scouting and Civic Youth-Serving Agencies as contributing to the church's goals in ministry with children and youth.

The United Methodist Church supports the use of scouting programs as a proven way of reaching and ministering with boys and girls and their families. We urge churches to study the potential for ministry in the use of the programs of these organizations.

The General Commission on United Methodist Men, through its affiliate organization, the National Association of United Methodist Scouters (NAUMS), recognizes men and women who give unusual amounts of time and energy in dedicated service to children and youth through these organizations.

The Torch Award will recognize adult leaders who have given exceptional service in the use and promotion of these programs.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATING A CANDIDATE

THE RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD MUST HAVE AN OUTSTANDING RECORD OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH AS

DETERMINED BY THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Is an active member of The United Methodist Church, demonstrating exceptional Christian character.
2. Has a continuous record of using and supporting the programs (for a minimum of 10 years) of the Scouting and Civic Youth-Serving Agencies in the life of the church at the district and annual conference level.
3. Has served these organizations on the unit, district, council, or other level by active participation in the program.
4. Has an effective and continuous record of counseling young people enrolled in the religious awards programs.
5. Is actively recruiting men and women for leadership in these organizations and programs.
6. Has served effectively as a member of a denominational or inter-denominational Church Committee on Scouting.
7. Has served as a Camp Chaplain or has helped promote religious services within one of the scouting programs.

PROCEDURES

1. A special committee, appointed annually by the Conference Committee on Scouting, receives and reviews the nominations and names the recipients.

2. The annual conference may give one emblem each year, plus one for each 100,000 church members or major fraction thereof, and may confer an honorary emblem in recognition of meritorious service to persons not members of the annual conference.

3. Nominations may be made by an individual, by a local church or by the Conference Committee on Scouting and forwarded to the special committee by April 1 each year.

4. A citation will be prepared by the special committee to be read in the annual conference session when the emblem is presented.

5. Upon approval, the application is mailed to the Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting in Nashville, Tennessee. A certificate of merit will be prepared along with a medal and clutch-back pin. **A check for \$50.00 must accompany the application to cover all costs.** Please allow 30 days for processing.

Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting
P.O. Box 340006
Nashville, TN 37203-0006
(615) 340-7149
800-509-4563

Torch Award

THIS APPLICATION MUST GO TO THE
CONFERENCE SCOUTING COORDINATOR FOR
APPROVAL BEFORE SUBMITTING TO THE OFFICE
OF CIVIC YOUTH-SERVING AGENCIES/SCOUTING

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

We hereby certify that

(full name)
of _____
Conference of The United Methodist
Church, meets all qualifications and
criteria stated in this brochure.

Signed: **All signatures are necessary.**

Conference Scouting Coordinator

Member of Conference Scouting Committee

Annual Conference Director of Program

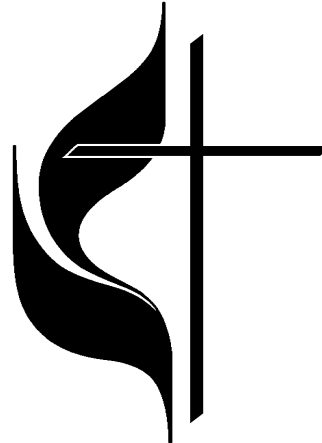
Presiding Bishop

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ .
Please send medal, certificate, and clutch-
back pin to the following address:

(Telephone Number with Area Code)

I need this by: _____

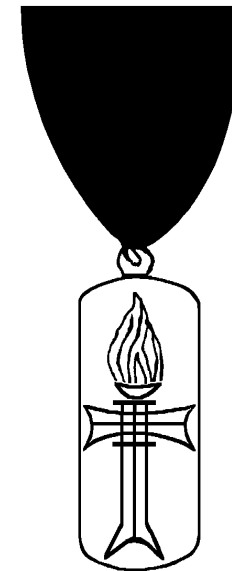
Please allow a 30 day processing time. If less,
it must be accompanied by an added \$25.00 rapid
processing fee.



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THE TORCH AWARD PROGRAM



THE EMBLEM

The Torch is an emblem of
Christian faithfulness. It
recognizes the builders of
Christian character and service to
others.