



September 30, 2022

Dear Scouter,

The Capitol Area Council is focused on finding a solution for your Scouting unit that works best for all parties. These solutions are the culmination of many discussions at all levels of the United Methodist Church and the Boy Scouts of America. On August 30, leaders from our council, units, and Methodist partners came together to discuss these changes. We made a commitment to provide guidance and instruction to you about next steps.

In focusing on your unit(s), our council wants to emphasize that your unit leadership should remain focused on providing and planning a quality program for your Scouts as we work together to find the best option for your unit.

Your Scouting professional (District Executive) will contact you in October to set a meeting to discuss the ongoing relationship between your church and the Boy Scouts of America. Please feel free at that time to share any questions and concerns you have about how to move forward. This meeting will include institution head/executive officer, chartered organization representative, committee chair, and unit leader (IH/EO, COR, CC, UL) to determine how the unit will proceed.

Based on your decision, we need to move forward in one of the following directions:

1. The UMC continues as a chartered organization (sign and submit an existing charter agreement).
2. The church agrees to serve as a physical meeting place for the unit, complete the Affiliation Agreement approved by UMC and BSA, and Capitol Area Council becomes the chartering organization for the unit.
3. The church releases the assets, branding, etc. of the Scouting program and Capitol Area staff is charged with finding a new charter partner and meeting location.

The current charter partner agreement between UMC and BSA has been extended for 120 days beginning on July 1 – meaning we must bring resolution with one of the methods outlined above by the end of November.

Your local Scouting professional will reach out to you soon. Should you need further assistance, please contact Bill Kohl ([bill.kohl@scouting.org](mailto:bill.kohl@scouting.org), 920-573-3029). Please be aware that forms provided are not fillable PDFs. We are working to have these items available on our website in early October.

Through all of this, we remain focused on the service we provide to our units and delivering a quality Scouting program to all youth.

Yours in Scouting,

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