Community of Christ

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Boy Scouts of America 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane P.O. Box 152079 Irving TX 75015-2079

Dear Friends:

The Community of Christ has been associated with the Boy Scouts of America since its earliest days. A troop still in existence in our Stone Church Congregation in Independence, Missouri, was chartered in 1911, and we believe it was the first troop west of the Mississippi River.

Through the years, many of our congregations have sponsored Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs, and other scouting organizations. Involvement in Scouting programs has enriched the lives of many of our boys since the organization of that first troop in Independence, and the values at the heart of the Scouting movement are consistent with the values taught by the Community of Christ.

We commend the Scouting program to our congregations whenever it is consistent with congregational programming needs and resources. We believe it is a viable avenue for community outreach and service.

It is our hope that the relationship between the Community of Christ and the Scouting movement will continue to be fruitful into the future.

In the Peace of Jesus Christ, THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

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