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## THE MORAVIAN CHURCH Northern Province

Dear Friends,

For many years the Moravian Church in North America has encouraged involvement in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. We believe scouting provides us with

- ☆ a resource to attract families and their children
- ☆ an opportunity for <u>community outreach</u>
- ☆ a positive alternative for <u>youth</u>
- ☆ a way to develop youth and adult <u>leadership</u>

The Boy Scouts of America principles of "duty to God and country, service to others, and respect for self" are certainly compatible with our own beliefs and practices. Therefore, I am pleased to renew our endorsement of Scouting and encourage you to expand the effective work of scouting in your community. Scouting officials are always on hand to respond to questions and offer assistance in the development of scout troops.

The Rev. Franklin Jones, a Moravian minister, (7440 Victoria Drive, P. O. Box 160, Victoria, MN 55386-0160) is available as a resource for religious awards for both leaders and scouts. You may contact him as a year-round liaison for scout troops sponsored by Moravian congregations.

Working in partnership, the Boy Scouts of America and our congregations of the Moravian Church can continue to strive to meet the needs of our youth as they grow and flourish as gifted servants of Christ.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends:

The Moravian Church has long enjoyed involvement by our local congregations in sponsorship of Scouting units. Participation in Scouting has brought many benefits to scouts and their leaders as well as to their congregations and communities.

We are pleased to renew our endorsement of Scouting and our encouragement of participation in the various opportunities that Scouting offers.

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