

# **VIRTUAL INTERFAITH WEEK 2025**



Hosted by  
BSA National Religious Relationship Committee

**February 23rd-28th  
Zoom Event**

**Class Catalog**

**Register at <https://forms.gle/KDswspHkmgGcfKbK6>**

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**Registration:** Join us via Zoom for any of the programs listed below. Please register per Device to make sure your “seat” is saved. The Zoom link will be sent out at noon on each day of the program.

Time Zone: CENTRAL (Chicago/Dallas)

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/KDswspHkmgGcfKbK6>

**Participants/Recording:** All ages are invited to attend, including youth members. For YPT purposes on recording the sessions, any devices with an under 18 participant must keep their cameras off. Recorded sessions will be uploaded to YouTube on this channel by March 31st. Not all sessions will be recorded per instructors requests.

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyrQ5WhsitgVnQNdrVJftHA>

## **Sunday, February 23rd:**

6:00 PM Interfaith Worship Service

6:00 PM Protestant Service

## **Monday, February 24th: Faith Specific Sessions**

(Learn about faiths & resources available)

6:00 PM Baha'i

6:00 PM Lutheran

6:00 PM United Methodist Church

7:00 PM Church of Jesus Christ for Later-day Saints

7:00 PM Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting

7:00 PM Jewish: Ten Questions My Non-Jewish Friends  
Ask About Judaism

8:00 PM Unitarian Universalist

8:00 PM Zoroastrian

## **Tuesday, February 25th: Advancement Coordinators**

6:00 PM Advancement– Cub Scout DTG

7:00 PM Advancement– Scouts BSA DTG

8:00 PM Advancement– Venturing & Sea Scouting DTG

## **Tuesday, February 25th: Program Coordinators**

7:00 PM Program– Faith Hikes

7:00 PM Program– Generation Z's Spiritual Needs

8:00 PM Program– How to Put the Wow into Your Program

## **Tuesday, February 25th: Council Professionals & Council/District Volunteers**

6:00 PM P/V– 12 Step Process for Faith Charter Partners

7:00 PM P/V– How to Use The Arda.com

8:00 PM P/V– How to Build a Religious Relationships  
Committee (District & Council)

## **Wednesday, February 26th: Chaplains/Worship Leaders**

6:00 PM Services– How to Write and Interfaith Service

7:00 PM Services– How to Write a Scout's Own Service

7:00 PM Peace Light North America

8:00 PM Services– More Than The Big 3

## **Wednesday, February 26th: Membership Coordinators**

6:00 PM Membership– Recruiting Adult Leaders

7:00 PM Membership– Ideas for Growing Faith-Based  
Units

## **Wednesday, February 27th: Marketing Coordinators**

6:00 PM Marketing– Social Media for Scouting

7:00 PM Marketing– Storytelling through Photography

## **Thursday, February 27th: Religious Emblems Night**

6:00 PM Religious Emblems Coordinators

6:00 PM Scouting Overview for Faith Leaders– No Current  
Unit

6:00 PM Scouting Overview for Faith Leaders– Have an  
Existing Unit

7:00 PM Religious Emblems– P.R.A.Y.

7:00 PM Religious Emblems– Baptist

7:00 PM Religious Emblems– Christian Science

7:00 PM Religious Emblems– Jewish

7:00 PM Religious Emblems– Church of Jesus Christ for  
Later-day Saints

8:00 PM Religious Emblems– Lutheran

8:00 PM Bible Basic Patch Series

8:00 PM Scouts Read Sacred Texts

## **Friday, February 28th: Chaplains**

7:00 PM Chaplains– District & Council Events

8:00 PM Chaplains– When Times Get Tough

## **Friday, February 28th: Misc.**

6:00 PM Youth– Chaplain's Aide Class

6:00 PM Charter Organization Representatives

7:00 PM Youth– Venturing TRUST Award

# Worship Descriptions: Sunday, February 23rd

Time	Room 1	Room 2
6:00 PM	Interfaith Worship Service	Protestant Service

## **Interfaith Worship Service**

Join us for a worship service open to anyone. The language and style of service will be inclusive of multiple faiths & beliefs. All are welcome.

## **Protestant Service**

Join us for a worship service open to anyone. The language and style of service will be directed towards Protestant Christian faiths such as Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, United Church of Christ, Non-Denominational, Christian, etc.

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Audience Track	Faith Specific– Learn About a Faith Group & Resources Available for Scouting		
Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
6:00 PM	Baha'i	Lutheran	United Methodist Church
7:00 PM	Church of Jesus Christ for Later-day Saints	Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting	Jewish: Ten Questions My Non-Jewish Friends Ask About Judaism
8:00 PM	Unitarian Universalists		Zoroastrian

## **Baha'i**

This class is open to anyone to attend. We will cover the recently updated Unity of Humanity emblems program open to all scouts to earn. We will also discuss basic concepts around the faith and host a Q&A.

## **Lutheran**

Class is open to all. We will focus on the various national Lutheran Church bodies and how Scouting fits into their ministries. Topics will include church organization and terminology, the National Lutheran Association on Scouting - resources and relationship with youth-serving agencies, Religious Emblems programs, Adult and unit recognitions.

## **United Methodist Church**

This class is open to anyone to attend. We will focus on items specific to the United Methodist Church (and churches that have broken off from here). Topics to include: UMC Terminology & Organization, Q&A on United Methodist Men (our Scouting Ministries connection), Methodist Awards, Bishop's Dinners, Methodist Youth Serving Partners (GSUSA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Campfire), and an introduction to Scouting Ministry Specialists/Conference Coordinators.

## **Church of Jesus Christ for Later-day Saints**

This session is open for anyone to attend and topics will include: The Vanguard International Scouting Association Mission and Values; Dispelling common myths about Latter-day Saints and Scouting; Promoting religious emblems; Helping correlate religious activity in Scouting and the new youth program of the Church; Current Youth Issues and Conflict Resolution; Teaching Resiliency in the Youth of today.

## **Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting**

What is MCCS? Learn a little about our history, our faith heritage, our awards and mission. Overview of the MCCS Servant Leadership awards and how to use them with youth.

## **Jewish: Ten Questions my Non-Jewish Friends Have About Judaism**

This class is open to all attendees who are curious about Judaism. We will cover Judaism's core messages; Believing, Behaving and Belonging in Judaism; the Abrahamic Faiths; Honoring God's name; Jewish Law; the 12 Tribes; Denominations of Jews; the Messiah in Judaism; Messianic 'Jews'; and we will touch on Antisemitism."

## **Unitarian Universalists**

This class is open to anyone to attend. We will discuss basic concepts around the faith and host a Q&A.

## **Zoroastrian**

This class is open to anyone to attend. We will discuss basic concepts around the faith and host a Q&A.

# Class Descriptions: Tuesday, February 25th

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<b>Audience Track</b>	<b>Advancement Coordinators</b>	<b>Program Coordinators</b>	<b>Council Professionals &amp; District/Council</b>	<b>Misc.</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Room 1</b>	<b>Room 2</b>	<b>Room 3</b>	<b>Room 4</b>
6:00 PM	Advancement– Cub Scout Duty to God	Program– Faith Retreats	P/V– 12 Step Process for Faith Charter	
7:00 PM	Advancement– Scouts BSA Duty to	Program– Faith Hikes	P/V– How to Use The Arda.com	Program– Generation Z's Spiritual Needs
8:00 PM	Advancement– Venturing & Sea Scouting Duty to God	Program– How to Put the Wow into Your Program	P/V– How to Build a Religious Relationships Committee (District &	

## **Advancement– Cub Scout DTG**

Come hear about the Family & Reverence Adventures in the new Cub Scouting program. Plus ideas on how to complete them as a pack.

## **Program– Faith Retreats**

Learn how you can turn a weekend camping trip into a program that helps Scouts start earning their religious emblem. This session will demonstrate using the P.R.A.Y. emblems, however this can also work for other faith groups.

## **Professionals/Volunteers– 12 Step Process for Faith Charter Partners**

Come and review the 12 steps of the new unit process specific for faith-based institutions. Who should you talk to and how should they be addressed? How to sell faith-based partners that Scouting America is beneficial for both organizations?

## **Advancement– Scouts BSA DTG**

Come hear about the Scouts BSA Ranks and Duty to God requirements. Plus ideas on how to complete them and questions to ask in Board of Reviews.

## **Program– Faith Hikes**

Often called Ten Commandment Hikes or Faith Hikes, these are faith-oriented events held to introduce Scouts and Scouters to different faith groups in their area. We will have sample programs and resources from council across the nation in this session.

## **Professionals/Volunteers– How to Use The Arda.com**

The Association of Religious Data Archives provides faith-based census results by zip and demographics that can be beneficial in targeting faith-based partners in growth areas where Scouting America can have impact.

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## **Generation Z's Spiritual Needs**

This session is open to anyone to attend. Whether a parent, unit leader, chaplain, etc. being able to meet the needs of Generation Z where they are at spiritually and philosophically is life changing for these youth. 60% of Generation Z didn't have a faith group when asked for 2023 Jamboree registration. This class helps you learn where the "nones" are at and how they work with Duty to God. We're all spiritual. We just may not know how to talk about it.

## **Advancement– Venturing & Sea Scouting DTG**

Come hear about the Venturing/Sea Scouting Ranks and Duty to God requirements. Plus ideas on how to complete them.

## **Program– How to Put the Wow into Your Program**

Take your program to a new level to retain your older youth. These program ideas will create an atmosphere of excitement in your unit by teaching youth leaders how to think outside the box, and giving adult leaders the courage to mentor them in an environment of safety.

## **P/V– How to Build a Religious Relationships Committee (District & Council)**

This Position Breakout will focus on building Council Religious Relationship Committees, and strengthening existing ones. Different organizational structures will be discussed, along with event ideas, marketing endeavors, etc.

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Audience Track	Chaplains & Worship Leaders	Membership Coordinators	Marketing Coordinators	Misc.
Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4
6:00 PM	Services- How to Write an Interfaith Service	Membership- Recruiting Adult Leaders	Marketing- Social Media for Scouting	
7:00 PM	Services- How to Write a Scout's Own Service	Membership- Ideas for Growing Faith-Based Units	Marketing- Storytelling through Photography	Peace Light
8:00 PM	Services- More Than the Big 3			

## **Services– How to Write an Interfaith Service**

An Interfaith Service is different than a Scout's Own Service or a camporee service for a single faith group. By attending this session you will learn the guidelines to follow, and have a chance to write your own service to take home. Plus get copies of interfaith services that have been used before.

## **Membership– Recruiting Adult Leaders**

We've all been there...too many jobs and not enough adults to share the load. This session will give ideas for recruiting adult leaders into being an active part of your unit, district, and council.

## **Marketing– Social Media for Scouting**

Scouts are currently Generation Z and Generation Alpha. They communicate online constantly. They stare at their devices 24/7. They learn the skills mom & dad used to teach from YouTube. So wouldn't it be great if we could use the platforms they are always on? This session will teach you how to utilize social media to reach the Baby Boomers, Gen X, Millennials, Gen Z, and Gen Alpha. Let's bridge the generations and remove the construction cones keeping us in separate lanes.

## **Services– How to Write a Scout's Own Service**

This session will provide you with resources and guidelines for helping Scouts write a service the reflects the faith needs of their members. You will have a chance to write a service for your unit, and get copies of Scout's Own Services that have been used before.

## **Membership– Ideas for Growing Faith-Based Units**

Is your council struggling for membership growth post Covid and bankruptcy? This session will share how building relationships with faith-based organizations in your local area can lead to new units, stronger units, bigger units, and longer lasting units.

## **Marketing– Storytelling through Photography**

A picture tells 1,000 words...how can it generate recruiting and retaining youth? This storytelling through photography class will focus on how to capture memories that leads to marketing gold.

## **Peace Light**

Have you heard of this worldwide holiday program of sharing the light of Bethlehem around the globe? Find out how Scouts can participate in North America.

## **Services– More Than the Big 3**

Many council and district events focus on having services for Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish. There are dozens of other faiths and reflective moments you could hold during events. Come learn about some, and chat with others about ideas they have tried.

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Audience Track	Religious Emblems Night: Faith Leaders, Scouting Leaders, Professionals, Parents, & Youth				
Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
6:00 PM	Religious Emblems Coordinators	Scouting Overview for Faith Leaders—No Current Unit	Scouting Overview for Faith Leaders—Have an Existing		
7:00 PM	Religious Emblems- P.R.A.Y.	Religious Emblems- Baptist	Religious Emblems- Christian Science	Religious Emblems— Jewish	Religious Emblems— Church of Jesus Christ for Later-
8:00 PM	Bible Basic Patch Series	Scouts Read Sacred Texts	Religious Emblems—		

## Religious Emblems Coordinators

This Position Breakout is going to focus on the BSA position of Religious Emblems Coordinators. What is the position of the Religious Emblems Coordinator? How do you make sure you have people pointed in the right directions at unit, district, and council level? What are the emblems of different faith units?

## Scouting Overview for Faith Leaders— No Current Unit

This Position Breakout is going to focus on topics coming from a Clergy/Chaplain/Faith Leader's perspective. What is Scouting America? How do I start a unit at my institution? How is "Duty to God" incorporated into Scouting? Are some of the questions we will answer.

## Scouting Overview for Faith Leaders— Have an Existing Unit

This Position Breakout is going to focus on topics coming from a Clergy/Chaplain/Faith Leader's perspective. How do I start another unit at my institution? How do I get involved with my units? How is "Duty to God" incorporated into Scouting? How do I strengthen the relationship between my institution and my units? Are some of the questions we will answer.

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## **Religious Emblems Night**

Join us in the Main Room at 7pm for a kick-off to Religious Emblems Night. We will then separate into breakout rooms for information specific to a faith group's emblems. The Lutheran session will be held at 8pm instead of 7pm.

## **Programs and Religious Activities for Youth**

The Programs and Religious Activities for Youth (or P.R.A.Y. Publications) is a non-profit that supports the religious emblems programs for Protestants as recognized by the BSA. This session is an introduction to their five levels of religious emblems, adult recognitions, and patch programs for all ages.

## **Baptist**

Overview of religious emblems for Baptist Scouts, emphasis on God & Church and God & Life.

## **Christian Science**

Open discussion of current Christian Science religious emblem requirements, effectiveness and opportunities for improvement.

## **Jewish**

Antisemitism: Old and New": Although antisemitism has been around for ages, it has taken on different manifestations in the past century, generation and even year.

## **Church of Jesus Christ for Latter-day Saints**

We'll introduce attendees to the three Scouting religious emblems that are available for Latter-day Saint Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Scouters. This includes the Light & Truth Award (Cub Scout age), Vanguard Duty to God Award (Scout, age 11-18), and the Vanguard Duty to God Award (adult Scouter).

## **Bible Basic Patch Series**

Learn about this patch series for Bible stories sponsored by P.R.A.Y. Publications. Geared for all age levels, this program can be done as a family, youth group, group of friends, etc.

## **Scouts Read Sacred Texts**

Learn how you can join thousands of scouts and youth of all faiths all over the world reading their Sacred texts on the US National Day Of Prayer.

## **Religious Emblems- Lutheran**

What are the Lutheran religious emblems and how does my youth get them? Also includes a brief overview of adult recognitions and the Four Star youth scholarship. The presentation contains links to detailed information and applications.

# Class Descriptions: Friday, February 28th

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Audience Track	Chaplains	Misc.
Time	Room 1	Room 2
6:00 PM	Youth– Chaplain's Aide Class	Charter Organization Representatives
7:00 PM	Chaplains– District & Council Events	Youth– Venturing TRUST Award
8:00 PM	Chaplains– When Times Get Tough	

## Youth– Chaplain's Aide Class

Are you a Chaplain's Aide or would like to become one? This Q&A session is for you. We will share resources available and answer as many of your questions as possible.

## Charter Organization Representatives

This Position Breakout is going to focus on the faith-based organization's position for BSA Units called the Charter Organization Representative. What does the position entail? What are some of the successes and challenges they can face? And a panel of COR's from different faith organizations that you can ask questions of during the session.

## Chaplains– District & Council Events

Do you serve as a Chaplain for events in your district or council? Are you an event leader and have questions about Chaplains' roles? Come to this Q&A session to gain resources and share best practices from around the country.

## Youth– Venturing TRUST Award

Open for Venturers & Adults, this class will go through each requirement of the TRUST Award and discuss ways to complete it. We highly recommend the youth print out the requirements so they can check things off as we go along.

## Chaplains– When Times Get Tough

99% of events run smoothly as the Chaplain. How can you best serve those around you in emergency situations or when times get tough? We welcome one of our committee members, a hospital Chaplain, Scouting Chaplain, United Methodist Pastor, and incoming leader of one of the country's largest Chaplain groups to answer this question.



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