Overview and Rationale

**MPMF** = “My Promise My Faith” created by GSUSA to connect Girl Scouting with faith; may be earned every year, for all ages

**BBRP3** = “Bible Basics RP3: Read to Picture, Ponder, and Put It Into Action” created by P.R.A.Y. for Christian girls to learn both Bible STORIES and how to do Bible STUDY; current series has 12 different patches which may be earned at any time; for all ages (including adults); RP3 Curriculum Pamphlets may be downloaded at [www.praypub.org/rp3](http://www.praypub.org/rp3)

**Purpse:** Create opportunities for GS Councils to partner with local congregations.

**Project:** Offer a one-day retreat that combines MPMF with BBRP3. This would be a joint event of the GS Council and local church.

**Rationale:** GS Councils want to engage the faith community and grow Girl Scout membership.
Congregations want to do Bible teaching, community outreach, and grow their own membership.
MPMF is a generic program. By adding the Bible patches, it provides a ready-made Bible curriculum for the congregation.

**GS Council:** Choose congregation(s) for their location, denomination, inside connections with Girl Scouting, etc.
Secure funding.
Provide staff support.
Promote and advertise the event to larger GS community.

**Sponsoring church:** The congregation would provide teachers.
The congregation would also agree to offer a follow-up P.R.A.Y. Awards class to keep the girls involved in Girl Scouting and draw families into their congregation. This would be an outreach opportunity for the congregation to meet unchurched families or those who are not active in a congregation. The people teaching the P.R.A.Y. Awards class would be the same as the ones at the MPMF/BBRP3 workshop so that they would be familiar to the girls and parents.

**Considerations:** Target a specific grade level?
Require a parent/guardian to attend.
The event would be Protestant/Christian but open to all girls in the community (not just the girls from the sponsoring church).
Girls would earn and receive both the MPMF pin and a BBRP3 patch.

**Resources:** [www.praypub.org/recognitions-mpmf](http://www.praypub.org/recognitions-mpmf)
MPMF+RP3 Handouts / Sample Schedule / Chart Matching MPMF & RP3