# Duty to God

Religious Emblems Created by Faith Communities for Their Members, Recognized by the B.S.A.

Faith Group names are listed alphabetically. Many of our Protestant faith groups offer youth emblems through P.R.A.Y. These are listed at the bottom of page 1. Any emblems offered in addition to the P.R.A.Y. emblems for a specific Protestant faith group will be listed in the alphabetical section.

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## Protestant God and Service Award

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  - Baptist
  - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
  - Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
  - Church of Christ, Scientist (Christian Scientist)
  - National Association of Anglican and Traditional Catholic Scouters
  - Nazarene
  - Presbyterian Church in America
  - Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
  - Protestant and Independent Christian Churches
  - United Church of Christ
  - United Methodist Church
  - United Pentecostal Church International

**Cloth, silver knot on purple, No. 5007, may be worn by youth or adult members who received the knot as a youth, above left pocket. Cloth, purple on silver, No. 5014, may be worn by adult members who received the knot as an adult, above left pocket. Adults may wear both knots if they satisfy qualifying criteria. Only one youth and one adult knot is worn, but any combination of devices representing the program in which a religious emblem was received may be worn on the same knot. (See Cub Scout device, No. 926; Webelos Scout device, No. 932; Boy Scout device, No. 927; and Venturer device, No. 930.)**

Religious Emblem medals are pinned to the top of the left uniform pocket (directly below any square knots) for formal occasions.
### Religious Emblems

**Click on the Faith Name to Visit Their Website for Earning the Emblems & Ordering Items**

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| | ![Quaker Emblem] | Spirit of Truth | Grades 6-12
| | ![Quaker Emblem] | Senior Scouts | Adults
| | ![Quaker Emblem] | Friends Adults | |
| **General Church of the New Jerusalem** | ![New Jerusalem Emblem] | Open Word Scouts BSA | Senior Scouts
| | ![New Jerusalem Emblem] | Open Word Adults | |
| **Hindu** | ![Hindu Emblem] | Dharma | Ages 6-13
| | ![Hindu Emblem] | Karma | Ages 13-21
| | ![Hindu Emblem] | Saathi Adult Mentor | |
| | ![Hindu Emblem] | Bhakti Adult Counselor | |
| **Cub Scouts Webelos (all stages can be earned)** | ![Webelos Emblem] | Live Help Live - Stage I
| | ![Webelos Emblem] | Live Help Live - Stage II
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| | ![Jewish Emblem] | Ner Tamid Grades 6-9
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*Senior Scouts are participants of the Venturing, Sea Scouting, and Exploring Programs*
Religious Emblems Programs

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The Venturing TRUST Award is part of the Venturing awards program. This youth award is not part of the BSA religious emblems programs. For additional information, refer to the TRUST Award Handbook, available from your local council service centers or the BSA National Distribution Center.

How Do We Get Started on These Programs?

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Interested in making a presentation on the religious emblems?

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Faiths Ordered through P.R.A.Y. Website

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toll-free telephone 800-933-7729; fax 314-845-0038;
email: info@praypub.org; website: www.praypub.org

African Methodist Episcopal Church
website: https://amecouts.org

African Methodist Episcopalian Zion Church

Anglican Church in North America

Baptist
website: www.baptistscouters.org

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
website: https://www.dcnational.church/faiths-organized-through-p-ray.html

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Church of Christ, Scientist (Christian Scientist)
website: www.christianscience.com/youth

Community of Christ

Community of Christ, 1001 W. Walnut St., Independence, MO 64055;
816-833-1000; website: https://cofchrist.org/world/community/

Eastern Orthodox

Episcopal

website: www.brothersandfamilies.net/ministries/scouting.html

Jewish

website: www.jewishtscouting.org

Lutheran

website: www.nias.org/fag

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Baptist
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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
website: https://www.dcnational.church/faiths-organized-through-p-ray.html

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Church of Christ, Scientist (Christian Scientist)
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Community of Christ

Community of Christ, 1001 W. Walnut St., Independence, MO 64055;
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What are the religious emblems programs?
The religious emblems programs are programs created by the various religious organizations to encourage youth to grow stronger in their faith. The religious organizations—not the Boy Scouts of America—have created the religious emblems programs themselves.

The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the recognition to be worn on the official uniform, but each religious organization develops and administers its own program.

I have a unit with children of all different faiths. How can I include the religious emblems programs for my unit? The religious emblems programs should be presented to youth members and their families as an optional program for them to complete through their religious organization. Religious instruction should always come from the religious organization, not from the unit leader. Parents need to be informed of these programs and told where to get the information for their particular faith. Interested in making a presentation on the religious awards? Find sample scripts at www.praypub.org.

Do the youth have to belong to a religious institution? It depends on the religion. Please check the eligibility requirements for your particular religious program.

Why doesn’t my religious institution know about the religious emblems programs? Although the religious bodies at the national level created the religious emblems programs, the local religious institution may not be aware of these programs. It may be helpful to write for more information or even obtain a copy of the curriculum to give to your religious leader.

If the religious emblems program for my faith has more than one level (for the different grade levels), may my child earn all of these recognitions? Yes. Members can earn all levels of their religious emblems program. However, they must be in the appropriate program guidelines when they start and complete each level (they may not earn the emblems of younger age programs).

How is the emblem presented? The emblem should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the youth member’s religious institution. Some emblems come with a sample presentation ceremony.

How long does it take to complete a program? It depends on the program. Some programs may take three or four months, others longer.

Where is the emblem worn on the uniform? The universal religious square knot is worn over the left shirt pocket of the uniform. Cloth badges and embroidered square knots are representative of the medal award. When a cloth badge is worn, the medal award is not worn.

How do we get started on these programs? First, youth members must obtain the specific booklet for their religion. This booklet will contain information on all the lessons and service projects that they will need to complete. Each member needs to have his or her own booklet to document progress. Some religions also provide adult manuals for counselors and mentors. Check with your local council to see if it stocks these booklets in its store, or contact the religious organization directly (addresses and phone numbers are listed in this brochure).

Second, parents must review the specific guidelines for their particular program; age/grade requirements vary from program to program. Some programs require that the youth be an official “member” of the local religious institution, others may not. Each program determines who may serve as counselor (some require clergy, others allow parents or other family members). Be sure to look at specific eligibility guidelines!

Third, families should talk to their religious leaders and show them the booklet before beginning any program. Most of the religious emblems programs require that they be completed under the auspices of that religious organization, and many require the signature of the local religious leader. Again, check the specific eligibility requirements for your religious program.

Fourth, the member needs to complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the emblem/award. (These emblems are not available in your local council.) The emblem can be presented at any time of the year and should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the member’s religious institution.

Who may serve as counselor? It depends on the program. Some programs require clergy to serve as counselor, others allow a parent or family member. Please check the specific guidelines for your religious program. All counselors must have either Youth Protection Training or a faith approved youth safety training.

How do I order the recognition items? Each religious program has its own emblem. Follow the instructions in your recognition guidelines because the emblems come from different places and require submission of different information. These emblems will not be available in your local council!

What is the adult religious recognition program? An adult religious recognition award is presented by nomination only. The recognition is presented to worthy adults for their outstanding service to youth both through their religious institution and one of the national youth agencies. Recipients of these awards are unaware that they are being nominated. They are nominated to receive an award by submitting the required application, letters of recommendation, and resume. Please check eligibility requirements for specific awards.

What is R.E.C.? Religious Emblems Coordinator (REC) positions exist at the Council, District and Unit levels. The REC’s are responsible for educating, motivating, evaluating, and expanding the usage of the religious emblems programs.

Purpose of R.E.C.:
• Encourage all youth to earn the emblem of their faith
• Promote religious emblems usage like B.S.A. promotes other youth advancement
• Establish goals and track the number of religious emblems to be completed every year

Get More Information about the Religious Emblems Coordinator positions at www.praypub.org/rec-info. This is an official B.S.A. Position with a registration code and position patch.

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