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Guidelines on Spiritual and Religious Development

Dear colleagues,

I am very pleased to report that the Guidelines on Spiritual and Religious Development are now printed and enclosed in this Scoutpak. These Guidelines have been available on line in English and French in the WOSM library for a few months.

This resource has been prepared to support Scout Associations in the development of the spiritual aspect of their members. It provides principles and guidance to support programme design, rather than a more detailed discussion of the nature of spiritual development. The guidelines aim to boost the confidence of leaders by enabling them to identify the ways in which good application of the Scout Method supports spiritual development, while indicating ways to ensure that a wide range of opportunities for spiritual development are available to young people in Scouting.

These guidelines have been developed in consultation with members of the World Scout Inter-religious Forum, which is an informal group of representatives from the different faith communities represented in Scouting. This group has been active over a number of years, providing activities that help young people to explore aspects of faith at large events, particularly at World Scout Jamborees.

I hope that you will share this resource with other members of your association and we would be very pleased to receive your comments on this document, which should be sent to educationalmethods@scout.org

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General

Enclosure: Guidelines on spiritual and religious development