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ADVISORY:

The Boy Scouts of America and the United Church of Christ to sign historic agreement

After much negotiation, leaders of the Boy Scouts of America and the United Church of Christ will release a historic, joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Monday, Oct. 5, 2015, during a BSA board meeting in North Irving, Texas.

The agreement marks a new era of mutual cooperation and collaboration between the two organizations. It affirms the right of UCC congregations to charter BSA units that are in line with the values of inclusion and extravagant welcome for all, including sexual orientation and identity, without discrimination. Further, the MOU establishes that the UCC's position is consistent with BSA values and policies.

WHO: Boy Scouts of America and United Church of Christ

WHAT: Memorandum of Understanding regarding the chartering of BSA units by UCC congregations

WHERE: DFW Marriott, North Irving, Texas

WHEN: Monday, Oct. 5, 2015; the BSA board meeting begins at 2:30 p.m. and the signing will take place almost immediately.

WHY: To affirm the right of UCC congregations to charter BSA units that are in line with the values of inclusion and extravagant welcome for all, including sexual orientation and identity, without discrimination.

HOW: The Memorandum of Understanding will be signed by Michael B. Surbaugh, the BSA's Chief Scout Executive. The Rev. Michael Schuenemeyer, Executive for the UCC's Health and Wholeness Advocacy Ministries, will represent the Rev. John C. Dorhauer, the UCC's General Minister and President.

The Memorandum will then be released to the press.