

2022 Charter Renewal for United Methodist Church Units

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For 2022, the BSA Chapter 11 settlement process provides unusual challenges for units sponsored by the United Methodist Church. The primary goal of the Tidewater Council, BSA is for your Troop, Pack, Crew or Ship to continue serving youth during this period and beyond. Fortunately, the BSA and the UMC reached an agreement on October 7, 2022, which will make it easier.

- The current charter period will be extended to March 31, 2022, while negotiations continue
- Youth and adults will renew and pay their normal registrations for 2022 to the unit, who will submit with the Charter Renewal packet.

Units in the United Methodist Church have these options:

1) Keep your partnership intact with the UMC, and extend the current Charter through March 31, 2022, but complete the following and turn in by the December 4, 2022, Charter Renewal deadline:

- Fill out and submit the regular recharter information online
- Complete steps in the 2022 Tidewater Council Charter Renewal Checklist, except for items 12-14.
- Pay youth and adult registrations for 2022 and submit with regular charter renewal packet.
- If a leader is multiple registered in the District, Council or a non-UMC unit, they need their primary paid registration in the District, Council or non-UMC unit.
- If the UMC does not want to sign adult applications, the Committee Chair and council designee can sign adult applications.
- The \$75 Charter Renewal Fee will not be due until April 1, 2022.

2) If the United Methodist Church congregation that sponsors your unit agrees to it, the Tidewater Council will renew on the regular Charter Renewal date of December 4, 2022. Make sure the charter organization agrees to this!

3) If a United Methodist Church congregation and unit decide to part ways, regardless of the resolution between the BSA and the UMC, the unit will renew their charter with a new charter partner on the regular December 4, 2021 schedule, complete with the new unit application. If the unit cannot find a new charter partner, your current Charter is extended to March 31, 2022. Your District Executive can help you find a new charter partner.

Our main priorities are keeping youth safe and in Scouting. We will be glad for our senior professional staff and council key 3 to meet with your Institutional head to clarify anything on the current situation with the BSA and the UMC.

We will update you as we receive further information. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email Bill Lawrence at (828)582-6955 or bill.lawrence2@scouting.org.