

Duty to God survey

Introduction

The Mission of the Duty to God Task Force (TF) is to conduct an analysis of spiritual development in Scouting and propose solutions to the World Scout Committee both from a constitutional and educational perspective.

The following survey is being conducted as one component among others. The survey aims to create a baseline evaluation of the various ways in which WOSM's educational mission on spiritual development is being interpreted and carried out (or not, and if so, why).

In particular, through this survey we are looking for statements, approaches, copies of available resources and any other input that your NSO/NSA might consider important. All answers will be kept strictly confidential to the TF. Some might be mentioned anonymously in the TF report, while others might be selected as examples of best practices. Should this be the case with your answer, the TF will approach your NSO/NSA and ask for your approval for using the response you provided as a best practice example. The TF will present its report to the World Scout Committee before the World Scout Conference in 2017.

The questionnaire will cover six sections: I-General Information, II-Spirituality, III-Spiritual Development in the Youth Programme, IV-Leader Training, V-Constitution and By-laws and VI-Further information.

It is very important that you take the time to answer it. The information provided will give an idea of the challenges NSOs and NSAs face when it comes to spiritual development, and the responses they have developed in order to address them. We need your NSO/NSA input for this. We are counting on you. Thank you in advance!

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SECTION I GENERAL INFORMATION

In this section you will be asked about general information of your NSO/NSA.

1. Name of your NSO/NSA:

2. Your country:

3. What is your position in your NSO/NSA?

(Note: Please select the role that is most similar to the one you have, and only choose the option "Other" when none of the above describe your role.)

- International Commissioner

- Chief Commissioner
- President
- Programme Commissioner
- Adults in Scouting Commissioner
- Other (please specify)

4. This survey is being answered by:

- Only one person
- A group of people

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5. If you are responding as a group of people, could you please mention here the number of persons involved and their functions?

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6. Is your NSO/NSA affiliated or identified with one or more of the following religious organizations?

(Note: More than one answer is allowed.)

- CPGS - The Council of Protestants in Guiding and Scouting
- DESMOS - International Link of Orthodox Christian Scouts
- ICCS - International Catholic Conference of Scouting
- IFJS - International Forum of Jewish Scouts
- IUMS - International Union of Muslim Scouts
- WBSC - World Buddhist Scout Council
- Won-Buddhist Scout Council
- The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints
- None
- Other (please specify)

7. Is your NSO/NSA affiliated or identified with one or more of the following religions?

(Note: More than one answer is allowed.)

- Buddhism
- Catholicism
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Judaism
- Orthodox Christianity
- Protestantism
- The Church of the Latter-day Saints
- None
- Other (please specify)

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8. To become a member of your NSO/NSA does an individual scout member (or potential scout member) need to identify with one of those religions?

- Yes
- No

SECTION II SPIRITUALITY

9. What is your NSO/NSA's understanding of spirituality?

10. Is your NSO/NSA's understanding of spirituality defined or described in any widely accepted documents or materials?

11. This is the end of Section II - Spirituality. If you wish to make further comments related to this topic please use the following space. (add a blank space)

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SECTION III SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE YOUTH PROGRAMME

Throughout this section we would like to ask you some questions that will enable us to have a better understanding of the impact of spirituality in the youth programme in your NSO/NSA.

12. What kind of activities does your NSO/NSA encourage in order to apply spiritual development within the youth programme?

(Note: More than one answer is allowed.)

Prayers

Participating in religious rites

Visits to places of one or several religions

Conversations with people representing one/several religions

Personal reflection

Meditation

Inter-religious discussions

Group reflections and discussions

Other (please specify)

13. How frequently should those activities take place?

Once a week or more

Once a month

Once in four to six months

Once in a year

Never

14. How effective do you consider your programme to be in this aspect?

Rating scale explanation:

1 - Not effective at all - our membership has no interest in participating in spiritual development activities, does not report enjoying them, nor them having any impact on their personal growth and learning experience.

2 - A little effective - our membership has low interest in participating in spiritual development activities, reports little enjoyment in them, or them having much impact on personal growth and learning experience.

3 - Somewhat effective - our membership has some interest in participating in spiritual development activities, is somewhat enjoying them, and reports that they have some impact on their personal growth and learning experience.

4 - Effective - our membership has interest in participating in spiritual development activities, reports enjoying them, and reports them having an impact on their personal growth and learning experience

5 - Very effective - our membership has very high interest in participating in spiritual development activities, reports enjoying them very much, and reports them having a great impact on their personal growth and learning experience.

15. How does the spiritual development aspect of your youth programme compare to the other aspects of the youth programme?

Very badly

Badly

Neither badly or well

Well

Very well

16. Could you share any best practices or success stories about applying the spiritual dimension in the youth programme? You will have an opportunity later to upload reference material.

17. What are your most significant challenges in applying the spiritual dimension in the youth programme?

(Note: More than one answer is allowed.)

Getting members interested in participating activities related to the spiritual dimension

Providing activities related to the spiritual dimension that correspond to the needs of your membership

Catering for a diverse membership (in terms of spirituality)

Other (please specify)

18. Have you managed to successfully address any of these challenges?

Yes

No

Somewhat

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19. What has helped you to address these challenges?

20. What has made it difficult to address these challenges?

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21. Are you using any of the following:

(Note: More than one answer is allowed.)

WOSM Guidelines on Spiritual and Religious Development

Scouting and Spiritual Development

Other WOSM publications, please specify

22. Are there any other resources available in your NSO/NSA for the spiritual development in the youth programme (that do not include WOSM guidelines and their translations)?

Yes

No

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23. If yes, please provide links to the documents in the comment box below or send the electronic copy via email to dtg@scout.org.

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24. Which are the usual spiritual development activities in the scout groups of your NSO/NSA(if any)?

(Note: More than one answer is allowed.)

Prayers

Participating in religious rites

Visits to places of one or several religions

Conversations with people representing one/several religions

Personal reflection

Meditation

Inter-religious discussions

Group reflections and discussions

Other (please specify)

25. Who supports your NSO/NSA in implementing the spiritual dimension at these levels:

National level

Regional level

Local level

Parents

Leaders

Others (religious authorities, teachers, religious communities, etc.)

26. What kind of support do they provide?

planning,

delivering,

supporting

Parents

Leaders

Others (religious authorities, teachers, religious communities, etc.)

27. Do you receive significant support from anybody else? If yes, please describe.

28. Has your NSO/NSA gone through an educational review process in the area of spiritual development in the last 15 years?

Yes

No

I don't know

29. Is your NSO/NSA planning to do an educational review process in the area of spiritual development in the next 2-3 years?

Yes

No

I don't know

30. This is the end of Section III - Spiritual Development in the Youth Programme. If you wish to make further comments related to this topic please use the following space. (add a blank space)

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SECTION IV LEADER TRAINING

Through this section we would like to ask you some questions that will enable us have a better understanding of the impact of spirituality in the training your NSO/NSA provides to adults in scouting.

31. What tools do you provide for your scout leaders to deliver spiritual development in the youth programme?

(Note: More than one answer is allowed.)

Trainings for leaders in the area of spiritual development

Guidelines for sets of activities

Specific activity descriptions

We have no tools to support leaders in implementing spiritual development as part of the youth programme

Other (please specify)

32. What training is provided to your scout leaders to successfully deliver the spiritual dimension in the youth programme?

(Note: More than one answer is allowed.)

Training in spiritual development is part of our basic leader trainings

Training in spiritual development is part of our advanced leader trainings (wood badge courses)

We offer specialist training on spiritual development (non-compulsory for leaders, available to those interested)

We do not have training on spiritual development

Other (please specify)

33. Could you share any best practices or success stories about training your leaders in spiritual development?

34. What are your most significant challenges in training your scout leaders to deliver the spiritual dimension in the youth programme?
(Note: More than one answer is allowed.)

Providing adequate training materials

Finding adequate trainers

Motivating leaders for the training

Other (please specify)

35. What has helped you to address these challenges?

36. What has made it difficult to address these challenges?

37. Which resources are available in your NSA/NSO for training scout leaders for the implementation of the spiritual development in the youth programme? Please provide links or send an electronic copy to dtg@scout.org.

38. This is the end of Section IV- Leader Training. If you wish to make further comments related to this topic please use the following space.
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SECTION V CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Through this section we would like to ask you some questions related to your NSO/NSA's Scout Promise and Law formulations.

39. What is your current Scout Law and Scout Promise?

40. What are the variations, if any, to your scout promise and law for age sections or other circumstances?

41. Do you consider that your law and promise express the following WOSM constitutional principle of Duty to God?

WOSM constitution:

"Article II

Principles

1. The Scout Movement is based on the following principles: • Duty to God: Adherence to spiritual principles, loyalty to the religion that expresses them and acceptance of the duties resulting therefrom. (...).

Adherence to a Promise and a Law

2. *All members of the Scout Movement are required a Promise and Law to adhere to a Scout Promise and Law reflecting, in language appropriate to the culture and civilization of each National Scout Organization and approved by the World Organization, the principles of Duty to God, Duty to others and Duty to self, and inspired by the Promise and Law originally conceived by the Founder of the Scout Movement (...)"*

Yes

No

42. Explain how your Law and Promise express the principle to Duty to God.

43. Has your NSO/NSA in the last 15 years reviewed the scout law and promise and its constitution in the light of the area of spiritual development and/or Duty to God principle?

Yes

No

44. Is one such review foreseen in the near future?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain.

45. What are/were the relevant factors leading to such review?

46. Do you have further comments regarding Duty to God Principle?

Yes

No

47. This is the end of Section V-Constitution and By-Laws. If you wish to make further comments related to this topic please use the following space. (add a blank space)

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SECTION VI - FURTHER INFORMATION.

48. Is there anything else that you want to share regarding DtG?

49. Who could we contact for further information, if needed?

50. If you wish to share any other materials, please provide the link (and which question it refers to) below, or send it directly to dtg@scout.org.

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The Duty to God task force thanks you for the time you took to fill out this questionnaire. Your answers and contributions are very important and a key element to deepen the knowledge of Spiritual Development in the Scout Movement needed to conduct the analysis of spiritual development in Scouting that the task force was requested to do.