



Heads of Contingent Meeting – Scouts' Own
“One World, One Promise - Our Hope”
March 2006

Participants are seated around tables. On each table will be a candle and a pack containing a variety of prayers and readings (There are good examples in the spiritual development packs produced for the World Jamboree in Thailand and EuroJam. They can be downloaded from ScoutBase: <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/fab/resources/prayers/cards.htm>)

Set up a table with a large map of the world beforehand, if you are using videos, or photographs, set up the equipment beforehand.

Introduction and Welcome:

Welcome all back to a new day at xxxxxx. Today we are going to reflect on our hope of where Scouting might take us in the future and on a world renewed.

Opening:

Play a video showing clips from Scouting in the past, display photographs, or have some readings about Scout events in the past. The Heads of Contingent meeting showed the opening section of a promotional Jamboree DVD, which shows Scouting over the last 100 years.

Readings:

An old pilgrim was making his way to the Himalayan Mountains in the bitter cold of winter when it began to rain.

An innkeeper said to him, “How will you ever get there in this kind of weather, my good man?”

The old man answered cheerfully, “My heart got there first, so it is easy for the rest of me to follow.”

Isaiah 2:1-5

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it...

The Lord will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift up sword against nations,
there will be no more training for war.

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Lord Baden-Powell, Address to Commissioners 1926

The wise man does not bank only on a vague Heaven in the dim future. He realises that he can make his own Heaven for himself, in this world, and now. Heaven is not a vague something up in the sky, but is right here in this world, in your own heart and surroundings.

A Time to Share

Each participant has been invited to bring a short reading to share, or an intention for prayer (perhaps for a local scout project or for an area of particular need in the world). For those who have not there are some provided on each table. Each group will be given a candle, which is passed from one member to another. As the candle is passed, the one who holds it should either read their short reading or introduce their intention by saying "Please remember and pray for". A brief silence should be kept after each reading or prayer intention. Quiet background music will be played. Once it appears most people have finished, the music will dim.

Invite a person from each table to come to the front and place their group's candle, on the table at the front (which is already decorated with a map of the world.)

Thank all for coming and to finish lets remind ourselves why we are all here this weekend.

Conclusion:

To finish, play a video or display photos of a recent major Scouting event, or get some of the young participants from the event to read some accounts of their experiences.