

Assemblies of God's George O. Wood Speaks Out on Boy Scouts Gay Ban

In the ongoing debate over whether or not the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) should end its ban on gay leaders, George O. Wood, general superintendent of the **Assemblies of God** (AG), has a strong opinion.

First, he assured the fellowship that the AG is committed to ensuring young men grow up with strong values.

He gave the example of the AG's **Royal Rangers** program designed for boys and young men in grades K-12, with 250,000 members across 87 nations. Since 1962, he says, the program has sought to sharpen character and develop leadership skills in this critical age group.

"We are saddened and disappointed to hear that **Boy Scouts of America**, an organization long devoted to biblical values, is now considering loosening the principles in which it was founded," Wood says. "Homosexual behavior contradicts biblical teachings and God's created order for the family and human relationships. We pray BSA will give careful consideration to this matter and hold firm to the beliefs that have made it a strong and influential organization for more than 100 years."