

## 35^ Conferenza mondiale WAGGGS Hong Kong

### Presentazione mozione

Nowadays' society creates many questions to everybody. Our answer, in line with BP's ideas, IS to help young people DEVELOPING THEIR SPIRITUAL DIMENSION.

All Association is called to give an educational answer to our young people who are born into a historical period of great SOCIAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE, and they are by turn the agents, the beneficiaries and the victims of this change. By the way, this is why AGESCI and CNGEI develop an educational method proposing intentional educative experiences.

Our associations realized that if we really wanted to respect our Founder's idea and method, we need to be aware of the fact that he created an EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENT, not a leisure or free-time movement, with a clear ANTHROPOLOGICAL MODEL OF PERSON INSPIRED BY SPIRITUALITY and ROOTED IN THE WORLD BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERHOOD OF SCOUTING AND GUIDING.

1. BP'S ANTHROPOLOGICAL VISION is rooted in the idea of a person who is able to perform his/her **Duty to God linked with Duty to self**. This entails developing those personal talents to become an accomplished person. The person must become aware of her **Duty to others**: one must be encouraged to understand that he/she practices the duty to God by practising love towards one's neighbour. This is the real **spirit of service, enabling to carry out the real pursuit of happiness in life, thus contributing to spread a different vision of society and mankind**.
2. This anthropological vision is translated in AGESCI and CNGEI's educational offer to young people.

AGESCI and CNGEI leaders accompany each young member on a common personal progressive self-development through the offer of experiences and activities lived in the different age-range groups. Growth in the spiritual dimension is included into the personal growth of the young person. It aims at encouraging young people that there is a connection between faith and life. Faith values, that need to be questioned and eventually accepted by the person, may offer a path to find answers and live an accomplished life. This is done with specific tools in the various age-range educational programmes.

Leaders have a personal responsibility in this: they are called to support young people in a life experience of the spiritual dimension and values, through their personal believable witness of life. They need to show young people that living values in everyday life is possible and rewarding and leads to real awareness.

3. The anthropological model that our Associations offers is embodied in Men and Women who were able to live this common and personal progressive self-development, leading them to:
  - live the values offered by the scout and guide Promise and Law;
  - to be active in society;
  - to give witness of their faith through their personal service to others in all the situations of their lives.

They are encouraged to live their lives according to a personal project embodied in their daily choices.

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## **Text of the Motion**

The World Conference of Guides and Girl Scouts,

- Recognising that spirituality is one of the most important universal values of WAGGGS and that it is fundamental in the development of young people,
- Recognising that developing spirituality means to enrich everything related to beliefs, value systems, and emotions; and means to allow the discovery and formation of the deep convictions which will determine the path each person chooses for their life,
- Recognising the need to recognise and introduce different forms of spirituality in order to implement and attain objectives relating to cultural diversity within WAGGGS Member Organizations,
- Noting that denominational and non-denominational spirituality is at the heart of reflections within many Member Organizations, working alone or in networks,
- Reaffirming the importance of strengthening spiritual development as part of the personal development of Guides and Girl Scouts,

**Strongly recommends and requests that, without financial implication on the part of WAGGGS,**

- All networks working to develop the spiritual dimension be considered as special interest groups by WAGGGS.
- Special attention be given to facilitating opportunities for exchange and contribution on other matters of shared interest relating to spirituality
- These networks and groups provide their support to WAGGGS when working on educational issues related to spiritual development; and to organising associations in order to collaboratively develop the content and organization of spiritual times during international events.