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P.R.A.Y. Awards Have New Look

(St. Louis, Missouri) –The P.R.A.Y. Religious Emblems Program for Protestant and Independent Christian Churches has a brand new look. It's the same great program, but the recognitions and workbooks have had a "face lift" since July 2009.

This fresh new look is a blend of the traditional and contemporary. The recognitions retain the cross on the shield, but they feature a new four-color cross representing the four programs in the Protestant series: *God and Me* (red), *God and Family* (yellow), *God and Church* (blue), and *God and Life* (green).

This new look coincides with a name change. Rather than referring to the curriculum as the "God and Country" series, it will now be called "The PRAY Program," and the individual medals will no longer say "God and Country" but rather the specific program name, i.e. God and Me, God and Family, etc.

These changes stem directly from a desire to increase the number of youth participating in the P.R.A.Y. program and to increase the number of congregations developing a P.R.A.Y. ministry in order to reach more children and families for Christ.

The actual curriculum content has not changed: the program themes and requirements (i.e. GAME Boxes, Pizza, Bible lessons, etc.) are still the same.

To view the medals and for more information on denominational medals, transitions, and rationale, please visit the P.R.A.Y. website at www.praypub.org.

P.R.A.Y.'s mission is to *foster the Christian growth of children, youth, and families through churches and youth serving agencies*. P.R.A.Y. is a not-for-profit organization that oversees the Protestant and Independent Christian religious award program and encourages churches to embrace Scouting as youth ministry.

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