

NEW CHURCH DAY FLAG

The purpose of this project is to help celebrate the birthday of the New Church by flying a flag that incorporates red (representing the Lord's love) and white (representing the Lord's wisdom).

Supplies:

- 1 7"x21" piece of heavy white cotton fabric
- 1 7"x21" piece of heavy red cotton fabric
- 1 3/8" diameter wooden dowel, 28" long



Instructions:

1. Sew the two pieces of fabric together on the 21" side with a 5/8" seam allowance and making a flat feld seam. To make a flat feld seam, after sewing the pieces together, press the seam open. Cut only one of the seam allowances to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Fold the remaining seam allowance over the trimmed one, enclosing it. Pin and sew close to the edge. Press the seam flat. This makes a seam without any raw edges showing.
2. Make a small hem around both 21" sides and one of the 14" sides.
3. Press a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on the remaining 14" side.
4. Fold over 5/8" on this last side and pin it. Sew it down 1/8" from the pinned edge and across the top (the red half). This will make a pocket where the dowel can be inserted. It is a good idea to try the dowel in the pinned pocket to make sure it is a good size before you sew it.
5. Now you are ready to insert the dowel and use your New Church Day flag. The red is on top, the white is on the bottom of the flag. Remember that red is a symbol of the Lord's love and white is for His wisdom.

Possible Activities with the Flag:

- Let the children have a flag procession, marching and singing a familiar song (such as "When He Cometh").
- Suggest that families could place these flags in their front yard, set into the lawn or landscaping near the house.
- Have the children bring these flags to an outdoor worship service on the Nineteenth of June and place the flags in special flag racks near the altar.