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<b>Annual Meeting and Election</b> <b>Jan. 15<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Trinity Lutheran</b> <b>3281 Cleveland-</b> <b>Massillon Road</b> <b>Norton, OH</b>  <b>Ballot inside</b>  <b>Mail By</b> <b>Jan. 7th</b>	<b>CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!!</b>  		

**UPCOMING WEEKENDS IN 2005 & 2006**

<b>MEN'S #54</b>	<b>APRIL 14 - 17, 2005</b>	<b>Rector - Pete Bolig</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #54</b>	<b>MAY 12 - 15, 2005</b>	<b>Rectora - Vickie Delynko</b>
<b>MEN'S #56</b>	<b>OCT 20 - 23, 2005</b>	<b>Rector - Paul Swinehart</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #56</b>	<b>NOV 10 - 13, 2005</b>	<b>Rectora - Lynn Ayer</b>
<b>MEN'S #57</b>	<b>APRIL 20 - 23, 2006</b>	<b>Rector - Dean Gatton</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #57</b>	<b>MAY 18 - 21, 2006</b>	<b>Rectora - TBD</b>
<b>MEN'S #59</b>	<b>OCT 19 - 22, 2006</b>	<b>Rector - Kevin Ayer</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #59</b>	<b>NOV 2 - 5, 2006</b>	<b>Rectora - TBD</b>

Above Weekends site Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center      Downtown Columbus

<b>MEN'S #55</b>	<b>JUL 14 - 17, 2005</b>	<b>Rector - Skip Dodds</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #55</b>	<b>JUL 21 - 24, 2005</b>	<b>Rectora - TBD</b>
<b>MEN'S #58</b>	<b>Summer 2006-TBD</b>	<b>Rector - Bob Gsellman</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #58</b>	<b>Summer 2006-TBD</b>	<b>Rectora - TBD</b>

Above Weekend site St. Leonard's Retreat Center - Avon, OH

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Ohio Via de Cristo Website  
 National Via de Cristo Website  
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# De Colores!

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## From the Lay Director

**Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to each and every one of you,**

“Has it been a whole year since we last had Christmas?” “Well, duh! That’s how time goes, you know.” “Where did the year go?” If you can’t answer that question truthfully, then maybe it’s time to start working on it for next year. When I find myself asking these questions, I realize I haven’t been doing what I was supposed to do... piety study, and action... at least not well enough to remember where the year went. Actually, the best memories I have of the year come from Reunion Groups and Ultreyas when I get together with my Reunion brothers to share the week’s successes and failures and plan for the next week. Then, like clockwork, the world creeps back in and tries to take all my time. It reminds me of a song by Harry Chapin called, “Cat’s in the Cradle.” The words of the son back to his father, who was a workaholic, echo in my mind... “You see my new job’s a hassle and the kid’s have the flu, but its sure nice talking to you, Dad. It’s been sure nice talking to you.” The father in the song asks the question, “When you coming home, Son?” And the son answers, “I don’t know when, but we’ll get together then, Dad. You know we’ll have a good time then.” I can’t help but hear God asking the question, “Kevin, when are you going to come home?” and I answer, “Soon, Dad. Soon. I don’t really know when, but soon. With any luck, Dad, I’ll see you next week.”

You know... luck has nothing to do with it. God gave us a finite amount of time to spend here on Earth. How we spend it is up to us... sort of. There are many heated theological debates about who really controls our time and what we do with it, but ultimately, we have the responsibility to use it in a way that is pleasing to God, in a way that will glorify Him. So, my challenge to you is this: write down, every day for the next year, all the thoughts, dreams, aspirations, and actions for that day. Keep it simple, but make sure you intentionally write down what you did that day and how it relates to God and His plan for you. I’ll do the same. Then, at the 2006 Annual Meeting, we’ll share a bit of each of our journals... kind of like a “His”-story for the past year: the ups and downs, the joys and sorrows, the very essence of who we are and whose we are... and talking about Annual Meetings, we have one coming up January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Norton, OH. The Secretariat meets at 10:00 AM, with a luncheon at noon followed by the Annual Meeting. Please come. We are electing the Treasurer and Assistant Lay Director of Ohio’s Via de Cristo who will serve for the next two years. Hope to see you at the 2005 Annual meeting.

De Colores,

Kevin

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**ULTREYA! in OHIO** For further details on these and other Ultreyas in Ohio, contact: Paul Swinehart  
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**Cincinnati - Monthly** First Saturday, 7:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Healthy, contact Kevin Hoch, 513-913-8797

**Columbus - Monthly** Fourth Tuesday, 7:30 PM at Linden Lutheran Church, 1230 Oakland Park Ave., Columbus, contact Paul Swinehart 614-476-5979 or Darryl Larson, 614-262-4420 at the church or 614-865-0469 at home.

**Dayton Lutheran Ultreya - Monthly** Third Tuesday, 7:30 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 901 E. Stroop in Kettering. For details, call Bob & Mary Ann Sauer at 937-439-9742 or Email: [MASAUER@aol.com](mailto:MASAUER@aol.com)

**Kent** - February 26, 2005 Saturday, 6:00 PM, for more information -- Contact Pastor Doug Fidler (330) 673-5445.

**Marysville Area - Monthly** Third Sunday at First English Lutheran, 687 London Avenue, Marysville. Call Judy Hurl 513/642-4621 or Jeanne Haynes, 513/642-4701

**Stow - Quarterly** Contact Gracia Luoma (330) 686-8807

**Western Lake County** Periodic joint Lutheran-Episcopal Ultreya. Hook up through George Cyphers, 216-951-2906

**Western Reserve - Monthly** Second Saturday 7:00 pm, Brecksville United Methodist Church, call Martha Mallen (440) 257-2235.

**Urbana - Monthly** First Friday 6:30 pm at Church of the Epiphany, corner Scioto and Kenton, Urbana. Joint ultreya with Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Methodist, and now Lutheran! Contact Dick or Marv Swan, 513/484-3189.

**Newark - Bi-monthly** Second Wednesday every other month beginning in February. St. John's Lutheran Church, Linneville Road, Newark. 7:00 PM, 2005 Ultreya's - (Feb. 9, April 13, June 8, Aug 10, Oct 12). Contact Chuck Hiles, 740-323-1588.

Please Note the changes in the above Ultreya schedules from the ones in the last newsletter. The addition of Newark with an Ultreya Feb. 9 and Kent with an Ultreya Feb. 26.

The Ohio Via de Cristo Community mourns the passing of Clayton Wilburn of Columbus on September 5, 2004. He made Ohio VdC Men's Weekend # 35.

#### Reminder

Starting with the newsletter for the Men's Spring weekend in 2005, Ohio Via de Cristo will be going to an all-electronic newsletter. If you have not done so already, PLEASE give us your email address so that we can put you on the email newsletter list and you can start receiving the newsletter by email. **If you must receive the newsletter by regular mail, please let us know! Thank You**

## Annual Meeting - January 15

Trinity Lutheran Church  
3281 Cleveland-Massillon Road  
Norton, OH

10:00 a.m. - Secretariat Meeting.

12:00 Potluck Lunch. (bring a dish to share)

Followed by Business Meeting and  
Worship Service.

**SEE YOU THERE**

## Directions to Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity is located at 3281 Cleveland Massillon Rd. In Norton.

From I-71, take I-76 East (exit 209), then from I-76 take exit 14 which is Cleveland Massillon Rd and go north three quarters of a mile. Trinity is on the right-hand side.



### Ballot Information

Each year two of the four elected officers of the Via de Cristo Secretariat are elected by our community. This year, you are asked to vote for **Assistant Lay Director and Treasurer**. The names below have been offered in nomination. **Write-in votes are acceptable** and lines have been provided accordingly. Husbands and wives may sign together or submit a copy.

Please complete your ballot and bring to the Annual Meeting OR mail it by January 7 to: Via de Cristo of Ohio  
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**Treasurer** \_\_\_\_\_ Warren Seeley \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Vote for one)

**Asst. Lay Director** No nominations as of Dec.28th \_\_\_\_\_ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

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**or bring to Annual Meeting Jan. 15**



Lighten your hearts and let the love of this season be the shining Star of Bethlehem that everyone can see. The joyous occasion of the birth of Jesus is God's wonderful way for Him to deliver His Son and message for all to hear. On behalf of the Ohio Via de Cristo Secretariat, we wish you a very joyous and blessed Christmas season & New Year.