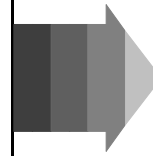


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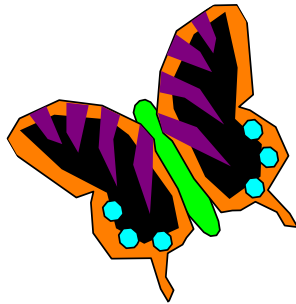
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WEEKEND  
Aug. 15-18**



**CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2002 :**

**CENTRAL WOMEN'S #45 - - Rector, Christin Albrektson - - APR. 25-28, 2002**

Central Weekends site: Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center Downtown Columbus

**NORTHERN MEN'S #48 - - - Rector, Peter Sabin - - - JUN. 27-30, 2002**

**NORTHERN WOMEN'S #46 - -Rector, Sharon Gsellman - - - AUG. 15-18, 2002**

Northern Weekends site: St. Leonard's Youth Retreat Center, Avon, OH

**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT - DALLAS, TX - JUL. 24-27, 2002**

**CENTRAL MEN'S #49 - - - - - OCT. 3 - 6, 2002**

**CENTRAL WOMEN'S #47 - - - - NOV. 7 - 10, 2002**

**PRAY FOR THE WEEKEND, THE RECTOR, AND THE TEAM**

**— OFFER YOUR SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE —**

**ATTEND GROUP REUNION AND ULTREYA**

**Sign up on the 72-hour Prayer  
Vigil for the Weekends**



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# De Colores!

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## From the Lay Director

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever wondered why things seem so busy these days? It seems like I've spent a month's worth of effort this past week and what do I have to show for it? It seems the harder I work, the less I get done. I can't seem to get the things done I'm supposed to get done, and I don't have the time to spend on things I want to do. Sound familiar?

Then it hit me. I finally got the message! God had been giving me challenge after challenge to show me what I knew all along, what I should have sought in the first place. Being a military guy, I should have seen it coming... and God's message came to me in the most peculiar way... during a rather boring briefing where one of our program managers was talking and he said, "there is no I in team." You would think, just coming off of a Via de Cristo weekend, that I should have known this very simple concept... Now, I don't know if that program manager knew how powerful his message was, or if he knew that it was coming straight from God, but I did... and did it ever wake me up!

This world wants us to believe that we can do it all... "Be all that you can be!" Hey! Doesn't Philippians 4:13 say the same thing, "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me."? Yes, it is true... God says we can do all things, but He says we can ONLY through the strength of Jesus. And look a little closer, God didn't say we can do all things "alone." God, speaking through Paul tells us that we are many parts, but one body... that we have many different talents, but one Spirit that gave them. We are to use our talents, gifts, and treasures as one body, as one people, strengthened by one faith, one hope, one Lord. We are on this journey together.

In my last letter I spoke of many exciting challenges ahead for us as a people of God. Those challenges can only be met as a people, united in a common cause, a common creed to bring the message of salvation to all people. One means to that end is a restructuring of our talents to better serve the community. The Secretariat has been restructured to include regional representation. These are folks in your local areas who can help you with information, for assistance in developing Temple Talks or Informational Gatherings to get the word out to churches about Via de Cristo and how Via de Cristo can work for your congregation. These representatives lead teams to do God's work. The local representatives are listed on the website at [viadecristooh.org](http://viadecristooh.org).

Another challenge we face as a people is hosting next year's National Gathering. Jim Caldwell and Doug Burrows are heading up this effort and they can use all your talents to make this event successful. Offer your time, talents, and treasures. It will be worth it!

We've just come off of another exceptional men's weekend and are approaching the women's weekend with equal eagerness and excitement. Everyone can do something to help on this weekend. Even if you're not physically present on the weekend, you can be spiritually. Folks... let's pray. If you have a particular person on the weekend you wish to pray for... like the Nike ad says, "Just do it!" Pray for the team. Pray for the pilgrims. Pray for the movement. Pray... pray... pray!

Your brother in Christ,

Kevin

**GET ON THE WEB**====> Ohio Via de Cristo Website [www.viadecristooh.org](http://www.viadecristooh.org)  
National Via de Cristo Website [www.viadecristo.org](http://www.viadecristo.org)  
Kairos Website [www.kairosOhio.org](http://www.kairosOhio.org)

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Note: If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to call any of the Secretariat members. Also, anyone from the community is welcome to attend the Secretariat meetings.

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## Central Women's Via de Cristo #45



DeColores,

What a great time these last few months have been. It's been very exciting to be a part of this wonderful experience. Through prayer God has chosen an awesome team. Each team member has brought with them a servant's heart — ready to do the job God has called each of them to do. At this writing there are 12 pilgrims signed up. We still have three weeks to go.

I would like to thank you for all your prayers and I'd like to encourage you to continue praying not only for the team, but for the pilgrims. Also pray for the future weekends as well as the Via de Cristo movement itself.

I would like to extend an invitation welcoming you to attend either the Serenade, Sunday morning wake-up and of course at the closing. If you cannot attend and would like to send written palanca, please contact a team member in your area or contact me at [jc4vdc@aol.com](mailto:jc4vdc@aol.com) or (937) 298-0031 and we can make arrangements to get the palanca from you.

My prayer is that God will continue to bless each and every one of you.

God loves you and so do I,  
Chris Albrektson

## **National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS) 2003 Annual Meeting**

In July 2003 the Ohio Secretariat will host the National Via de Cristo meeting in Columbus, Ohio at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. There is a lot of work that will need to be done and we are looking for volunteers.

Jim Caldwell was contacted by several people last year willing to work, but he is getting old and since he never wrote names down he may have forgotten if you volunteered. The mind is a terrible thing to waste. He will be contacting those that he does remember within the next few weeks. If you would like to volunteer or would just like to remind him if you already have, please contact Jim Caldwell at [JTCFMS@aol.com](mailto:JTCFMS@aol.com) or 614-818-3975.

# Ohio Women's Weekend #45


## April 25-28, 2002

Names received as of April 10th

Women's #45 Team		
Name	Position on Team	Home City
Chris Albrekton	Rector	Kettering
Barb Ostermeier	Head Cha	West Chester
Pastor Dick Burgie	Spiritual Director	Newark
Pastor George Kahl	Spiritual Director	Brevard NC
Judie Evans	Head Kitchen Cha	Huber Heights
Sharon Gsellman	Observing Rector	Stow
Judy Pochard	Music Cha	Hamilton
Mary Ann Sauer	Palanca Cha	Kettering
Jane Starn	Palanca Cha	Pataskala
Kathy Sperling	Chapel Cha	Canal Winchester
Peggy Retherford	Gopher Cha	Galena
Patty Adams	Kitchen Cha	Groveport
Phyllis Allinger	Kitchen Cha	West Chester
Rachel Kahl	Kitchen Cha	Brevard NC
Laura Latessa	Kitchen Cha	Englewood
Julie Overmeyer	Kitchen Cha	Columbus
Pam Paynter	Kitchen Cha	Newark
Lynn Steffey	Kitchen Cha	Stow
Carol Haroldson	Head Rollo Room Cha	Kettering
Amanda Hiles	Rollo Room Cha	Heath
Karin Haroldson	Rollo Room Cha	Dayton
Debbie Kelly	Rollo Room Cha	Columbus
Katrina Pochard	Rollo Room Cha	Hamilton
Sue Solvig	Rollo Room Cha	Reynoldsburg
Laberta Swinehart	Ideal Rollo	Columbus
Dawn Hewitt	Laity Rollo	Miamisburg
Dee Hall	Piety Rollo	Westerville
Dee Tome	Study Rollo	Hamilton
Martha Mallen	Action Rollo	Mentor
Christy Brill	Leaders Rollo	Columbus
Lynn Ayer	Environment Rollo	Dayton
Lori Hertlein	CCA Rollo	Carroll
Millie Becker	Silent Professor	Westerville
Karen Jellison	Silent Professor	Liberty Twsp
Norma Foell	Fourth Day Person	Dayton
Charlotte House	Fourth Day Person	Dayton

Pilgrims and Sponsors		
PILGRIM	SPONSOR	CHURCH, CITY
Natalie Morton	Karen Schneider	Trinity Luth., Mt. Healthy
Jenny Curry	Robert Curry	Faith Luth., Cincinnati
Dot Burns	Cathy Doering	St. Paul Luth., Sharon Center
Donna Boorman	Michael Conklin	Zion Luth., Wooster
Mary Ann Post	Michael Conklin	Zion Luth., Wooster
Margaret Bussard	Dawn Hewitt	Zion Luth., Moraine
Marcia Savage	Ronald Craig	Trinity Luth., Kent
Lori Hartman	Chris Albrekton	First Baptist, Vandalia
Marjorie Wilson	Evelyn Nelsen	Faith Luth., Finneytown
Kyleen Ayer	Lynn Ayer	Abiding Christ Luth., Fairborn
Faye Quinn	Terry & Dee Tome	Immanuel Luth., Hamilton
Olive Ayers	Charles Stotts	New Life Comm. Bapt., Columbus

**PALANCA LETTERS**  
 Mark all letters: Sponsor, Spouse, Friend, or Community

THURSDAY & FRIDAY Apr. 25 & 26	SATURDAY Apr. 27
Thursday Send Off - 7:30 PM at Grace in Columbus	Study 9:00 AM Sacraments 10:20 AM Apostolic Action 1:15 PM Obstacles to Grace 2:55 PM Leaders 4:25 PM
Friday Ideal 10:00 AM Habitual Grace 11:15 AM Laity 1:40 PM Actual Grace 2:55 PM Piety 4:45 PM	<b>Serenade Practice</b> <b>5:00 PM (Livingston United Methodist Church)</b>
	

**LOCATION FOR SERENADE**

**SUNDAY**  
**Apr. 28**

Gather In Kitchen 5:45 AM	<b>QUIETLY!!!</b>
Wake-up Serenade - 6:00 AM	
Environment	9:15 AM
Day in the Life of Grace	10:10 AM
Christian Community	11:35 AM
Group Reunion/Ultreya	1:05 PM
<b>Closing - 5:00 PM (at Grace in Columbus)</b>	



**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 4500 Refugee Road, Columbus  
 Church Phone: (614) 861-3407

All directions - Exit #107 off I-70. Turn south on Rt. 317 (Hamilton Rd.) to Refugee Rd. Turn left (east). Church is on your left.

Note: Rt. 33 is another alternative to Refugee Rd., but because of road construction, exits may or may not all be open.



**LIVINGSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 200 E Livingston Ave Columbus (614)224-2006

**From the North.** Take I-71 South to Columbus. Take the US-23 / FOURTH ST exit, exit number 100B. Stay straight to go onto E FULTON ST. Turn LEFT onto US-33. US-33 becomes E LIVINGSTON AVE.

**From the South.** Take I-71 North to Columbus. Take the US-23 NORTH/ LIVINGSTON AVE exit, exit number 100B, towards FOURTH ST.

# Via de Cristo School for Leaders

## August of 2002

School for Leaders will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2002. The purpose of this school is to provide a better understanding of all aspects of Via de Cristo.

Topics covered include:

Theology of the Weekend

Dynamics and Psychology of the Weekend

Team Roles and much more.

Attend to gain a fuller understanding of your weekend experience. You must attend the School for Leaders to serve on a Via de Cristo team.

The school will be offered August 10th at Linden Lutheran Church, 1230 Oakland Park Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. The school starts at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, running till 5:00 p.m. You can register by using the form below. Cost is \$10 per person.

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**SCHOOL for LEADERS REGISTRATION**  
for  
**August 10, 2002**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ Request Friday Night Housing (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Attended: Via de Cristo (   ) Other \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check payable to **Ohio Via de Cristo** (\$10 per person) and send it with this form to Charles Allinger, 7456 Wethersfield Drive, West Chester, Ohio 45069 email: DEKMACK7@AOL.COM

Pilgrim Application (One for each person)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cursillo is a tested and valid renewal movement which began in the Roman Catholic Church and is now active in many Protestant denominations. The Lutheran expression of this movement is called Via de Cristo (*Way of Christ*). It is designed for baptized Christians over the age of 18 who wish to strengthen and nurture their commitment to Christ. Via de Cristo does not provide solutions to serious personal problems, nor does it diminish the importance of the institutional church. No one is expected to respond to the Via de Cristo experience in any specific "approved" manner.

Via de Cristo weekends begin at 7:00 PM Thursdays and end about 8:00 PM Sundays, and consist of a sequence of inter-dependent events which require that each pilgrim be present for the entire weekend. Couples are encouraged to complete applications at the same time, and also encouraged but not required to attend the same set of weekends. There is no set charge to attend a weekend, but pilgrims will be given the opportunity to contribute. Via de Cristo receives no direct financial support from the Lutheran Church.

You will be informed when your application has been received and be given further information at that time. Meanwhile, please direct any questions to your sponsor(s). Please answer all questions fully so that we can provide a meaningful and pleasant experience. Please PRINT OR TYPE.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First)  
(First name you wish for your name tag)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (Street/RR/Box) \_\_\_\_\_ (City/  
PO) \_\_\_\_\_ (State)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Zip Code +4)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
Education: \_\_\_\_\_ (Male/Female) \_\_\_\_\_ (Highest Level)

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (City)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (State)

Are you a baptized Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you become interested in Via de Cristo? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list health problems (special dietary needs, special sleeping needs, heart/mobility problems, serious allergies, etc.) A weekend is not strenuous, but does require moving about and stair climbing. **SMOKING IS RESTRICTED** to specific times and places.

Please list particular interests, activities (church service, community, etc.) and additional comments:

Check Weekend preferred: SUMMER\_\_\_\_\_ FALL\_\_\_\_\_ SPRING\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Location Preferred: Northeast Ohio\_\_\_\_\_ Central Ohio\_\_\_\_\_ Southern Ohio\_\_\_\_\_

\*All locations are not available at all times of the year. Please check with your sponsor for the location/time available.

Applicant's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Please check for completeness and accuracy and give to sponsor(s).

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Sponsor's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_

Clergy Signature/Endorsement:\_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print) Clergy Name and Position:\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_

Additional Clergy Comments:

Sponsor Application (One for each pilgrim)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Before sponsoring anyone, please carefully and prayerfully review the "Sponsor Guidelines" printed on the back of form.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/RR/Box)

( S t a t e (City/PO)  
(Zip Code +4) )

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

( C i t y (State) )

Pilgrim Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Why is this person a good pilgrim?

Did you discuss Via de Cristo with the pilgrim's spouse, if applicable? \_\_\_\_\_ Will both attend a weekend? \_\_\_\_\_ Couples are encouraged to complete applications at the same time, and also encouraged, but not required, to attend the same set of weekends. If both will not attend a weekend, please explain briefly? (also see 1. on the back of this form)

Briefly state the pilgrim's attitude toward Via de Cristo?

How, specifically, will you support the pilgrim in the 4th Day?

Other pertinent information about the pilgrim:

I have prayerfully considered sponsoring this pilgrim and believe this pilgrim to be both physically and emotionally stable and capable of experiencing the Weekend fully. I understand my responsibilities noted in the "Sponsor Guidelines" printed on the back of this form and with the Lord's help will do my best to meet them.

Sponsor(s) Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor(s) Weekend(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# Via de Cristo of Ohio Sponsor Guidelines

(4/96)

## Pilgrim Checklist - Does/Is the pilgrim:

(Check as appropriate)

Yes No

desire to grow as a Christian and has he/she been baptized?	_____	_____
have potential for leadership in his/her environment?	_____	_____
have the capacity for careful listening and understanding?	_____	_____
seriously open to change?	_____	_____
mature, responsible and in good emotional health?	_____	_____
physically capable of fully participating in the Weekend?	_____	_____
understand the Via de Cristo is much more than just attending a Weekend?	_____	_____
able to live in a close community with others?	_____	_____
really want to attend a Weekend?	_____	_____
currently experiencing a crisis (family, marital, health, job, etc.)? *** see 1. below ***	_____	_____

## Sponsor Checklist - Do/Have you, as sponsor(s):

been living the 4th Day and understand the goals of Via de Cristo?	_____	_____
prayed for guidance before taking any action toward sponsoring this pilgrim?	_____	_____
told the pilgrim about the 4th Day?	_____	_____
ensured the pilgrim really wants to participate, not just do you a "favor"?	_____	_____
offered to assist the pilgrim with baby/pet/house sitting, etc.?	_____	_____
offered the pilgrim transportation to and from the Weekend?	_____	_____
agree to support the pilgrim through prayer, palanca, and your presence at the Closing?	_____	_____
agree to actively assist the pilgrim to join a Reunion Group and participate in Ultreya?	_____	_____
Agree to support the pilgrim in the 4th Day for at least six months after the Weekend?	_____	_____

## Before you approach your pilgrim: (\*\*\*note\*\*\* maximum of one pilgrim per table per church)

1. The Via de Cristo movement is a Christian program of renewal for baptized believers in Christ. The Weekend is an emotional and deeply spiritual experience that is not suited for everyone. Your pilgrims should be physically and emotionally able to experience the Weekend completely and must have the endorsement of their pastors to attend. In the case of a married woman, it is the norm that her spouse attend first. If there are concerns in any of these areas, please send a letter of explanation to the Secretariat from you and the pastor or call Spiritual Director Douglas Fidler (330-673-5445) before you give the application to your pilgrim. Pray and consider fully before taking any action.
2. Clergy endorsement is required. Check with the endorsing clergy before approaching a prospective pilgrim to ensure endorsement will be forthcoming. Failure to do so can cause serious embarrassment, for pastors may know something, unknown to sponsor, that makes that person an unsuitable pilgrim for Via de Cristo. If the appropriate clergy decline to endorse an application for any other reason, notify a Secretariat member in your area so the problem can be addressed at the appropriate level by the Spiritual Director. Do not proceed until such an issue is resolved by the proper persons.

## When you talk to your pilgrim:

3. Once you have clergy concurrence, approach the prospective pilgrim, answer any questions, explain that a free-will offering will be taken at the Weekend to defray expenses, and assist in filling out the Pilgrim Application to ensure accuracy and completeness. Ensure each application contains all required signatures, is legible and complete - especially date of birth and "First Name You Wish For Your Name Tag" entries.

## After your pilgrim agrees to attend:

4. For each applicant, mail the fully completed Pilgrim Application and Sponsor Application along with your non-refundable check for \$15.00 (payable to "Lutheran Via de Cristo of Ohio" to the address on the front of this form.
5. Stay in contact with your applicant(s) and give your active support. Both applicants and sponsors will receive acknowledgment of registration and instructions for the Weekend.

# Ultreyas



## Columbus Ultreya - Saturday, May 18, 6:30 P.M.

Location: Living Word Evangelical Lutheran, 184 Heatherdown Dr., Westerville.

What to bring: songbook, Pilgrim's Guide, snack or dessert to share. Beverage to be provided.

Contact person: Greg Farra, 614-836-3939, or e-mail [gmfarra@metacrawler.com](mailto:gmfarra@metacrawler.com)

Directions: Take I-270 to Rte.3(Westerville Rd.). Go north to first intersection. Turn left onto Heatherdown Dr.

## Northern Ultreya - Saturday, June 8, 2002 - 4:00 pm

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
6462 Ridge Road  
Sharon Center, OH 44274  
330-239-1340.

Contact Person  
Cathy Doering 330-239-0027

Start in the Sanctuary at 4:00 pm followed by a Potluck Supper

Travel Directions:

**From the East**, go West on I-76, exit at Rt. 94. Turn right onto 94 going North and heading into Sharon Center.

Travel almost all the way around the circle to St. Paul Lutheran Church,

**From Columbus**, come North on I-71, then go East on I-76, exit at Rt. 94, turn left off ramp that will take you to 94 North. Travel almost all the way around the circle to St. Paul Lutheran Church,

## Florida men helped bring Cursillo to Columbus

By Paul Swinehart, historian

The Columbus Lutheran Men's Cursillo #1 was held on April 19-22, 1979. Records show that most of the team members were from Florida. But they came in an apparent attempt to involve local people who could carry on the ministry in Ohio. Pastor Alan Sager, of Columbus, was assistant spiritual director and Norm Wittschen, of Columbus, was the rector. The Lutheran ministry later was renamed Via de Cristo.

Only names of team members appear in the record of that first weekend. Those faithful people of Florida included Pastor Albert Schmidt, spiritual director, Sam Gillitt, assistant rector, Richard Neinemann, John Waymire, Arnold Gleinn, Al Murray, James Stanton, Parvin Johnson, Jerry Knight, Sam Richie, Bob Utz, Jack Gallagher, Greg Steele, Thomas Johnson, William Powers, Glenn Baker, Leon Berry, Al Pacitti, Bob Pacitti, Ted Riley, Bill Wolfner, Henry Roerig, Bob Carwood and Pat Wolfner. Also members of the team were Kenneth Cook of Minnesota and David Bowen of California.

We owe these gentlemen a great deal, because they felt strongly enough about the ministry to transplant it into our midst. How many of us today would travel as far away as Florida to serve on a team?

Men's weekend #2 was held Sept 14-17, 1979. This time more than half of the team was made up of local men, several of them from Canal Winchester. The same two Columbus men served on the #2 team with Pastor Allan Sager as spiritual director and Norm Wittschen again the rector. Local names on that team were Tom Kinsel, Chuck Anderson, Will Barnhart, Francis Schwartz, Norman Reeve, Jim Cooper, Ken Bailey, Bill Kellett, Bill Boving, Tim Boyer, Glen Graves and Ed Gerhold.

Some members of the team came from Michigan, Indiana, and West Virginia as well as Florida. This seemed to indicate that these team members were learning how to conduct a weekend in preparation for weekends in their home communities.

Another interesting fact is that Norm Wittschen gave the Action Rollo and a Total Security Rollo as well as serving as rector. The Head Cha was from Florida, but all the other Chas were local men.

In future articles we will look at how the women got started and maybe find some of our pioneers who will comment on the early days of the ministry.



## God's Burning Bush- My Experience



This may look like a simple newsletter article. Is it actually, in reality your “burning bush?”

How often I have wished that God's call to me would come as clearly as it did to Moses with that interactive burning bush of Exodus, Chapt.3.

In my experience, I usually must seek better discernment of God's will by asking:

- Is this something You want done, Lord? (Is it scriptural? Is it necessary?)
- Is this something You want done by me?

The second question usually takes more time and prayer to answer: “Are we over-looking someone else, here Lord?” “Am I feeling fearful enough to trust entirely in the Lord to be at work for His glory—or am I feeling some prideful confidence in my own sufficiency to make the project successful?” “Is it uncomfortable? (Do I have to adjust my “already-busy-with-good-things” schedule and trust the Lord to prioritize everything?)”

Concerning this summer's Northern Women's Weekend #46, I know that VdC is a tool the Holy Spirit is using powerfully and I am trusting the Lord Jesus to transform me into the Rector useful and pleasing to Him in the work He wants done. I have no team in mind to call. I am trusting the Lord to call out the team and inspire the pilgrims to come.

My call is extended to you. Won't you join me in this adventure with the Lord? Won't you phone or e-mail me and say that you will help? MY call to you, of course, is human words but maybe, just maybe through these words you'll discern the Lord Himself calling you to serve. Maybe this is your burning bush.

Be confident of God's love, and mine,

Sharon Gsellmane-mail: [sgsellman@neo.rr.com](mailto:sgsellman@neo.rr.com) phone: (330) 688-4965

P.S. There is a man who is reading this. These are words just for you: Peter Sabin and the Northern Men's Weekend Team have had one very good team meeting. Yet, they are in prayer for more God-chosen team members and pilgrims for June 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Is this your call to contact him? [Peter.Sabin@StStephen-Stow.com](mailto:Peter.Sabin@StStephen-Stow.com) or (330) 688-2773

### **De Colores Newsletter via email?? It's about time !!!!!**

If you would like to receive the De Colores Newsletter via email instead of by SNAIL MAIL (no offense to the Postal Carriers), please email me, so I have your most current email address. We have email addresses on our Archivist's files, but some of you may have changed since you made your Via de Cristo weekend.

REMEMBER... you will no longer receive your newsletter by regular mail if I start sending it to you via email. BY THE WAY...this will be saving money that could be put to use for future weekends for new pilgrims!!

God loves you and so do I !!! Judy Thompson, Editor email: [JAYTEECFOH@CS.COM](mailto:JAYTEECFOH@CS.COM)

**National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS) Annual Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 25 through Sunday, July 28, 2002**  
**University of Dallas, Irving, Texas**

Deadline for registration is July 1, 2002 (Early Registration Discount - before June 1, 2002)

For a registration form contact :

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Here are some of the forums and seminars that revolve around the purpose of Via de Cristo:

“What Should Happen on the Weekend”  
“Laity and Clergy in Via de Cristo”  
“Intentional Witnessing in the Fourth Day”  
“VdC: Fitting the Pieces Together”  
“Where do we go from here?”

***Worship Services***

***Food & Fellowship***

(The following is reprinted from the NLS Conexiones, Vol. 20 No. 1, March 2002)

***Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.  
ALLELUJAH!***

**Howdy Pardners!**

We “ranch hands” (NLS 2002 Annual Meeting Hosts) have plenty of room in the bunkhouse (University of Dallas) for you and your friends. Plan to join us - you won’t want to miss the fun, fellowship, food, fine programs and focused worship. Your Texas (North and South) and Arkansas & Oklahoma host team is looking forward to greeting each of you with our special hospitality - like door (airport) — to door (meeting site) “stagecoach” service, 3 nights in our “bunkhouse” (air conditioned, modern facilities), 12 visits to the “chuck wagon” - including Texas bar-be-que and Tex-Mex favorites - a truly great value - plus insights to help your Via de Cristo community, and the best in Christian Fellowship and worship.

This just in. . . Our keynote speaker has been confirmed . . . Pastor Richard Dow - former NLS Spiritual Director will kick off our time together - our focus on how to “Go in Peace, Serve The Lord, Thanks be to God”.

Well you can’t “Go” till you come - so make plans with your reunion group and ultreya and your travel agent/on-line service. Send in your application today - and pray the experience draws you closer to God - and He is glorified for the 3 days and beyond.

So are you signed up? Can you say, “Yep”?

— Barney Boeder

