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<b>Women's #56 Weekend</b> <b>Nov 10 - Nov 13</b> <b>Columbus</b>  <b>Sign up on the 72-hour Prayer Vigil for the Weekend.</b>	<b>CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!!</b>  		

**UPCOMING WEEKENDS AND EVENTS IN 2005 & 2006**

<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 - Wilma Keller</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 #58</b>	<b>AUG 3 - 6, 2006</b>	<b>Rector - Bob Gsellman</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #58</b>	<b>AUG 10 - 13, 2006</b>	<b>Rectora - Cathy Doering</b>
Above Weekend site St. Leonard's Retreat Center - Avon, OH		
<b>LEADER'S SCHOOL</b>	<b>FEB. 18, 2006</b>	<b>St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bellville, Ohio</b>

**NATIONAL VIA DE CRISTO ANNUAL MEETING**

**JUL 27 - 30, 2006 Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA**

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# De Colores!

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## From the Lay Director

Dear friends in Christ,

“Time flies when you’re having fun.” Isn’t that the way the line goes? It has been four years since I first took over as Lay Director for the Ohio Via de Cristo movement and I must tell you, “What a privilege to have served you in this way.” The joy that fills my heart is immeasurable and I thank all of you for this opportunity to serve, lead, and simply be with you. God is so good... all the time. Songs keeps singing in my heart and in my head as I write this note. One song is by Michael W. Smith and it goes like this,

*“Friends are friends forever when the Lord’s the Lord of them. Friends will not say never and the welcome will not end. Oh, it’s hard to let you go, but in the Father’s hands we know... that a lifetime’s not too long... to live as friends.”*

I cry tears of joy every time I hear that song because it reminds me of all of you, friends in the Via de Cristo movement. I cry tears of sheer happiness as we join our hearts as one in Christ. I cry tears of triumph for all the saints who have returned home during these short four years.

Another song sings so strong in my heart:

*“I smile when I think about the way You turned my life around. I smile when I think about the happiness in You I've found. I'm so amazed at what Your love has done and when I think the best is yet to come. I smile! I smile!”*

It is so true... the best is yet to come. God has such a wonderful plan in store for each and every one of us. Though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death... this life is but a shadow, a vapor that holds no power over us, an apparition that tries so desperately to break our spirit. But we have God’s Holy Spirit dwelling within us, holding tight to us as we hold tight to Him.

I leave you with a third song that plays so true. The artists are Phillips, Craig, and Dean... and the Song, in its entirety, is “Will you love Jesus more?”

*I feel quite sure if I did my best I could maybe impress you with tender words and harmony, a clever rhyme or two. But if all I've done in the time we've shared is turn your eyes on me, then I've failed at what I've been called to do, there's someone else I want you to see*

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**From the Lay Director**

*Will you love Jesus more When we go our different ways? When this moment is a memory, will you remember His face? Will you look back and realize you sensed His love more than you did before? I pray for nothing less than for you to love Jesus more*

*I'd like to keep these memories in frames of gold and silve...r and reminisce a year from now about the smiles we've shared. But above all else I hope you will come to know the Father's love and when you see the Lord face to face, you'll hear Him say, "well done!"*

Well done, faithful servants. Well done.

God loves you and so do I,

Kevin

**From the Rectora**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am sooooo excited about the upcoming women's weekend! It is such an awesome team!!! I have just received word that the weekend is a definite go and I couldn't be more pleased. As many of you know these past couple of weeks have been challenging in our household with Kyleen's recent hospitalization due to new onset seizures. There have been times in the last couple of weeks where I have struggled with trying to figure out if maybe, for the sake of my family, I should step down as Rectora and have my back-up (Christy Brill) take over. I have been trying very hard to try to discern if I was meant to stay the course or should I turn it over, trying to figure out if my head and whole being would be committed to this weekend or if it would be with the events of home. Well, I decided not to stress and fret anymore. I decided that I should hand it over to God. At the time, there were only four applications in hand I wondered if there would even be a weekend. That's when I said if this weekend was meant to be then God will provide the pilgrims, if not, then we would not have enough pilgrims to make a weekend. God made the answer perfectly clear to me. Therefore, this weekend will go on with the team that God has provided. I trust that you, the community will support us in every way...through prayer...through Palanca...through the Send-off...through the serenade...through the Clausura...and on into the fourth day.

God loves you and so do I,  
Lynn Ayer

PALANCA LETTERS

Please.....Mark all letters: Sponsor, Spouse, Family, Friend, or Community

Remember the blessings of Palanca mail - sent from the community, but inspired by the Lord.

Remember – Closing at Grace Lutheran on Sunday has been moved to 5:30 PM

# Ohio Women's Weekend #56

Nov 10 - 13, 2005


Names received by Registrar as of Nov 9 (rev 1)

Women's Team #56			Pilgrims and Sponsors		
Name	Position on Team	Home City	Pilgrim	Sponsor	Church, City
Lynn Ayer	Rectora	Dayton	Ann Marie Winters	Tony Starn	Hosanna Luth., Pataskala
Cathy Doering	Head Cha	Wadsworth	Dee Childress	Lynn Ayer	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
Laurel Bobb	Spiritual Director	Stow	Renee Brenneman	Carol Pretorius	St. Paul Luth., Bellville
Craig Fourman	Spiritual Director	Fairborn	Patty Errett	Julie Bloomer	First Luth., Donnelsville
Carol Kromphardt	Chapel Cha	Fairborn	Jill Mierau	Yadira & David Jensen	St. Stephen Luth., Stow
Kyleen Ayer	Chapel Cha	Dayton	Ruth Ann Dearth	Judy Coppersmith	Bellville Presbyterian, Bellville
Jen Briner	Music Cha	Westerville	Nancy Brue	Carol Laser	North Woodbury Alliance Church, Mt. Gilead
Julie Overmeyer	Palanca Cha	Columbus	Taia Daniel	Alex Seyerle	St. Matthew's Episcopal, Westerville
Shana Berger	Go-fer Cha	Westerville	Sheila Kraynak	Vince & Martha Mallen	Advent Lutheran, Mentor
Katrina Pochard	Utility Cha	Hamilton	Michelle Berger	Susan Kannenwischer	Living Word Lutheran, Galena
Gloria Kemmet	Head Kitchen Cha	Beavercreek	Marcie Zook	Richard & Bonnie Brenneman	Christ Lutheran, Athens
Debbie Kelley	Kitchen Cha	Columbus	Aimee Medina	Dawn Donato	St. Luke's Lutheran, Mansfield
Jewelnee Smith	Kitchen Cha	Norton	Lynn Kent	Jackie Lann	St. Luke Luth., Gahanna
Jackie Fahnestock	Kitchen Cha	Fairborn	Linda Vespoint	Lynn Steffey	St. Stephen Luth., Stow
Rhea Mathias	Kitchen Cha	Fairborn	Janet Fleischmann	Peter Kruse	First Luth., Donnelsville
Danielle Heath	Kitchen Cha	Reynoldsburg	Mary Donnelan	Don Piddock	First Luth., Donnelsville
Sue Solvig	Kitchen Cha	Fairborn	Amber White	Christy Brill	Living Word Lutheran, Galena
Beth Renken	Hd. Rollo Room Cha	Grove City	Sarah Ehrman	Amy Fauquet	Good Shepherd Lutheran, Springfield
Linda Kraschinsky	Rollo Room Cha	Fairborn	Bonnie Holzbauer	Karen Jackson	Grace Luth., Columbus
Kathy Schinke	Rollo Room Cha	Sunbury			
Diana Lynn	Rollo Room Cha	Westerville			
Gretchen Curtiss	Rollo Room Cha	Beavercreek			
Roberta Thomas	Rollo Room Cha	Bellville			
Linda West	Ideal Rollo	Doylestown			
Connie Caldwell	Laity Rollo	Fairborn			
Ann Hughes	Piety Rollo	Westerville			
Judy Coppersmith	Study Rollo	Beavercreek			
Cyndie Murray	Action Rollo	Bellville			
PJ Musser	Leaders Rollo	Bellville			
Sue Solvig	Environments Rollo	Fairborn			
Lynn Ayer	CCA Rollo	Grove City			
Nancy Larson	Reunion / Ultreya	Dayton			
Christy Brill	4 <sup>th</sup> Day Rollo	Columbus			
Wilma Keller	Silent/ Bkup Rectora	Columbus			
Doug & Carol Pretorius	Observing Rector	Newark			
	Fourth Day Couple	Bellville			

**The emergency phone # at the center is :  
614-221-1809**

THURSDAY & FRIDAY Nov 10 & 11	
Thursday	
Send Off - 7:30 PM at Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. (Directions next page)	
Friday	
Ideal	10:10 AM
Grace	11:15 AM
Laity	1:40 PM
Grace in Action	2:55 PM
Piety	4:35 PM

SUNDAY Nov 13	
Gather In Kitchen	5:45 AM
Wake-up Serenade	- 6:00 AM
Environment	9:15 AM
Life of Grace	10:20 AM
Christian Community in Action	11:40 AM
Group Reunion / Ultreya	1:10 PM
Fourth Day	3:00 PM
Closing - <b>5:30 PM</b> At Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. (Directions next page)	

SATURDAY Nov 12	
Study	9:00 AM
Day in the Life	10:10 AM
Apostolic Action	1:10 PM
Obstacles to Grace	2:45 PM
Leaders	4:25 PM
Serenade Practice At Linden Lutheran , Columbus at 5:00 PM (Directions on next page)	
	
<b>Serenade</b>	<b>6:15 PM</b>

## Directions to Grace

**SEND-OFF & CLOSING  
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4500 Refugee Road , Columbus**

**From Cleveland** - Take I-71 South. In Columbus, take I-270 East and continue to the I-70 exit. Take I-70 West exit to next exit, Hamilton Rd. exit. Turn left onto Hamilton and proceed past Eastland Mall to Refugee Road. Turn left onto Refugee Road. Grace Lutheran is on the left about 1/4 mile.

**From Cincinnati** - Take I-71 North. In Columbus, take I-270 East and proceed as in Cleveland directions.

**From Eastern Ohio** - Take I-70 West past the I-270 outerbelt. Proceed to Hamilton Road exit and proceed as in Cleveland. directions.

**From Western Ohio** - Take I-70 East . Proceed through downtown Columbus and continue to Hamilton Road Exit (317 S). Bear right onto Hamilton road and proceed as in Cleveland directions..

## Directions to Linden

**SATURDAY SERENADE PRACTICE  
LINDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1230 Oakland Park Ave, Columbus**

Take I-71 to exit 114 (N. Broadway),

Go east on N. Broadway to the first traffic light,

Turn left and go to dead end,

Turn right on to Oakland Park Ave. , go about ½ mile to the church which is on the left hand side.

**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, 513-931-8797.

**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** - 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.

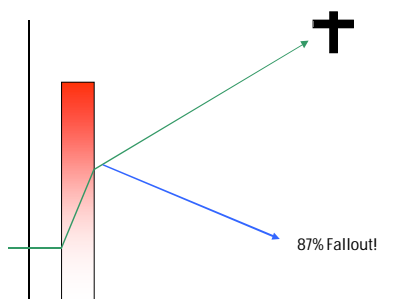
**Newark - Bi-monthly** Second Wednesday every other month. St. John's Lutheran Church, Linneville Road, Newark. 7:00 PM , 2005 Ultreya's - (April 13, June 8, Aug 10, Oct 12). Contact Chuck Hiles, 740-323-1588.

**Bellville - Bi-monthly** Second Sunday every other month (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) at 6 pm. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St. , Bellville. Questions contact Dawn Armstrong , 419-886-9822 or [Dalpn@aol.com](mailto:Dalpn@aol.com)

## NLS FORUM: 10 WAYS TO KILL A SECRETARIAT!

*Submitted by Donna Gough*

“**Top Ten Ways to Kill a Secretariat**” provided a lot of information on how – and how NOT – to organize the Via de Cristo ministry from the top, to facilitate the work of all of us. We won’t cover all ten ways here, but some of the major points to look out for were: Lack of prayer, becoming a church within a church, lack of communication between members, and lack of servant leadership by example in the 4<sup>th</sup> Day. It wasn’t just a negative look at issues that all Secretariats face in some degree or at some time, either, but there were positive suggestions on how to enliven a Secretariat and a community. In presenting the lack of communication issue, a graph was used to illustrate what was needed, as follows:



The vertical line at the left represents knowledge and leadership, the horizontal line at the bottom represents time. The shaded vertical rectangle represents a Via de Cristo Weekend. The horizontal line entering to the left is where most pilgrims are when they come to a 3-day weekend, and their knowledge and leadership grow during the 3 days. We would hope the growth would continue toward the goal of Jesus Christ.

In reality, what happens is represented by the downward arrow. Shortly after the weekend, contact and communication is lost, and there is an 87 percent fallout by the end of three months! Pilgrims come, grow, and lose it. Lest we get too discouraged, this percentage holds true for secular-based growth seminars, too.

The Rainbow Secretariat found and presented a wonderful way to cut that 87 percent fallout by 56%. It’s just a simple putting into action of what we all learned on our weekend! Their Table Professors are instructed to initiate **PERSONAL CONTACT** with each pilgrim from their table at 30-, 60-, and 90-day intervals after the weekend. It can be a get together for lunch or coffee or just a phone call (NOT just an e-mail... **PERSONAL** contact) asking, “How are you doing? Are you in a reunion group yet? Do you need help finding one? How about Ultreya?” The personal interest and contact keeps the communications channels open, friendship and Christian community increase, and the movement is blessed by far less fallout! All we have to do is **BE** the Christian Community we talked about on the weekend! Ohio will soon put this new procedure into practice!

For more information on this Seminar or any part of the NLS Meeting, contact those who were there this past July: Pastor Laurel Bobb, Sharon Gsellman, Doug and Kathie Burrows, Kevin and Lynn Ayer, Fred and Karen Schneider, and Donna Gough.

The Columbus P.O. Box for Via de Cristo is **no longer in existence**. DO NOT send Pilgrim or Sponsor applications or donations to Columbus.

Use the Cincinnati P.O. Box on the front of this newsletter. Thanks!

## **A little bit of history!**

The Bellville Via de Cristo community made a little bit of history this past weekend.

The pilgrims and team of Men's #56 were treated to some very familiar music. The Bellville group recorded 19 songs right out of our song book. They put them on a CD and gave each of us a copy. What a great palanca idea!

Thank you, Bellville. Many times we do not have a musician at our Columbus Ultreya. Now we can pop in the CD and sing on.

Blessings. Paul Swinehart, historian

## **NLS FORUM: FISHING GEAR: RESOURCES AT OUR FINGERTIPS**

*Submitted by Donna Gough*

NLS Forums are mostly exciting or at least beneficial, but this one was an exceptionally wonderful “sleeper”. Chuck Simmons brought a very contagious spirit of excitement to all of us who heard him. I wish I could inject this article with that same kind of excitement! Chuck introduced us to all the resources that the NLS offers at the website. Some of them are mostly resources of interest to the Secretariat or team members, but others are wonderful study or spiritual or just plain fun resources for ALL of us! To see some, take this article to your computer, and follow along!

To get to the NLS website, in your search line type: <http://www.viadecristo.org>. When the site comes up, click on one of the roosters to enter. From the list of available pages on the left, click on “Resources for Secretariats”. On that “Resources” page are buttons for ordering NLS supplies, Executive Board minutes, Post Weekend Resources (which includes an article on “Ultreya”), the history of VdC, artwork, music, etc. There is also a button labeled “NLS Meeting Forum Presentations – 1990-1999”, subtitled “Good Stuff! It surely is “good stuff”! Here are most of the keynote addresses, seminars, workshops and forums for the decade of the 90s! Chuck had downloaded and printed and READ each one of them (all 400 pages!) Boy, was I even impressed! However, he said THAT’S where his excitement came from! The keynote addresses are all awesome! He recommended that community members just print ONE item at a time and use it as a study or inspiration resource!

Some that he recommended included Luther Piel’s presentation on “Dynamics of a Via de Cristo Weekend” from 1991, Pastor Ed Simonson’s remembering “Twenty Years of Via de Cristo” from 1992, Pastor Peter Setzer’s Keynote Address from 1995 on “Group Reunion”, our own Fred Schneider’s “Sponsorship” forum from 1996, Oran Gough’s “Great Expectations” from 1977. I was blessed to be at most of these “events” when they were current, and was truly blessed and revved up to discover they aren’t in the past, but HERE and available to all of us!

Looking for a way to make YOUR Via de Cristo community more vibrant, your Via de Cristo experience growing and glowing? Then use the resources that are there! Not *everything* is everyone’s cup of tea, but if you love the Lord and believe Via de Cristo is one way to stay close to Him and bring others to Him, YOUR cup of tea WILL be here!

Happy fishing! We have been promised the material from 2000-2005 will be made available within the year!