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<b>Annual Meeting</b> <b>Grand Ultreya</b> <b>Jan. 26, 2008</b>  <b>Christ Lutheran Church</b> <b>2314 East Main St.</b> <b>Bexley, OH</b>  <b>Ballot inside</b> <b>Mail By</b> <b>Jan. 17</b>	 <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!!</p>	

**UPCOMING WEEKENDS AND EVENTS 2008**

<b>MEN'S #63</b>	<b>APR 17 - 20, 2008</b>	<b>Rector - Don Piddock</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #63</b>	<b>MAY 1 - 4, 2008</b>	<b>Rectora - Caryl Gatton</b>
<b>MEN'S #65</b>	<b>OCT 23 - 26, 2008</b>	<b>Rector - TBD</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #65</b>	<b>NOV 6 - 9, 2008</b>	<b>Rectora - TBD</b>
Above Weekends site Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center    Downtown Columbus		
<b>MEN'S #64</b>	<b>JULY 17 - 20, 2008</b>	<b>Rector - TBD</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #64</b>	<b>JULY 24 - 27, 2008</b>	<b>Rectora - Connie Anderson</b>
Above Weekend site St. Leonard's Retreat Center - Avon, OH		
<b>LEADER'S SCHOOL</b>	<b>FEB. 9, 2008</b>	<b>Living Word Lutheran Church, Galena, Ohio</b>

**GET ON THE WEB ==>**

Ohio Via de Cristo Website  
National Via de Cristo Website  
Kairos Website

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# De Colores!

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## From the Lay Director

De Colores!

It is hard to believe that my term as Lay Director is near conclusion. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support over the last two years. I also want to thank the members of the secretariat who worked very hard during that time and who were willing to question why we have always done something a certain way and if it could be done better.

I attended the funeral service for our sister Alice Heil Saturday. Alice made women's weekend #2 and served on a few of the earlier teams. I got to know Alice at the Columbus area Ultreya. She was very strong in her faith and was a joy to get to know. There were several folks from our Via de Cristo community at the funeral including Tim Iseringhausen who did a wonderful job leading the service. Even though there was sadness in her loss, there was joy in knowing where Alice was going.

That is an example of our fourth day. We have a mixture of ups and downs in our journey, but in the end we have the joy of knowing where we are going. Our fourth day journey also provides us the opportunity to lead those who don't know that joy to a life that is secure in it. We have been blessed. In this New Year let's pray for more opportunities to be a blessing to others.

God loves you and so do I!

Jim

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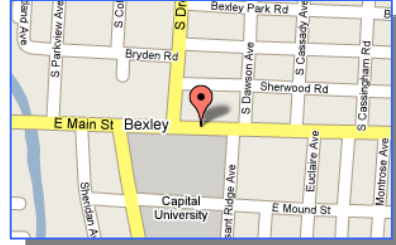
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Note: If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to call any of the Secretariat members. Also, anyone from the community is welcome to attend the Secretariat meetings.

Via de Cristo of Ohio  
P.O. Box 53081  
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# Annual Meeting Update & Reminder!

OHIO VIA DE CRISTO ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008



## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

2314 East Main Street  
Bexley, Ohio 43209

(Across Main Street from Capital University. Park behind church!)



Gather at 12:00 Noon

**Pot Luck Lunch – 12:30 PM**

*Everyone bring your best!*

**Election of Officers ~ 1:30 PM**

*We elect two of our officers each year – this year Lay Director and Secretary*

▶▶▶▶▶ **Music! Music! Music!** ◀◀◀◀◀

**JEN BRINER**

**will lead our songs of joy and praise!**

**GRAND ULTREYA!**

**About 2:00 PM (or so, depending on how good the food is!)**

**Speaker: Pastor Ed Simonson,  
One of the FOUNDERS of Via de Cristo**

**Holy Communion!**

**Share with all the Via de Cristo Community**

*Come and bring all your friends! This is a good time for prospective pilgrims to check us out!  
Print this notice as a reminder!*

## 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 **Lay Director and Secretary**. The names below have been offered in nomination. **Write-in votes are acceptable** and lines have been provided accordingly.

OFFICIAL BALLOT	Via de Cristo of Ohio	OFFICIAL BALLOT
LAY DIRECTOR	_____ Doug Burrows	Other _____
SECRETARY	_____ Wilma Keller	Other _____
YOUR NAME _____		
ADDRESS _____		City/State/Zip _____
Please complete your ballot and bring to the Annual Meeting		
<b>OR</b> Mail it by January 17 to: Via de Cristo of Ohio P.O. Box 53081 Cincinnati, OH 45253		

Directions to Christ Lutheran Church: (directly across from Capital Univ.)

Coming from the West on I-70 E:

exit at Bexley / Main Street (103A) onto a ramp that circles around to Alum Creek Drive (north). Alum Creek Drive dead-ends at East Main Street. Turn right onto East Main Street.

Continue on to church (2314 East Main St.).

Coming from the North on I-71 S:

Merge onto I-70 E (exit 107 on the left toward Wheeling). Then follow the directions above.

Coming from the South on I-71 N:

Merge onto I-70 E (toward Cleveland / Wheeling). Then follow the directions above.

Coming from the East on I-70 W:

Take Livingston Ave exit (103B). Turn left onto US-33 / E. Livingston Ave.

Turn right onto Alum Creek Drive. Turn right onto E. Main St. Continue to Church (2314 East Main St.).

# Via de Cristo School for Leaders

## February 9, 2008

School for Leaders will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008. 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 February 9th at **Living Word Lutheran Church, 7539 Dustin Road, Galena, Ohio 43021**. The school starts at 11:00 AM on Saturday morning, with registration at 10:30, running til 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. You can register by using the form below. Cost is \$10 per person.

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### SCHOOL for LEADERS REGISTRATION

for  
February 9, 2008

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Chris Albretson, 2793 Galewood St., Kettering, Ohio 45420 email: [JC4Vdc@aol.com](mailto:JC4Vdc@aol.com)

**ULTREYA! in OHIO** For further details on these and other Ultreya's in Ohio, contact: Paul Swinehart 614-476-5979 [palancaohio@yahoo.com](mailto:palancaohio@yahoo.com)

**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.

**Pataskala - Monthly** First Sunday, 6:30 PM at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 7714 Hazelton-Etna Road (SR310) in Pataskala, contact Tony Starn [astarn@columbus.rr.com](mailto:astarn@columbus.rr.com)

**Dayton Lutheran Ultreya (Thursday's) - Monthly** Third Thursday, 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)

**Dayton Lutheran Ultreya (Saturday's) - Monthly** First Saturday, 7:00 pm at Abiding Christ Lutheran Church, 326 Dayton-Yellow Springs Road in Fairborn For details, contact Craig Fourman [CraigFourman@abidingchrist.org](mailto:CraigFourman@abidingchrist.org)

**Kent** - Contact Pastor Doug Fidler (330) 673-5445.

**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)

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Contact Dan Steffey [dsteffey@neo.rr.com](mailto:dsteffey@neo.rr.com)

**By receiving the newsletter by e-mail, you are sent the names of any last minute pilgrims for the weekends. This is helpful in writing palanca.**



## Lutheran weekend retreat! !

Three days close to Christ! Learn more about His love and the scope and meaning of the Grace of God.

A three-day school which takes a look at Christianity as a lifestyle, highly structured to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people. Presenters are inspired laymen and ordained ministers. There is no charge for a weekend, but participants will be given an opportunity to support the movement. Food and lodging are included.

The Ohio Lutheran Via de Cristo Secretariat, affiliated with the National Lutheran Secretariat, conducts six weekends each year—three for men and three for women. We invite all Christians to experience one of these events. Weekends scheduled:

**Men's weekend #63, April 17-20, 2008**

**Women's weekend #63, May 1-4, 2008**

**Men's weekend #64, July 17-20, 2008**

**Women's weekend #64, July 24-27, 2008**

**Men's weekend #65, Oct 23-26, 2008**

**Women's weekend #65, Nov 6-9, 2008**

**Spring and Fall** weekends are held at the Holy Cross Cum Cristo Center in Downtown Columbus. **Summer** weekends are held at St. Leonard's Retreat Center in Avon, Ohio.

To learn more, log on to our web site at [www.viadecristooh.org](http://www.viadecristooh.org), or write to Via de Cristo of Ohio, P. O. Box 53081, Cincinnati, OH 45253.

The **Via de Cristo** movement is self-supporting, not an official arm of the ELCA. But it adheres strictly to Lutheran doctrine. We invite the financial support of individual churches in the form of special benevolence. The goal of Via de Cristo is to make Christian church members more deeply aware of God's grace through Christ, to encourage a deeper commitment to their home churches and to teach and encourage them to tell others about Jesus.

**Come learn with us, because God loves you and so do we!!**

**Cursillistas!!**

**Help, help!!**

Let your fellow church members know more about us. See if your church will use this as a Sunday bulletin insert or run it in the church newsletter. Or both!! Newsletters reach all members. Put it on your bulletin board.

You can add your name as a contact for information, if you like.

You also could add that you would be glad to sponsor anyone who wants to attend. 2008 spring weekends are near and more are not that far off. We need to get applications in early. You can download application blanks from the web site address you see in the insert. DeColores