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VdC Events for 2019

Offered for your prayer and planning

<p>May 30-June 2 7 pm Thursday to 6 pm Sunday</p>	<p>Co-ed Weekend #4</p>	<p>Camp Mowana, Mansfield 2276 Fleming Falls Road Mansfield 44903</p>
<p>July 14-15 (a Sunday evening to Monday evening)</p>	<p>Clergy Workshop Please continue to reach out to pastors</p>	<p>Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center 2734 Seminary Road Newark 43056</p>
<p>July 25-28 Thursday-Sunday</p>	<p>National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Gathering</p>	<p>University of Indianapolis 1400 East Hanna Avenue Indianapolis 46217</p>
<p>June 30 Saturday Time TBD</p>	<p>Via de Cristo Ohio Annual Meeting/Grand Ultreya/Picnic</p>	<p>Mt. Gilead State Park 4119 State Route 95 Mt. Gilead 43338</p>
<p>October 3-6 Thursday 7 pm to Sunday 6 pm</p>	<p>Women's Weekend #80</p>	<p>Akron Rotary Club 4460 Rex Lake Drive Akron 44319</p>
<p>November 7-10 7 pm Thursday to 6 pm Sunday</p>	<p>Men's Weekend #76</p>	<p>Akron Rotary Club</p>

Hello 4th day community,

This is to let everyone know Coed # 4 is a go. We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and thank those who are sponsoring pilgrims. We will continue to take applications up to Thursday May 23, the last week before the weekend, or until we reach capacity for the center. This allows a week to do necessary communication with the Pilgrims.

Remember that we are looking for leaders in our environments (work, recreation, social, family, etc.) not just in our churches. If you have been praying about talking to someone, let the Holy Spirit lead you and invite them. Remember to talk to their clergy to make sure there is nothing to keep them from truly absorbing the weekend. (Registration forms may be accessed on our website www.vdcoho.org or you may print them from the attachment and send them to Registrar Kevin Hoch at 2691 Altura Dr., Cincinnati 45239.)

Speaking of clergy, I have the new dates for the clergy event. It will be July 14 – 15, still at Camp Mowana. Let's start talking to clergy we know and get them to register sooner rather than later. We will get the flyer out once we remake it but the process still will be for them to contact Christy Brill or Dave Lann. (Christy is at goosebrill@msn.com or 614-899-7429. Dave is at vdclann@yahoo.com or 330-296-6929.)

Have a Blessed Easter,
Dave Lann
VdCOhio Lay Director

A Letter from Christy Brill, Rector for VdC Ohio Co-ed Weekend #4

I'd be lying if I said two weeks ago that I was 100% confident that we were going to have enough pilgrims registered by last weekend to have Co-Ed #4 happen. I mean, I had faith that God's will would be done, but we've had to cancel so many Weekends lately that I honestly didn't want to get my hopes up. With that said, however, I continued to invite people to Team and work with Head Cha Dick Brennehan & Spiritual Director Pastor Rhonda Gallagher on the particulars "just in case."

Just days prior to the announcement that we were a go, I learned that 2 potential Pilgrims were not going to be able to make it after all, so my hopes were even lower than before, so you can imagine my surprise when Registrar Kevin Hoch told me that he received 2 other apps out of the blue! I should not have been surprised, but I must admit that I was. One more example that "God Is Good!" (and all God's children respond..."All the Time!").

In my last letter I gave you examples of what Via de Cristo has meant to me personally, and I asked, "Who do you know who can benefit from the grace-filled time of a Via de Cristo weekend?" I still challenge you with that question. Yes, we currently have 8 Pilgrims, but we have plenty of space for more. Don't leave it up to the Team to fill the facility; they have enough to do to prepare for the Weekend. My goal now is to max out the sleeping rooms and end up with a waiting list for the fall Weekends. Will you accept that challenge?

Remember, this is a co-ed Weekend; **NOT a couples-only event**. In fact, we currently don't have any couples signed-up as Pilgrims. The Saints Peter & Paul Retreat center is ideal for co-ed Weekends. Pilgrims will have double occupancy rooms with two beds (one couple or two women or two men per room) with private bathrooms. Most rooms are on the second floor (no elevator is available) but there are a few rooms available for those with disabilities on the main floor where all of the activities will be taking place.

If you unable to serve on Team or sponsor a Pilgrim, there are many other ways that you can participate in the Weekend.

- **First & most importantly, PRAYER!**—Kathy Sperling and Rhea Mathias, our palanca chas, will soon be ready for people to sign up for the 72-hour prayer vigil. Please contact one of them if you are willing to take one (or two or ten) half-hour slots and pray for the Team and Pilgrims.
- **Table Palanca and Letters**—Although we don't have a kitchen crew on this Team (the center provides all the meals), we can always use palanca for the tables and social hours. And, of course, those personal letters are always a must-have item (get those tissues ready).
- **Donations**—Presently it costs ~\$5000 to hold a weekend which is considerably more than it used to be when we were able to use the Cursillo Center in Columbus. That's a lot of money to ask the Team to give, so we are always accepting donations to help to defray that cost. Remember, there is no charge for Pilgrims to attend, and although it was widely thought that Sponsors are responsible to pay for their Pilgrims, that is not the case.
- **Serenade & Closing**—Without a doubt, the biggest impact and most memorable parts on my Pilgrim Weekend were the Saturday Serenade and Closing. To see people from my home congregation that I barely knew come and support me on my faith journey is something that will be ingrained in my heart and soul forever. We won't be having a Community wake-up this weekend due to the layout of the center, but your presence at both the Saturday Serenade and Sunday Closing is definitely requested.

Once again, I'm honored to be the Rector of Co-Ed Weekend #4. A lot has changed over the past 20 years that I've been active in this organization, but one thing remains the same: **CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!** And I, for sure, am counting on Him.

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Co-Ed #4 Team Members

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Current Registered Pilgrims:

- Karen Osmond, St Andrews Anglican Church, Lewis Center; Sponsor – Christy Brill
- Maggy Everett, Good Hope Lutheran, Bucyrus; Sponsor – Bonnie Wolfe
- Dan Cammarn, St Paul Lutheran Church, Bellville; Sponsor – Dick Brenneman
- Linda Kaufman, First Presbyterian, Plymouth; Sponsor – Blanche Tyree
- Kate Gwynne, Liberty Presbyterian, Delaware; Sponsor – Curtis Tyree
- Connor Gwynne, Liberty Presbyterian, Delaware; Sponsor – Curtis Tyree
- Lee Stober, St Paul Lutheran, Bucyrus; Sponsor—Mike Greenler
- Stella Teynor, St Paul Lutheran, Bucyrus; Sponsor—Jane Greenler
- (May the next list we send out include your pilgrim

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If you know someone from the Via de Cristo Community who has changed their street address or email address or telephone number, or does not get the VdCNewsletter but would like to, please send the new information to Newsletter Editor Nancy Martin at 419-886-4420 or vdsnewsletterohio@gmail.com or 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813.



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Contact Lay Director Dave Lann with your interest in serving on Secretariat or to reach people in your area of Ohio to encourage them for Reunion Groups and Ultreyas. Secretariat meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month at different locations. You are welcome to attend. Contact Lay Direct Dave Lann for the place and time of each meeting