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A Message from the Ohio Lay Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Church Year as well as Happy New Year!

As new things begin, our Annual Meeting will take place on January 25 at Messiah Lutheran Church. Arrive about 11:30 AM with our Potluck at Noon. The address to the church is 1200 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, 43068. Please join us. Musicians needed to lead the music for this gathering and worship service. Please contact me if you are a musician able to play at the meeting.

At this meeting, we will be electing a new Lay Director as well as a new Secretary. Warren (Butch) Seeley is running for Lay Director and Donna Gough is running for Secretary. Please come and show your support of the movement. Pastor G. Karl Gaston will be our speaker.

It has been an honor to be the Lay Director for the last four years. Sometimes it was truly a Joy and other times it was not so joyous, but with your prayers and with God's help, I was able to keep going. Thank you all!

There are many open spots on Secretariat. If you are interested in being on the board, please see Butch after the annual meeting. Please keep Butch and Donna in your prayers along with all of Secretariat. Join us in prayer on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM for prayer for this movement. IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

I want to thank Secretariat members, both past and present, for their support. Many times I have struggled with this ministry and they were there for me. I praise God for all efforts to walk with our God and do his work.

God has so many things for us to do but more importantly, he wants a relationship with each and every one of us. We must be filled up so that we can go to others and spread the news of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. In my many years of spiritual direction, this has become apparent and told to me. It is time to do some sitting at his feet and be filled up.

I will continue to pray for Via de Cristo and ask for God's continued blessings on this movement.

Blessings,
Cathy Doering
Lay Director

UPCOMING VIA de CRISTO WEEKENDS

Men's Events	Scheduled Date	Location	Rector	Last Registration Date *
* Men's #73 *	April 24 – 27, 2014	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	Dick Brenneman	April 10, 20114
Women's Events	Scheduled Date	Location	Rectora	Last Registration Date *
*Women's #77 *	May 15-18,2014	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	Linda Morton	May 1, 2014

*"Last Registration Date" is to facilitate communication to Pilgrims from the Registrar and to aid Team planning

PLEASE NOTE: THE ONLY WEEKENDS SCHEDULED FOR 2014 ARE IN THE SPRING!

Ultreyas Are Coming!

Bellville (North Central Ohio) Ultreya Sunday, January 12, 3:00 pm
St. Paul Lutheran, 48 Church Street, Bellville, 44813

Worship and Holy Communion, Scripture Reading and Discussion
Speaker Warren (Butch) Seeley
Fellowship and Potluck
(More info from Josie and Ken Riling, 419-886-2437)

Columbus Area Ultreya Wednesday, January 15, 7:30 pm
All Saints Lutheran, 6770 N. High Street, Worthington, 43085
Witness Speaker Cliff Glowacki
Spiritual Director Pr. Bonnie Gerber

North Dayton Ultreya, Saturday January 18, 7:00 pm
United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Road, Clayton, 45315
(More info from Wes Scoates, 937-533-7605)

Cincinnati Area Ultreya Saturday, February 1, 4:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran, 1533 Kinney Avenue, Mt. Healthy, 45231
(More info from Irene and Kevin Hoch, 513-931-8797)

We need information about ULTREYAS anywhere in the state of Ohio to publish in the De Colores Newsletter. Please contact editor Nancy Martin at vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com or at (419) 886-4420 or (419) 571-6315 with information or with the name of someone else who might have the information. **If you would like help to organize an Ultreya in your area, contact Warren Seeley, 614-332-1357.**

What is the story of your faith experience, your VdC weekend experience, your Fourth Day experience? What was your call from the Holy Spirit to say something to somebody or do something for someone? Who has been your angel from God? Please share your story by email at vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com or by US Mail to 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville OH 44813. Someone in our Community will be blessed by it.

Via de Cristo of Ohio Prayer Chain

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do in the Via de Cristo movement. And prayer for others in need or for yourself is the purpose of this VdC Prayer Chain. Prayers of thanksgiving and joy are also welcome on the Prayer Chain. The email address is vdcprayerchain@gmail.com. Add this to your contacts for easy access when a need arises. Please note that, due to privacy concerns, you should ask permission to include names of individuals before placing them on the Prayer Chain. Otherwise list them by first name only or as "Known to God". We don't want to cause embarrassment for someone.

There is **power in prayer** and when we **pray in community with others**, I believe that power is intensified. There is reference to our prayers being like incense throughout the Bible.

'Let my prayers rise before you like incense.' Psalm 141:3 *Our Good God hears!*

Wilma Keller, Ohio VdC Prayer Chain

**Will you join with us in corporate prayer for Via de Cristo of Ohio?
It's the second Tuesday of every month from 7:00-7:30pm.**

God Loves You and So Do We!!

Secretariat

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NOTE: Questions or suggestions--please call any Secretariat member. There are openings for **Logistics Coordinator** (organize a team to maintain, set up and take down supplies for Weekends), and a **Webmaster** (remodel and maintain the VdC website). The position of **Spiritual Director** will also be open. Please contact Lay Director Cathy Doering if you are interested in any of these positions or know someone who may be. You are welcome to attend Secretariat meetings. Next meeting date is Saturday January 25, at the Annual Meeting at Messiah Lutheran Church
Via de Cristo of Ohio, P.O. Box 530081, Cincinnati, OH 45253

Hmmm, DID YOU KNOW?

Sure, you know Via de Cristo had its roots in Spain. Here's the story, as written by the late Paul Swinehart in 2002.

The ministry was born as The Cursillo Movement on the island of Majorca, Spain in the 1940's. It came out of the Little Courses for Pilgrimage Leaders, instituted by the Catholic Action for Young Men. In other words, *it was training for church leaders*. The Cursillo Movement continued as a strong arm of the Roman Catholic Church. It spread from Spain into Latin America, where it was expanded to include women. It was brought to the United States by two Spanish airmen who were training in Texas. The first U.S. weekend was in 1957 in Mission, Texas.

Weekends spread to New York and Ohio by 1959, all held in Spanish. The first English weekend was held in 1961. The movement spread to the Episcopal Church in 1965 and in 1972, two Lutheran movements began in Florida and Iowa after pastors and laymen attended Episcopal weekends.

In 1980, with the help of ALC Bishop David Wolber, the National Lutheran Secretariat Constitution was drafted. Reflecting the ecumenism of the Lutheran movement, which allows team members (and Pilgrims, *ed.*) from other denominations not allowed by the Catholic Church, our name was changed from Cursillo to Via de Cristo.

Warren (Butch) Seeley – Candidate for Lay Director

I Attended Men's Ohio Via de Cristo # 28 in the spring of 1993, where I sat at the Table of Matthew.

I worship at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio.

I am married to Wendy for 27+ years and we have two daughters.

I have worked several weekends in various positions, and I am a past Rector.

Past Building Committee Chairman.

Past Evangelism Chairman (1 Term)

Past Church Council President (2 terms)

Past Via de Cristo of Ohio State Treasurer (2 terms)

Past Development Chair for secular charity.

Past Board Member of several secular charities.

In April of 2012, I resigned all secular charities and then volunteered my services to the Via de Cristo of Ohio, Secretariat.

I assumed a newly created position as coach with a small "c" because Christ is the big 'C'. I am currently serving the Lord and you on Secretariat working in the areas of Weekends, Grouping (Reunions), and Ultreya.

I drafted the Five year strategic plan adopted by the Secretariat.

I am hosting informational luncheons for Pastors across the state.

I have divided the State of Ohio into seven ministry areas, and I am appointing assistant coaches in the assigned areas.

I have attended the National Convention.

I was asked, and accepted an invitation to speak at the State of Florida Grand Ultreya in February of 2014.

I am a Financial Planner/ Confident Retirement Specialist in private practice with over 35 years of experience.

I love the Lord, and I am highly motivated to do His Kingdom work... and to Jesus be all the Glory!

I appreciate your consideration.



DONNA J. GOUGH, candidate for Secretary

I attended Episcopal Women's Cursillo #31 in the Diocese of Southeast Florida in November of 1982, where I sat at the Table of St. Hilda. I worship at St. Andrews Anglican Church in Lewis Center, Ohio. My husband, Oran and I served in the Episcopal Cursillo and Gold Coast Via de Cristo in the West Palm Beach area from the time of our weekends until his employment brought us to Columbus in 1986. We have continued to serve the Lord through this movement, as follows:

Ultreya Coordinator – Total of 8 years, counting Ohio Via de Cristo and Episcopal Cursillo

Newsletter Editor – Total of 8 ears, counting Ohio Via de Cristo and Kairos

4th Day Coordinator – Via de Cristo – 3 years

Rector Training – Via de Cristo – 5 years

Documentation – Via de Cristo – 8 years

Other – Ad Hoc Committee for Kairos – 1 year. State Committee for Kairos 5 years. Advisory Councils for 2 Institutions for Kairos – Total of 8 years. Communications via E-Mail and Phone for Kairos – 7 years. Residents Mail for Kairos – 5 years.

National Lutheran Secretariat Service – NLS Representative from Ohio – 7 years. Chair of 4th Day Committee – twice. Chair of Music Committee – once. Continuing Education Committee – NLS – 2 years. Wrote the current "Ultreya" publication used by the NLS.

Miscellaneous – Ultreya Speaker – 5 time. 4th Day Speaker, produced two editions of the Ohio Songbook. Developed Rector Training Materials with the help of five past Rectors. Produced the "Daily Connexiones" Newsletter for the NLS Convention in 2003. Leaders' School Presenter – OVDC 11 times, Episcopal Cursillo – 3 times. Rector's School Presenter – once.

Weekend Service - Have served a total of 48 weekends, including Ohio Via de Cristo and Gold Coast Via de Cristo 18; Episcopal Women's Cursillo 3; Southern Ohio Episcopal Cursillo Co-ed Weekends 5. Kairos Florida – 1. Kairos Kitchens – 7. Kairos Outside 2. Kairos weekends 12.

I believe in the method put forth in Cursillo, Kairos and Via de Cristo as an effective way of evangelizing for the Lord Jesus Christ!

Love, in Christ,

Donna Gough

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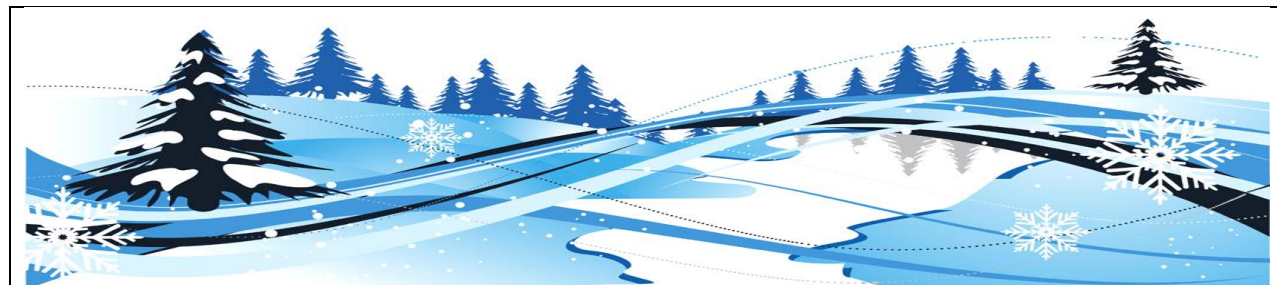
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Via de Cristo of Ohio Annual Meeting

Saturday January 25, 2014

Gather at 11:30 for music and prayer, Potluck dinner at Noon

Messiah Lutheran Church, Reynoldsburg

1200 S. Waggoner Road, 43068

Following the Potluck: elections, review and farewell from outgoing Lay Director Cathy Doering, preview from the incoming Lay Director

Speaker—Pastor G. Karl Gaston

Worship and Holy Communion

Everyone in the Via de Cristo Community and friends are invited to the annual meeting. Table service and drinks will be provided. **Music Chas** willing to participate are requested to contact Cathy Doering.

Ballot for Elections of Officers for Via de Cristo of Ohio

Lay Director

_____ Warren (Butch) Seeley

_____ Other _____

Secretary

_____ Donna Gough

_____ Other _____

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Due by January 17, 2014 (must be received by this date)

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