



Via de Cristo of Ohio Newsletter  
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# De Colores!

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## Come and See!

The Via de Cristo experience continues to change lives. The VdC Weekend is the foundational piece of a closer walk with Christ for many baptized Christians. We are all Pilgrims, and the guest Pilgrims already typically have a relationship with Christ, but it is enhanced and fortified on the Weekend. The perseverance tools of small accountability groups, (Group Reunion), and a gathering of the small accountability groups, (Ultreya), give us oil for our lamps to keep them burning.

The Secretariat has increased our efforts to *awaken some sleepy VdC Community* members and to invite others to “*come and see*”. Church visits and temple talks have accelerated, Clergy experience # 2 is scheduled for October 5-8 of this year, and a Northern Co-ed weekend is scheduled for October 22-25. We’ve completed Men’s Weekend #74, and Women’s Weekend #78 will be May 14-17. (If you still would like to register your Pilgrim, contact Registrar Kevin Hoch; see contact information on the right.)

We will also have a presence at all three ELCA assemblies in the State of Ohio with plans to expand to other Lutheran and faith tradition assemblies in the future. Facebook and website enhancements continue, and there are many more initiatives. We continue to need the Community’s prayers, hands, financial support, and input.

To Jesus Christ be all the glory!

*This grace filled experience is a real gift to fellow believers.  
Let’s invite others to... “Come and see”  
How’s the oil in your lamp?*

Your brother in Christ,  
Warren (Butch) Seeley, # 28  
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Secretariat meetings are held the third Saturday of each month. You are welcome to attend. Contact Lay Director Butch Seeley for the place and time of each meeting.

**God loves you and so do we!**

If you know someone from the Via de Cristo Community who has changed their street address or email address or telephone number, please send the new information to Newsletter Editor Nancy Martin at [vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or 419-886-4420 or 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813.

If you know someone who does not get the VdC Ohio Newsletter but would like to, please send the contact information to Nancy.

## National Via de Cristo Gathering 2015

Thursday, July 23 through Sunday, July 26, 2015 at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill.

'The theme for this year's gathering will be: "Gather at the River: Centered in Christ "



Via de Cristo of Ohio is now on Facebook!

We hope you will "like" our new Facebook Page at

<https://www.facebook.com/viadecristooh>

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Get on the Web – Ohio Via de Cristo

[www.vdcoho.org](http://www.vdcoho.org)

National Via de Cristo Website

[www.viadecristo.org](http://www.viadecristo.org)

Kairos Website [www.kairosohio.org](http://www.kairosohio.org)

### A Message from VdC Ohio Music Advisor Jen Briner

It really doesn't matter what you do with us, Lord-just have your way with our lives ... This simple expression, prayed by an elderly woman at a prayer meeting one night, was the source of inspiration that prompted the writing of "Have Thine Own Way Lord", in 1902. From that time to the present, it has been an influential hymn in aiding individuals to examine and submit their lives to the Lordship of Christ.

The author of this hymn text, Adelaide A. Pollard, was herself experiencing a "distress of soul" during this time. It appears that it was a period in her life when she had been unsuccessful in raising funds to make a desired trip to Africa for missionary service. In this state of discouragement, she attended a little prayer meeting one night and was greatly impressed with the prayer of an elderly woman, who omitted the usual requests for blessings and things, and simply petitioned God for an understanding of His will in life. Upon returning home that evening, Miss Pollard meditated further on the story of the potter, found in Jeremiah 18:3, 4

"Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it."

Before retiring that evening, Adelaide Pollard completed the writing of all four stanzas of this hymn as it is sung today.

The music for this text was supplied by George Coles Stebbins, one of the leading gospel musicians of this century. The hymn first appeared in 1907 in Stebbins' collection, Northfield Hymnal with Alexander's Supplement. That same year, it also appeared in two other popular hymnals, Ira Sankey's Hallowed Hymns New and Old and Sankey and Clement's Best Endeavor Hymns.

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Jen Briner

**A Message from the Rector of Women’s Weekend #78**

Our theme this spring comes from Psalm 27:8: **"When You said, 'Seek My face', my heart said to You 'Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.'" Seeking our King is one way to fulfill our life goals of Piety, Study and Apostolic Action. Jesus is constantly seeking us and He will never give up on us. We simply need to be tuned in to His voice. He wants to have a conversation with us if only we learn to seek Him and recognize His voice. As a team we are relying on God to turn this weekend experience into a lifelong journey of seeking His face, not only for the pilgrims He calls, but also for us as a Community. We will continue to pray for all of you and we appreciate your prayers and support for all of us.**

Lisa (Burrows) Bacu  
Women's VdC #33

Team Members	Pilgrims		
<p>Lisa Bacu – Rector/Environments, Reunion &amp; Ultreya Paula Quinn – Head Cha/Leaders Pr. G. Karl Gaston – Spiritual Director Pr. Deb Dingus – Spiritual Director Irene Hoch – Chapel Cha/Laity Jen Briner – Palanca Cha, Go-fer Cha/CCA Karen Schneider – Professor/Ideal, Fourth Day Jeanne Gaston – Professor/Study Carol Kohs – Professor/Apostolic Action Carol Pretorius – Professor/Piety Julie Bloomer – Head Kitchen Cha Wendy Seeley – Kitchen Cha Melissa Stitt – Table Cha Phyllis Wahl – Table Cha</p>	<p><b>Name</b></p>	<p><b>Church and City</b></p>	<p><b>Sponsor</b></p>
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	<p><b>Bonnie Klages</b></p>	<p>St. Paul Episcopal, Marion</p>	<p>Sherry Patterson</p>
	<p><b>Cindy Striker</b></p>	<p>St. Timothy Lutheran, Mansfield</p>	<p>Doug Pretorius</p>
	<p><b>Kingsland Pretorius</b></p>	<p>Grace Lutheran. Dover</p>	<p>Carol &amp; Doug Pretorius</p>
	<p><b>Coleen Smitley</b></p>	<p>Linden Lutheran, Columbus</p>	<p>Jeanne Gaston</p>
	<p><b>Donna Gibson</b></p>	<p>Holy Trinity Lutheran, Newark</p>	<p>Deb Dingus</p>
	<p><b>Kristin Clark</b></p>	<p>Holy Trinity Lutheran, Newark</p>	<p>Deb Dingus</p>

Thursday and Friday, May 14 - 15, 2014	Saturday, May 16	Sunday, May 17										
<p>Thursday--Pilgrims arrive at Cum Cristo Retreat Center in Columbus at 7:00 pm Send-Off at 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Study 9:10 AM Sacraments 10:35 AM Apostolic Action 1:35 PM Obstacles to Grace 3:05 PM Leaders 4:25 PM  Serenade Practice 4:45 PM (Linden Lutheran Church, 1230 Oakland Park Ave., Columbus 43224)  Serenade 6:10PM</p>	<p>Gather in Kitchen QUIETLY!! Wake-Up Serenade 6:00 AM Environment 9:10 AM Life in Grace 10:15 AM CCA 11:45 AM Group Reunion and Ultreya 1:30 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Day 2:30 PM  Clausura (Messiah Lutheran Church, 1200 S.Waggoner Rd., Reynoldsburg) 5:20 PM</p>										
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Via de Cristo/Curcillo/Kairos/Chrysalis/Emmaus Weekends around the USA  
 Secretariat Palanca Cha Sherryl Patterson shares the news of these Weekends so that you may consider praying for them as you do for our Weekends

May 7-10, 2015	Women's VdC	West Fargo, ND	<b>What is palanca? What is a palanca letter? A palanca letter is one that is sent to the PILGRIMS and team, informing them of the prayers, affection and sacrifices that you are offering to God on their behalf. A letter may be sent explaining what type of palanca is being offered, but the letter is NOT the palanca. The actual palanca is the action - intercessory prayer, sacrifice, or works of mercy or love, and it can be done without writing a letter. But letters are good!</b>
May 7-10, 2015	Men's #3 (Spanish)	Anderson, IN	
May 7-10, 2015	Men's #64	Assisi, ITALY	
May 7-10, 2015	Men's #167	Bologna, ITALY	
May 7-10, 2015	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Palleja, SPAIN	
May 7-10, 2015	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Los Angeles, CA	
May 7-10, 2015	Cursillo #110	Liverpool, ENGLAND	
June 4-7, 2015	Men's VdC	Fridley, MN	
June 11-14, 2015	Women's VdC	Fridley, MN	

Here's a charming Faith Story which you may already have received via the internet. YOU share it too.

**Shirley & Marcy**

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son, Timmy, walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. The neighbor said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?' Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.' The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?' 'That's just Shirley Goodnest ,' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy'. "Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?' 'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says,'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!'

*The Lord bless you and keep you;*

*The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;*

*The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

*May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always!*

**Clergy Experience #2** is Monday – Thursday, October 5 – 8, 2015 at St. Peter and Paul Retreat Center.  
 Rector Chuck Fahnestock

**Co-ed Weekend** is coming Thursday – Sunday, October 22-25, 2015 at Camp Mowana in Mansfield.  
 Rector Dave Lann

### Past Team Photos Needed

If you've been on the new Via de Cristo of Ohio Web site ([www.vdcoho.org](http://www.vdcoho.org)) lately you may have noticed that we are in the process of posting all of the past weekend photos. During the course of this project, we have discovered that we are missing some photos from our archives and need your help. Below is a list of those weekends for which we need pictures. If you have any of these photographs safely tucked away, would you please consider sharing them with me? You can either send me the actual photo (which I can return once scanned if you would prefer) or email me a high-resolution scan (either in PDF or JPEG format). These photos are an important part of our history, and my goal is to have all weekends represented online for everyone to enjoy. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

#### Missing Men's Pictures:

- #10, October 11 - 14, 1984
- #11, April 25 - 28, 1985
- #12, October 10 - 13, 1985
- #16, October 8 - 11, 1987
- #27, April 29 - May 3, 1993
- #39, April 29-May 2, 1999

#### Missing Women's Pictures:

- #1, November 8 - 11, 1979
- #3, April 29 - May 2, 1982
- #24, October 28 - 31, 1993

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**"My word . . . will not return . . . without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it."**

**Isaiah 55:11**