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Grace and peace be with you on your Fourth Day journey,

Those of us who attended the NLS Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, were blessed to meet fellow Christians devoted to witness Jesus Christ. We gained valuable information about our journey in our fourth day activities. Our Keynote speaker, The Reverend Joe Nilsen expressed it this way, "Refocus the energy from the weekend to the Fourth Day. We will not taste the bounty of God's grace until we do the Fourth Day as we do the weekend."

Sponsorship begins at the closing to our weekend. We voiced our commitment to "make a friend," "be a friend," and "bring that friend to Christ" by responding that Christ is counting on you. Through our actions and study, participation in Reunion and Ultreya Groups, we maintain that piety that God expects of us. We commit ourselves to "do His will."

Now as community, you are the source to sponsor pilgrims. The Secretariat has established dates for team formation and weekend pilgrimages and has provided leadership training and rector/rectora training to fulfill the mission of our call as Christians – TO WITNESS.

Can we count on you to provide prayers, support, pilgrims, resources, and more prayer for the weekends? New brochures have been printed to help you do your action. Do the following:

1. Give your friend an application and follow through the sponsor process.
2. Pray for the team, pilgrims, and community daily and commit yourself to a time period during the weekends by sending your signup times to sandyjr@donet.com and
3. Provide palanca and resources for the weekend. If you are not sponsoring someone, consider supporting the expenses of the team and pilgrims through a financial gift or providing food or meal needs for the weekend.

Chuck Fahnestock, Rector of Men's weekend # 71, October 11-14, and Gloria Kemmet, Rectora of Women's Weekend #74, November 15-18, have put their teams together. They are forming their teams through series of team meetings into cohesive units, committed to serve Jesus Christ by serving the Pilgrims and each other on the weekends. We need to give them a purpose

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PLEASE NOTE: Questions or suggestion--please call any Secretariat member. Anyone from the community is welcome to attend Secretariat meetings. The next meeting is September 8, 2012 at 9:30 am.

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– SPONSOR A PILGRIM. It would help us if you could send completed applications to Via De Cristo of Ohio, PO Box 53081, Cincinnati, OH 45253 by September 15 or no later than October 6 for men, and by October 18 or no later than November 10 for women.

We are counting on you!

Christ is counting on you!!

God Loves You and So Do !!!

Raleigh Sandy
Assistant Lay Director

UPCOMING VIA de CRISTO WEEKENDS

Men's Events	Scheduled Date	Location	Target Registration Date	Last Registration Date
Men's #71	October 11-14, 2012	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	September 13, 2012	September 27, 2012
Men's #72	April 18-21, 2013	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	March 21, 2013	April 4, 2013
Men's #73	August 8 – 11, 2013	St. Leonard's Retreat Center Avon, Ohio	July 11, 2013	July 25, 2013
Women's Events	Scheduled Date	Location	Target Registration Date	Last Registration Date
Women's #74	November 15-18, 2012	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	October 18, 2012	November 1, 2012
Women's #75	May 2 – 5, 2013	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	April 4, 2013	April 18, 2013
Women's #76	August 15-18, 2013	St. Leonard's Retreat Center Avon, Ohio	July 18, 2013	August 1, 2013

Has your Reunion Group considered being co-sponsors of a Pilgrim?

Get on the Web – Ohio Via de Cristo www.viadecristooh.org

National Via de Cristo Website www.viadecristo.org

Kairos Website www.kairosohio.org



Upcoming Meeting Dates in OHIO

Bellville	Second Sundays Even-numbered months 5:30 pm	St. Paul Lutheran Church 48 Church Street Bellville, OH 44813	Joel Marhenke (419) 567-8432 jjmarhenke@earthlink.net
Boardman (Youngstown Area)	Held at 7:00 PM on third Saturday of odd-numbered months	Boardman United Methodist Church 6809 Market Street Boardman, OH 44512	Sue Drewette gduzbraille@sbcglobal.net
Cincinnati	First Saturday each month At 4:30 pm	Trinity Lutheran Church 1553 Kinney Avenue Mt. Healthy, OH 45231	Kevin Hoch (513) 931-8797 khoch@cinci.rr.com
Clayton	Held at 6:30PM on the third Saturday of each month. (Pot luck at 6:00)	United Christian Church 8611 Hoke Road Clayton, OH 45315	Wes Scoates (937) 837-1683 Scoatesw@aol.com
Columbus	Information to be announced	Messiah Lutheran Church 1200 Waggoner Rd. Reynoldsburg, OH 43685	Jim Wilson (614) 367-6545 jandcwilson@gmail.com
Dayton	Held at 7:00PM on the second Saturday of each month.	Abiding Christ Lutheran Church 326 East Dayton-Yellow Springs Road Fairborn, OH 45324	Ann Hughes (937) 431-1087 amhughes722@sbcglobal.net
Kent	September Ultreya Information to be announced	Trinity Lutheran Church 600 South Water Street Kent, OH 44224	Dave Lann (330) 296-6929 vdclann@yahoo.com
Parma	September Ultreya Information to be announced	Divinity Lutheran Church 11877 Blossom Avenue Parma Heights, OH 44130	Loretta Cross Home (440) 842-4499 Work (440) 845-2060
Western Reserve – Seven Hills	Held at 7:00PM on the second Saturday of each month.	Seven Hills United Methodist Church 7593 Elmhurst Drive Seven Hills, OH 44131	Vince Mallen (440) 257-2235 vince.mallen@yahoo.com
Western Reserve - Mentor	Held at 7:00PM on the fourth Saturday of each month	Mentor United Methodist Church 8600 Mentor Avenue Mentor, OH 44060-5874	Vince Mallen (440) 257-2235 vince.mallen@yahoo.com

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@earthlink.net or at (419) 886-4420 or (419) 571-6315 with information or with the name of someone else who might have the information. Ultreyas may involve other Fourth-Day movements besides Via de Cristo.

If you have not served on a Weekend but would like to in the future, or have not served recently, please contact Lay Director Cathy Doering at Cdoering1@aol.com or (330)239-0027. (You must attend Leaders' School before serving on a weekend.)

OTHER VIA de CRISTO ACTIVITIES

Secretariat Meeting at 9:30 am on Saturday, September 29, held at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Lewis Center

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

It is an honor to be called as Rector for the Men’s Weekend #71. Forming the team has not been without challenges, but we have been blessed with a strong, gifted group of men who have answered the call to service for the weekend.

I was making phone calls to men of the community to serve on weekend while I was traveling with a co-worker. Mike became quite interested in the details of the weekend, the number of people involved, and the time required to make it all come together. I left a number of messages for men to contact me, and Mike said, “You’re asking these guys to give up four Saturdays, plus an entire weekend to hold the program? Why would anybody do that? Nobody is going to call you back.” I was confident when I told him, “Many of them may not be able to serve, but they will all call back.” And they did!

I knew the men I phoned would call back because our community believes that Via de Cristo truly does make a difference for Christ. It is with a servant’s heart that we do the work of VdC. Our purpose is not to hold weekends, but **to give men and women who love our Lord the tools to become powerful servants of Christ.** This is why we hold weekends...we serve to prepare others to serve.

With your continued help and support, I am looking forward to a wonderful and Christ-filled weekend for our pilgrims, and I give thanks for all of you who give so freely of your time, your prayers, and your gifts to make Via de Cristo possible... **to make a difference for Christ.**

God Loves You and So Do I,

Chuck Fahnstock

Team Members for Men’s Weekend #71

<u>Name</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Church</u>
Chuck Fahnstock	Rector	Arise in Christ, Donnelsville
Don Piddock	Head Cha	Light of Christ Lutheran., Fairborn
Pastor Peter Kruse	Lead Spiritual Director	Arise in Christ, Donnelsville
Pastor Doug Fidler	Spiritual Director	Trinity Lutheran, Kent
Mel Musser	Chapel Cha	Arise in Christ, Donnelsville
Dan Brill	Music Cha	St. Andrews Anglican
Raleigh Sandy	Palanca Cha	Abiding Christ Lutheran., Fairborn
Dick Brennehan	Gofer Cha	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Zane Ziegler	Kitchen Cha	Emmanuel Lutheran., North. Georgetown
Paul Dyer	Kitchen Cha	Lighthouse of Faith, Lore City
Mike Worthington	Kitchen Cha	Abiding Christ Lutheran., Fairborn
Doug Hertlein	Head Rollo Room	Peace Lutheran., Canal Winchester
Ken Bailey	Rollo Room Cha	Arise in Christ Lutheran., Donnelsville
Rich Renken	Rollo Room Cha	Abiding Christ Lutheran., Fairborn
Bob Sauer	Rollo Room Cha	Good Shepherd, Kettering
Sandy Mueller	Ideal Rollo	Northside Fellowship, Worthington
Mark Timberlake	Laity Rollo	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Jeff Albrektson	Piety Rollo	Abiding Christ Lutheran., Fairborn
Mel Hall	Study Rollo	Hope Lutheran, Sunbury
Toby Troup	Action Rollo	Vineyard, Dayton
Norbert Peiker	Leaders Rollo	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Dave Lann	Environment	Trinity Lutheran, Kent
Kevin Hoch	CCA Rollo	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy
Fred Schneider	Silent Professor	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy
Sandy Mueller	Observing Rector	Northside Fellowship, Worthington
Mark & Susan Kannerwischer	Fourth Day Couple	Living Word, Galena



For Future Rectors and Rectoras

Did you ever wonder what are the qualifications to serve as a Rector/Rectora on a weekend?

Eligibility to be asked to serve requires that you:

- > have served on a minimum of four weekends (two in cha positions and two giving Rollos)
- > are currently participating in a reunion group and attending Ultreyas (if available in your area)
- > possess effective communication and leadership skills as well as basic knowledge of Word and Excel computer programs.

This does not automatically mean you will be a Rector/Rectora. There is prayerful consideration by Secretariat in choosing the leaders of each weekend. If you have any questions on this, please speak with any Secretariat member. If you meet the qualifications and would like to place your name on a potential Rector/Rectora list, please contact our Ohio Lay Director, Cathy Doering, at 330-239-0027 or by e-mail at cdoering1@aol.com.

Reporting on the National Lutheran Secretariat in America Meeting

From Ohio Via de Cristo, Cathy Doering, Raleigh Sandy, Donna Gough, Pastor Ed Simonsen and Pastor Al Sager attended the 2012 NLSAM in Denver, Colorado, July 26-29, where they joined delegations from 33 other Via de Cristo secretariats from across the United States.

This year the NLS celebrated the 40th anniversary of Lutheran weekends being held in our country by focusing on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19: *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.* This theme served as a reminder that piety, study and action are the three legs of the tripod, the balanced foundation of a 4th day lived in God's grace.

Nearly 200 participants attended business meetings, seminars, forums, and worship services in which both clergy and laity emphasized the importance of strengthening our 4th day regular attendance in reunion groups and at Ultreyas. Pastor Joe Nilsen, who attended his Lutheran Cursillo weekend in 1972, presented the key note address entitled "It's Not about the Experience; It's about the Journey." It is important to remember that we hold weekends in order to involve people in reunion groups; we do not attend reunion groups so we can hold weekends!

One of the greatest highlights of this 2012 NLSAM was the ceremonial passing of the host banner on Saturday evening from Denver to Florida for the 2013 NLSAM, which will be held July 25-28, 2013, West Palm Beach. Next year's NLSAM promises to be a huge blessing for all of us.

Region 5 Secretariats, of which Ohio Via de Cristo is a part, are currently looking at locations and resources to see if either the 2014 or 2016 NLSAM meetings can be held in our Region. We last hosted the National meeting in 2003. If you have interest in participating, please contact Cathy Doering.



Total Security in the 4th Day-Can I talk with you about Group Reunion?

Dear friends,

These are exciting times for the Via de Cristo of Ohio. Our God reigns!

Recently there was an inquiry by someone trying to locate a group reunion in the northeast part of the state. This is a great opportunity to find out more about our small group meetings.

Perseverance in His presence can be achieved by participating in a grouping fellowship. You may recall that there are mainly three dangers we face in this effort of **perseverance**. The remedy for these dangers is two fold:

An ongoing relationship with Christ (John 15:5)

An ongoing relationship with brothers and sisters (Matthew 18:20, Hebrews 10:24-25) Two friends are stronger than the sum of two individuals.

The purpose of the group, in order to persevere, is to be in a community with others striving to live the life of Christ.

Please help the community to persevere, by letting me know about your group.....

By being mindful of your group, and whether or not it is open to other cursillistas, we can continue to kindle the fire.

Please email me the following information @ vdcofohiocoach@yahoo.com

When does the group meet? _____

Where does the group meet? _____

How many typically meet? _____

Is the group currently open or closed to additional members? _____

Is the group gender specific? _____

Additional Comments _____

Please help the community to persevere, by letting me know if you are looking for a group.....

I am interested in joining a group _____

Location/area _____

Preferred day/time _____

Contact information _____

The Group Reunion is that which, when lived, becomes a Christian community.

If we seek total security in the 4th day, we must be intentional in the pursuit.

Please let me know about your reunion group,...or if you are looking for one to attend.

It all matters,...and will make a difference,....thanks for helping.

To our precious Savior, be all the glory!

Your humble friend in Christ,

Warren (Butch) Seeley

Via de Cristo of Ohio coach