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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Trusting in the Lord, I have agreed to rerun as your Lay Director. I have not taken this responsibility lightly, and I have often asked for your prayers in my correspondence with you. This year will be no different, either with my election or the election of another person. Prayers are the backbone of this movement and they are needed. Thank you, Lord for this community!

Over the last year, we have had several people resign from secretariat; I am grateful for their wonderful service to this Via de Cristo. Others have agreed to fill their shoes, not always an easy task. But we have a good board, some with many years of experience, others new, some men and some women. We can do all things through Jesus Christ our Lord. We are counting on him to help us.

We each face the challenge of twenty four hours in a day. That does not change. It is not always easy to make time for reunion group or Ultreyas; yet they are vital to help us walk with the Lord. I recently have had to resign from my Monday Morning Reunion Group to be available to help my parents. I am looking into another reunion group. Many of you have let me know you need a reunion group. Groups are needed in Wooster, Brunswick, Akron and probably other places as well. If you would be willing to add members to your reunion group, please let me know. We will try to post some groups on our newly designed website. If you are looking for a group, please let me know your area.

We have also started to keep a donor page in each newsletter. We are grateful for the people who remember us with the gifts of money, especially during these uncertain times. We are grateful for the teams that assemble and that pay their way to work a weekend. So many people in the VdC community come together to host the team meetings with refreshments, lunches, dinners, etc. Our weekends could not happen without you. More importantly your prayers for the weekends are invaluable. By sending notes or letters to the pilgrims as well as to team, you encourage us all. There are numerous other ways that you help to inspire us. Praise God for this wonderful community.

Please come join us for a potluck luncheon for the Annual Meeting, listen to Pastor Al Sager give us a message, and worship with us as Pastor Ed Simonsen leads us. Music will be led by Mary McGinnis; all musicians are welcome. We will vote on Lay Director and Secretary this year. The rest of the board is appointed, and I am grateful for their continued support.

I like to share examples from my Fourth Day. In our weekly Bible study at my church, we are studying Romans. There is so much there to read and understand. It's interesting that Paul writes to them but yet has never visited them. He wants to go but needs to go to Jerusalem first. He hopes that the Romans will finance

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

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his trip to bring the Word of the Lord to Spain. We have only just started this book, but it is exciting to hear his words.

On Sunday mornings, we are studying Adam Hamilton's Christianity and World Religions. You might remember Pastor Adam has written [When Christians get it Wrong](#). We studied that last year and it was a terrific book. There are so many good books out there – the best being the Bible! Do you read it? I have down loaded it onto my Kindle so I have it with me especially when I travel.

At St. Paul – Sharon Center, we are in the midst of talking about renovations. It sometimes happens when part of your building is over one hundred years old. A book, [Ask, Thank and Tell](#) was recommended to us. It really is a book about stewardship, and I have only read the first two chapters but it is awesome! Each and every member is important to the body of Christ.

Last year, one of my projects (new ideas are always welcome and require someone to get them started) was to help our Sharing Center (food pantry). So our Prayer Shawl – Scarf Ministry was formed. We met twice a month to knit or crochet scarves for the people who use our pantry. We spend some time in fellowship, prayer and have fun working on these projects. These scarves have helped the people who use the pantry to keep warm – even though we have had a mild winter. We have made several prayer shawls that have been given to members who experience a loss or a miracle.

Once again, we ask for your help. Could you send us an article on the impact of your weekend on your life? Was it the first time you ever heard that Jesus died *just for you*, all this *just for you*? If you have never taken the time to write an encouraging note to someone, please do. After my weekend, I did this regularly for my Pastor, and when he moved on to another church, he was able to pass on the encouragement he received. We all need each other and community.

I have been blessed to be your Lay Director for the past two years. I hope and pray that your walk with the Lord be a blessing to you and others in your life.

Cathy Doering  
Lay Director

Will you share with the Via de Cristo Community how God has reached into your soul? Will you tell us how He has touched you, either on you Weekend or during your Fourth Day since your Weekend? Perhaps you can tell about how He has used you to touch someone else in His name. Your story can be simple or grand. Send it to me at [vdcnewsletterohio@earthlink.net](mailto:vdcnewsletterohio@earthlink.net) or to Editor Nancy Martin, 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813.

**Did you recently move or get a new email address?  
Did you cancel your home phone or get a new cell phone number?  
Have you changed your name or joined a new church?**

**If you answered yes to any of the above questions, we need to hear from you!  
If you know anyone else to whom this applies, we'd like to hear from you!**

We are in the process of updating our membership roster and have noticed a lot has changed over the past few years. If it's been a while since you were on a team or attended a weekend, we ask that you take a moment to email\* our Archivist, Christine Brill, at [goosebrill@msn.com](mailto:goosebrill@msn.com), with the below information:

- Name (include former name if it has changed)
- Weekend # (please note movement if attended weekend other than OH-VdC)
- Mailing Address

- Birthday
- Phone (indicate home &/or cell)
- Email address
- Church Name & City

Also, we are always looking for individuals to serve as music chas and spiritual directors. If you play an instrument or are an ordained clergyperson that has yet to be identified, please let Christine know.

You can be assured that all information is kept in the strictest confidence and is only used for Via de Cristo purposes.

**Via de Cristo of Ohio**  
**Roster Update Information Sheet**

*Please Print Legibly*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend # \_\_\_\_\_ (*please note movement if attended weekend other than OH VdC*)

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name & City \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information:**

Clergy: (*please circle*) Yes No

Musician: (*please circle*) Yes No Instrument(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interesting in serving on a Team? (*please circle*) Yes No

Have you attended Leader School? (*please circle*) Yes No

Which of the below best describes your Geographical Area? (*please circle all that apply*)

Bellville      Cincinnati      Clayton      Columbus      Dayton

Kent      Mentor      Parma      Western Reserve      Youngstown

\*Please send all changes to Christine Brill, 3216 E Powell Rd, Lewis Center OH 43035 or email [goosebrill@msn.com](mailto:goosebrill@msn.com), subject VdC-OH Roster Update Rev Nov 2011

## UPCOMING VIA de CRISTO EVENTS

<b>Via de Cristo Annual Meeting</b>		<b>January 28, 2012 11:30 am</b>		<b>Messiah Lutheran Church Reynoldsburg, OH</b>
<b>Leader's School</b>		<b>Saturday February 18, 2012</b>		<b>Living Word Lutheran Church</b>
<p><b>Leader's School Saturday, February 18, 2012 Living Word Lutheran Church 7539 Dustin Rd. , Galena, Ohio</b></p> <p><b>The first Leader's School for 2012 will be held on Saturday, February 18 at Living Word from 9 AM - 3 PM. Please pray about attending this day school for preparation to be called to be on a Via de Cristo Team. More information and registration form are available later in this Newsletter. Have any questions? Please email Jane Koch at <a href="mailto:jekoch@neo.rr.com">jekoch@neo.rr.com</a>.</b></p>				
Event	Scheduled Date	Location	4 Week Cut-Off Date	2 Week Cutoff Date
Men's #70	April 19-22, 2012	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	March 22, 2012	April 5, 2012
Men's #71	October 11-14, 2012	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	September 13, 2012	September 27, 2012
Women's #73	May 17-20, 2012	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	April 29, 2012	May 3, 2012
Women's # 74	November 15-18, 2012	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	October 18, 2012	November1, 2012

**Directions to Messiah Lutheran Church: From I-71 take I-270 east. From I-270 take US-40 east to Waggoner Road. Go left (north) on Waggoner Road to the church.**

<b>Annual Meeting Via de Cristo Of Ohio</b>			
<b>Saturday, January 28, 2012 Messiah Lutheran Church 1200 Waggoner Rd., Reynoldsburg, Ohio messiahlutheran.net</b>			
<b>Join your brothers and sisters in Christ to add more light to your life during this Epiphany Season!</b>			
<b>Gathering:</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Pot Luck Lunch:</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
<b>PROGRAM</b>			
<b>Worship Leader: Pastor Ed Simonsen</b>			
<b>Speaker: Pastor Al Sager</b>			
<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>COMMUNION</b>	<b>SINGING</b>	<b>ELECTION of LAY DIRECTOR and SECRETARY</b>

Pastor Al has given a double title to the talk he expects to give at the annual meeting:

**“Via de Cristo As an Alternative Wake-Up Call for the Soul”**  
Or  
**“Via de Cristo in Relation to a Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life”**

He reports that his talk integrates ideas and musings from three major sources:

1. **Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life** by Richard Rohr
2. **Close to the Bone: Life-Threatening Illness and the Search for Meaning** by Jean Shinodu Bolens, M.D.
3. **The Bible** and years of reflection on matters of spirituality, including over three decades of experience with VdC.

He gives assurance that his work with these resources is producing a talk he’s never given before.

He also gives assurance that even as he has learned much from his talk-producing study, he expects to learn yet more from listening to your responses to his sharings.

A final thought from Pastor Al: Have you ever noticed that arms that are preoccupied with steadying a climber on the ladder of success are thereby less free to give an “*ambrazo*” to a fellow traveler on the way?

He awaits the opportunity to give and receive your hug on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

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Bio on Cathy Doering, candidate for re-election as Lay Director

I made my Via de Cristo weekend in Columbus, November, 2001 #44 where I sat at the table of Esther. I attend St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sharon Center, Ohio. I was on council for six years and was financial secretary and treasurer. I currently am an Assistant Minister, the chair of Mutual Ministry, the chair of the prayer shawl/scarf ministry, and recently was asked to join the new committee in charge of renovations of Fellowship Hall. I attended leader’s school in February, 2002, and worked my first weekend in November of 2002. I was asked to join secretariat by Jim Caldwell in 2006 and have held the archivist position, run leader’s school, and helped with rector school. I have been blessed and humbled to be elected to Lay Director two years ago. I have tried to keep the balance on secretariat of men and women. We have made some changes – monthly newsletters, and ongoing updates to our website to make it more user-friendly. I have been so blessed in my life through spiritual direction and Via de Cristo and would like to continue the work of the Lord in this position.

Bio on Gloria Kemmet, candidate for re-election as Secretary

I made my Via de Cristo weekend in Columbus, May 2003, #48 where I sat at the table of Ruth. I attend Kirkmont Presbyterian Church in Beavercreek, OH where I sing in the choir, serve as a deacon and in member-care ministry as a shepherd. I attended Leader’s School in August of 2003, worked my first weekend in October of 2003 and have served on 5 teams since. I am just finishing a two-year term as Secretary and feel blessed to serve in this position. I want to be faithful to Christ’s call wherever that leads me.

ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION BALLOT

Lay Director

Secretary

Cathy Doering Other \_\_\_\_\_

Gloria Kemmet Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unable to be present at the Via de Cristo 2012 Annual Meeting, you may vote *in absentia* by sending this ballot to Assistant Lay Director Raleigh Sandy at [sandyjr@donet.com](mailto:sandyjr@donet.com) or Via de Cristo, P.O. Box 53081, Cincinnati OH 45283



### 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 <a href="mailto:jjmarhenke@earthlink.net">jjmarhenke@earthlink.net</a>
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 <a href="mailto:gduzbraille@sbcglobal.net">gduzbraille@sbcglobal.net</a>
Cincinnati	Saturday, February 4, 4:30 pm	Trinity Lutheran Church 1553 Kinney Avenue Mt. Healthy, OH 45231	Kevin Hoch (513) 931-8797 <a href="mailto:khoch@cinci.rr.com">khoch@cinci.rr.com</a>
Clayton	Held at 6:30PM on the third Saturday of each month.	United Christian Church 8611 Hoke Road Clayton, OH 45315	Wes Scoates (937) 837-1683 <a href="mailto:Scoatesw@aol.com">Scoatesw@aol.com</a>
Columbus	Information to be announced	Messiah Lutheran Church 1200 Waggoner Rd. Reynoldsburg, OH 43685	Jim Wilson (614) 367-6545 <a href="mailto:jandcwilson@gmail.com">jandcwilson@gmail.com</a>
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 <a href="mailto:amhughes722@sbcglobal.net">amhughes722@sbcglobal.net</a>
Kent	Information to be announced	Trinity Lutheran Church 600 South Water Street Kent, OH 44224	Dave Lann (330) 296-6929 <a href="mailto:vdclann@yahoo.com">vdclann@yahoo.com</a>
Parma	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 <a href="mailto:vince.mallen@yahoo.com">vince.mallen@yahoo.com</a>
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 <a href="mailto:vince.mallen@yahoo.com">vince.mallen@yahoo.com</a>

We wish to Praise God for the following people who have donated money to Via de Cristo.

Mary Ervin  
Cathy Doering

Susan Smith  
Bob Gsellman

Pastor Doug Pretorius  
Dolores Stelzer

We are grateful for your monthly/quarterly support. You are truly helping to build us up and continue with the work the Lord wants us to do.

### A NEW CHALLENGE

For every Dollar donated to Via de Cristo during the month of February, a match will be made up to \$500. This means that, if you donate \$5, this person will match your \$5. Every gift will count up to \$500. Won't you consider giving to Via de Cristo of Ohio? Mail your check payable to Via de Cristo of Ohio to Kip Kanya, Treasurer, VDC of Ohio, 11676 Harrow Place, North Royalton, OH 44133. Thank you!

**Leader's School**  
**Saturday, February 18, 2012**  
**Living Word Lutheran Church**  
**7539 Dustin Rd., Galena, Ohio**  
**9AM - 3PM**

This one day school is for all men and women who have attended a Weekend. The program will include information about the way a weekend "works" and to renew your call to serve as Christ's hands and feet. The cost is \$10 per person. Check should be made out to Via de Cristo of Ohio. The fee along with the registration below needs to be sent to:

**Jane Koch, 109 Lindsey Rd. Munroe Falls, Ohio 44262**  
**on or before Saturday, February 11, 2012**

Please bring your Name Tag, Song Book and Pilgrim's guide with you!

**Registration for Leader's School**  
**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend \_\_\_\_\_ Table \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Jane Koch or e-mail to [jekoch@neo.rr.com](mailto:jekoch@neo.rr.com)

GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO !!!!!