



*Via de Cristo of Ohio Newsletter  
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# *De Colores!*

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## Co-Ed Weekend #2....aka CO2

Co-Ed weekend #2 is gathering steam. Key roles have been staffed. Pilgrims are registering. The Holy Spirit is whispering in many ears.

The weekend is at the retreat center at Camp Otyokwah near Butler, OH (and about 7 miles from Bellville). The Clausura will be held on Sunday, April 30, at St. Paul Lutheran in Bellville. Watch this space for times and addresses as we get closer.

We still need some willing hands and feet for the team. We need to make sure that we don't put all the chapel prayer responsibilities for the weekend on the shoulders of two or three people. Even if you can't make all the team meetings, you can still be of service in the chapel during rollos or on Thursday evening in visiting with Pilgrims to relieve any discomfort by engaging them in conversation.

If you have changed your phone or email address since your weekend, please contact Rector Mike Meier ([mpmeier@hotmail.com](mailto:mpmeier@hotmail.com)), Secretariat Webmaster and Data Collector Christine Brill ([goosebrill@msn.com](mailto:goosebrill@msn.com)), or Newsletter Editor Nancy Martin ([vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com)) to update your contact information. If you have not been contacted in a while about serving on a team it is likely because the phone number and/or email address we have is no longer valid. Mike has made more than 250 phone attempts and multiple email attempts to recruit this team so it isn't for lack of trying and it certainly isn't because you aren't needed or wanted.

The roster of Pilgrims, the time schedule and other details will be in the April Newsletter. However, we can all share in praying for the Weekend, the Team and the Pilgrims whom God has chosen and you will still invite. The basic facts are:

- April 27-30
- Camp Otyokwah (<http://otyokwah.org>) (southeast of Mansfield)
- Rector Mike Meier ([614-753-3685](tel:614-753-3685), [mpmeier@hotmail.com](mailto:mpmeier@hotmail.com))
- Head Cha Jackie Lann
- JOHN 14:1-7
- "I AM the Way"

As you all know, Pilgrims are the critical piece, and right now is the time to talk to those friends, neighbors, family members, and others about this opportunity. We could also use a few more Team members willing to be Chas. Although the Otyokwa staff will provide the meals, we still need servant hands and hearts.

Jesus told us that He is the Way. YOU might be part of the Way for someone and you may not even be aware that they are watching Christ and I am counting on you De Colores!

Mike Meier, CO2 Rector

### Team Members for Co-ed Weekend #2

Role	Name	Church
Rector	Mike Meier	Stonybrook UMC, Gahanna
Head Cha	Jackie Lann	Trinity Lutheran, Kent
Lead Spiritual Director	Pr. Doug Pretorius	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Spiritual Director	Pr. Larry Novak	First Lutheran, Bellefontaine
Spiritual Director	Pr. Robin Ramos	Zion Lutheran, Lafayette
Ideal Rollo	Kip Kanya	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Heights
Laity Rollo	Carol Pretorius	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Piety Rollo	Carlo Cherubini	St. Andrews Anglican, Lewis Center
Study Rollo	Sandy Mueller	Northside Fellowship, Westerville
Apostolic Action Rollo	Vicky Sakala	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Leaders Rollo	Beth Reynolds	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow
Environment Rollo	Nancy Schuman	Good Shepherd Episcopal, Lyndhurst
Christian Community In Action Rollo	Kevin Hoch	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy
Chapel Cha	Donna Ruark	River Valley Life Center, Lancaster
Head Room Room Cha	Dave Lann	Trinity Lutheran, Kent
Rollo Room Cha	Sally Meier	Stonybrook UMC, Gahanna
Rollo Room Cha	Paul Sakala	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Music Cha	Pam Newman	Vineyard Chruch, Columbus
Palanca Cha	Jeri Shobel	Trinity Lutheran, Girard
Gofer Cha	Duane Galloway	Clay Memorial Lutheran, Mansfield
Fourth Day Couple	Josie and Ken Riling	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville

#### “VDC Weekend Materials on the Move”

Now that the Ohio VDC no longer uses the Columbus Center, our weekend materials are being stored and transported from place to place in personal vehicles. The Secretariat has been putting money aside to purchase a covered trailer with which to store and deliver the materials to and from the various sites around Ohio.

The Ohio VDC Secretariat is looking to purchase a covered watertight trailer of approximately 400sqft which would be used to hold all of the weekend materials as well as the temporary wall panels. In this manner the materials can be packed and moved easily by anyone with a class III or IV hitch. If anyone knows of a quality used one for sale or has one they may wish to donate, please let Mark Ludrosky, Logistics Coordinator, or Lay Director Warren Seeley know. Contact Mark at [mludrosky1@neo.rr.com](mailto:mludrosky1@neo.rr.com) or 330-671-1940. Reach Warren at [harleyrider751@ymail.com](mailto:harleyrider751@ymail.com) or 614-332-1357.

PS Perhaps someone artistic would volunteer to paint it?

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Co-ed Weekend # 2 April 27-30 at Camp Otyokwa southeast of Mansfield

VdC Ohio Annual Meeting June 17 at Mt.Gilead State Park Pavilion #1

VdC National Gathering July 27-30 at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem NC

Men's Weekend #75 August 3-6 at St. Leonard's Retreat Center in Avon

Rector Fred Gessell, Head Cha Doug Burrows, Spiritual Directors Pr. Paul Schmidlin and Pr. Gerry Gosnell

Women's Weekend #79 August 17-20 at St. Leonard's Retreat Center  
Rectora and Team TBD

Co-Ed Weekend #3 and Clergy Experience #3 in development for 2018

Further information for ALL of these will be in upcoming Newsletters

*In Memoriam*

Please join us as we remember the below Via de Cristo of Ohio members who we recently learned entered the 5<sup>th</sup> Day.

*Rhonda Neely-Myers*

(Feb 15, 1969—May 6, 2014)

*Jeanne Haynes*

(Feb 20, 1935—Jan 28, 2017)

*Lucy Gesell*

(Jan 13, 1941—Feb 7, 2017)

*Dotty Sund*

(Feb 20, 1935—Feb 13, 2017)

**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.**

~2 Timothy 4:7 NASB

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

~Matthew 5:4 NRSV

If you know of a Cursillista who has recently entered the Church Triumphant, please let Christine Brill know so that we can honor their memory as well as update our records.

*These women lived their faith and shared it wherever they were. What is a story of faith you could share with others? Remember your thoughts when you heard the stories in the rollos on your Weekend? Someone you'd invite to a weekend can have that experience. Or you could help provide the experience as a Team member. You also know how you feel when you read the faith stories in the Newsletter. Help someone else to feel that way. Send your story by email to [vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or by US Mail to 4025 Andrews Rd., Bellville, 44813*

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Think of the impact you—along with other eligible Thrivent members—can help make by directing Choice Dollars to Via de Cristo of Ohio. The outreach funding we receive from Thrivent Financial through this program can help us defray the cost of weekends or the purchase a gently used trailer to store and move our supplies.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2017, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity!

Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Together, we can do even more to help strengthen communities and change lives.

## VdC Ohio Annual Meeting on Saturday June 17

The Ohio VDC annual meeting will be held this year on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Mt Gilead State Park Pavilion #1 with fellowship starting at 1:00 pm. The annual business meeting itself will begin at 2:00pm followed by Worship with Holy Communion, and the pot luck dinner will begin at 3:00pm. The Ohio VDC Secretariat will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers and a selection of drinks. Please bring with you a side dish or picnic snacks or dessert to share. We will have 25 tables and there are a bunch of electrical outlets available. We will have music, live and digitized, to lift our thanks to the Lord in song.

The fun can go all evening! We will be setting up activities for everyone after the dinner. If you have corn-hole boards, bocce, basketballs, Frisbee golf discs, etc., please bring them to share and enjoy. We have a nice fireplace in the pavilion where we can roast marshmallows and sing around the fire into the evening hours.

The Mt Gilead State Park is located east of the City of Mt. Gilead off of route 95 west from I 71. The Park has 59 camping sites available if you would like to make a weekend out of the meeting. The very nice web site for the park is

<http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/mountgilead>. From there you can get directions, a park map and make your reservations for your camp site. This web site is very well done so you can see which sites are available and where they are located if you want to reserve close to each other. The camping sites are \$25/ night and have electric only or full camper hook ups.

There are two cabins but only one is available since I have one booked already for my family over the weekend. It is \$32 per night. Everything is first come first serve, so reserve your campsite right away! Those who pray together should also play together! **GLYASDI**

Mark Ludrosky, Logistics Coordinator

## Ultreya News

An Ultreya is planned for spring at Divinity Lutheran Church, for the **Parma/Cleveland area**.

More information coming. Contact Leslie Crowe, [leslie.crowe@aol.com](mailto:leslie.crowe@aol.com) or 440-842-7409 or Judy Junker, [JudyJJunkmail@aol.com](mailto:JudyJJunkmail@aol.com) or 440-845-2115 with questions.

Ultreyas in the **Akron-Kent area** of Ohio are often the third Saturday of a month, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kent, at 4:30 pm at 600 S. Water Street, and potluck will be included. For more information, please call Dave Lann, 330-296-6929, or Pr. Doug Fidler, 330-673-5445.

**Cincinnati area** Ultreyas are usually the first Saturday of each month at 4:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Healthy. Address is 1553 Kinney Avenue, Cincinnati 45231. For questions, please call Kevin Hoch, 513-931-8797.

**Bellville** Ultreya will be the second Sundays of January, April, July and October at 3:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church Street, Bellville 44813. Worship, Holy Communion, Potluck with table service and drinks provided. Call Ken & Josie Riling, 419-886-2437, or Paul & Vicky Sakala, 419-884-1573 for questions.

**North Dayton** Ultreyas are usually the third Saturdays of every month at 7pm at the United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd, Clayton, OH 45315. (Bring snack to share.) For questions, please call Wes Scoates at 937 533-7605.

### COLUMBUS ULTREYA IS RESURRECTED

Once each quarter, From 5:30pm-8:30pm, All at All Shepherds Lutheran Church, 6580 Columbus Pike [RT 23] Lewis Center, Ohio. 43035.

Saturday March 11, 2017      Saturday September 23, 2017      Saturday December 9, 2017

For more information contact Warren [614.332.1357](tel:614.332.1357) or Wendy [614.332.1352](tel:614.332.1352) Seeley.

(For assistance to find or form a Reunion Group for your Pilgrim—or yourself—contact Fourth Day shepherd Dave Lann, [vdclann@yahoo.com](mailto:vdclann@yahoo.com) or 330-296-6929. He can look in the VdC Archive for names of people in your area and give you their most recent contact information.

## A Letter from VdC Ohio Lay Director Warren (Butch) Seeley

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am truly excited about our upcoming gathering at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., July 27-30<sup>th</sup> 2017. The hosting committee is working hard and preparations are being made for your arrival. Come and see.

The Via de Cristo methodology works and bears fruit, fruit that can last. It is fitting to gather as community celebrating the impact being made for Christ in each of our respective environments. Come and see.

Do you have it on your calendar? Never been to a National Gathering? Have you invited someone who hasn't been or hasn't been for a while? Come and see.

The annual gathering is a great time to re-kindle. We experience- Worship, Orientation, Keynote Address, Business Meetings, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Photos, Evening Vespers, Fellowship & Hospitality, Forums, Dialogues, Regional Meetings...sharing ideas, recharge the batteries, community love & support, catching up with old friends, making some new friends, and so much more.

Trying to explain the annual gathering is like trying to explain a Via de Cristo Weekend. It has to be experienced. Come and see.

The hosting committee has chosen the following Bible verse as the foundational theme for this year's gathering: ***Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with inexpressible and glorious joy-1 Peter 8-9 NIV***

Love, belief and joy in Jesus.

Peter is writing to the Christians in the northern part of Asia Minor. These Christians were being persecuted for their faith, so Peter wrote to encourage them. He urges them to remember how much Jesus suffered for them, to trust God, and to live Holy lives as a response to the gospel. He goes on to tell them how they can live as Christians in this sinful world and have hope for the future. (This is Perseverance in the fourth day).

Love, belief and joy in Jesus the true vine.

I look forward to seeing you in North Carolina. Come and see!

Jesus is Lord,  
 Warren (Butch) Seeley  
 Lay Director, Via de Cristo of Ohio  
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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!**

Secretariat meetings for 2017 will be in person at 10am in March, May, July, September and November. They will be by conference call at 10am in February, April, June, August, and October.

VdC Prayer Chain is [prayingforvdc@gmail.com](mailto:prayingforvdc@gmail.com) or by phone at 419-884-1573. Vicky Sakala is Prayer Chain Cha.

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 [vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or 419-886-4420 or 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813.



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