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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our weekends are quickly arriving and we are still depending on that other person to bring a friend to Christ. Do we recall those words on the back of our cross? So many of us have become too busy to recognize that "Christ is counting on you" means something more than words on a cross. In our struggling environment, so many are looking for a way of life that can feed and comfort them in their daily lives. Most just need a simple friend for guidance and someone they can trust to care for the few needs they have left in their difficult life.

At this writing, we have ten firm names for the men and one more working the final paperwork. We have three women who have completed paperwork and zero pending. Have you talked to God about sharing Christ with a friend? Have you looked for that friend? Have you talked to God about your friend before talking to that friend about God?

If you have completed that process, now is the time to sponsor that friend for a weekend where you can spend time together with Christ. The weekend gives your friend a process whereby he or she can have a closer relationship with Christ. "In the friend relationship, they are made friends of Christ as we share the message of Christ through the Word." Many of us stop at this point and think that we have completed Christ's call; but "Christ is counting on you" to continue that gift you have just given to your friend. We continue the Fourth Day together in prayer, Reunion Groups, worship, study, and Ultreyas. We continue our outreach to others.

As community, let us make an effort to have a waiting list of our new friends to attend a selected weekend. Let's support our teams by having a list of pilgrims in advance of team formation. By doing so, we can pray for our team, sponsors, and pilgrims as we go through team formation and weekend process. We will provide our weekend team a purpose for their effort and not fear the cancellation of our purpose.

CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!

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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. The next meeting is May 12, 2012 at 9:30 am.

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A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR OF MEN’S WEEKEND #70

Dear Community of Believers,

Greetings and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In a few days, the group of men representing Via de Cristo Men’s # 70 will gather at the Cum Cristo Center in Columbus. As I reflect and wait on His mighty works,... I can’t help but be thankful.

What has this movement meant to you?

What has it meant to me?

I can’t speak for you,...but let me write what the Ohio Via de Cristo has done for me. It was a spiritual awakening, and a rekindling to serve the real true ideal. During the weekend I identified my true Ideal, I experienced His grace, I began to understand my role as laity in the church, I experienced more of His grace, I began to understand piety and study, I experienced more of His grace, I learned of Apostolic action, I learned the obstacles to His grace, I learned what it means to be a leader, how to influence my environment, I widened my understanding of the Christian community, I experienced yet more of His grace, I learned of the ways, i.e. the "tools" of group reunion and Ultreya,.....and yet more and more of His love and grace.

Christ is counting on US, to make a friend, be a friend, and bring a that friend to Christ.

The Via de Cristo is a way to sustain and grow in our relationship with our Lord. It is "The way of Christ". Like many of you, I use the Pilgrim’s guide, re-read my old notes from my weekend, or re-read my old palanca. These are all blessings, but to me, they represent a part of a larger event. The Via de Cristo experience is hard to put into words, but sometimes the faces of the Pilgrims at the closure each evening say it all.

I thank God my Sponsors asked me to attend; what a beautiful gift!

I give all praise and honor to God for what he does, ...and what He will do!

What will this movement mean to the Pilgrims?

In Christ,

Warren (Butch) Seeley
Co-Rector with Christ, Men’s # 70

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 19

Pilgrims arrive at Cum Cristo Center at 7:00PM.

Friday, April 20

Ideal	10:15AM
Habitual Grace	11:25AM
Laity	1:50PM
Actual Grace	3:00PM
Piety	4:45PM

Saturday, April 21

Study	9:00AM
Grace Filled Days	10:20AM
Apostolic Action	1:40PM
Obstacles to Grace	2:55PM
Leaders	4:25PM

Serenade Practice will be held at Linden Lutheran Church 5:00PM

Serenade 6:30PM

Sunday, April 22

Wakeup Serenade (Gather Quietly in Kitchen Prior) 6:00AM

Environment	9:20AM
CCA	10:20AM
Life in Grace	12:00PM
Group Reunion/Ultreya	1:50PM

Closing Will Be Held at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1200 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg 5:00PM

Ohio Men's Weekend #70

April 19-22, 2012

PLEASE PRAY for THESE MEN

Men's Team #70			Pilgrims and Sponsors		
Name	Call	Church	Name	Sponsor	Church/City
Warren Seeley	Rector	Upper Arlington Lutheran	Ron Florer	Sandy Mueller	Living Word
Dean Gatton	Head Cha	Vineyard Church, Columbus	Tom Girard	Stephen	Lutheran, Galena
Rev. Doug Pretorius	Spiritual Director	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville		Stattler	St. Andrew
Rev. Jim Stadler	Spiritual Director	Hope Lutheran, Sunbury	Ryan Wilcox	Warren &	Anglican, Lewis Ctr.
Karl Petzinger	Chapel Cha	Christ Lutheran, Bexley		Wendy Seeley	Vineyard Church,
Toby Troup	Music Cha	Vineyard Church, Dayton	Joseph Oldham	Bob Sauer	Columbus
Brian Howman	Palanca Cha	Harlem Rd. Methodist, Harlem			Good Shepherd
Mel Hall	Go-To Cha	Hope Lutheran, Sunbury	Joel Wymer	Ron Craig	Lutheran, Kettering
Mark Kannenwischer	Head Kitchen Cha	Living Word Lutheran, Galena			Parkside Church,
Dick Brenneman	Kitchen Cha	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville	Arthur	Charla	Bainbridge
Vito Mensah	Kitchen Cha	In Transition	Sheppard	Sheppard	Church of Christ of
Doug Newman	Kitchen Cha	Vineyard Church, Columbus			Apostolic Faith,
Shawn Nichols	Kitchen Cha	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy	Keith Church	Dean Gatton	Columbus
Scott Padgett	Kitchen Cha	Living Word Lutheran, Galena			Grace Baptist,
Kevin Hoch	Head Rollo Room	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy	Paul Dyer	Stephen	London
Dan Arkfeld	Rollo Room Cha	Living Word Lutheran, Galena		Stattler	Lighthouse of Faith,
John Freese	Rollo Room Cha	Living Word Lutheran, Galena	Ken Riling	Dick	Lore City
Michael Meier	Rollo Room Cha	St. Paul Lutheran, Westerville		Brenneman	St. Paul, Bellville
Paul Sakala	Rollo Room Cha	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville	Jeremiah	Jim and	Messiah Lutheran,
Kip Kanya	Ideal Rollo	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Hts.	Wilson	Charlotte	Reynoldsburg
Ben Berger	Laity Rollo	Harlem Rd. Methodist, Harlem		Wilson	
Dick Hatch	Piety Rollo	Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala	STILL TIME &	ROOM FOR	MORE PILGRIMS !
Raleigh Sandy Jr.	Study Rollo	Abiding Christ Luth., Fairborn			
Mike White	Action Rollo	Vineyard Church, Columbus			
Norbert Peiker	Leaders Rollo	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville			
Ron Craig	Environment	The Chapel, Kent			
Sandy Mueller	CCA Rollo	Northside Fellowship, Wstrvll			
Chuck Fahnestock	Observing Rector	First Lutheran, Donnelsville			
Jim and Charlotte	Fourth Day	Messiah Lutheran,			
Wilson	Couple	Reynoldsville			

Possible Palanca Supplied by Community for a Weekend

You or your Reunion Group, with prayerful consideration and inspiration from the Holy Spirit, might provide:

- Some of the food items (check with a team member for needs)
- Handmade covers for the songbooks or Pilgrim's Guides (40-50)
- Aprons for the Chas (16)
- Goodies for the Rollo Room table discussions or evening snacks
- Handmade palanca bags (40-50) (Contact Ann Hughes—see sidebar with Secretariat)
- The team dinner on Thursday evening or dinner for all on Saturday evening
- Your donation to cover the suggested donation for a Pilgrim (\$15) or Team Member (\$75)

Of course, your most important palanca is **your prayer** for the Rector/Rectora, Team, Pilgrims and the direction of the Holy Spirit for each Weekend. The second-most important is your hand-written notes to each pilgrim and team member.

Please check with Lay Director Cathy Doering for the contact information for the Rector/Rectora and the theme of a specific weekend, or choose to make something general for use on any weekend.

UPCOMING VIA de CRISTO WEEKENDS

Event	Scheduled Date	Location	Date to have 6 Pilgrims	Date to have 12 Pilgrims
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	November 1, 2012

Look for Spring and Summer Weekends to take place in 2013

OTHER VIA de CRISTO ACTIVITIES

Secretariat Meeting at 9:30 am on Saturday, May 12, held at Living Word Lutheran Church

Secretariat Meeting at 9:30 am on Saturday, June 9, held in Columbus area, location TBA

LEADERS' SCHOOL from 9:30 to 2:30 on Saturday, August 4, central location TBA

A LETTER from the Rectora of WOMEN'S WEEKEND #73

A dedicated and enthusiastic team of thirty rallied around the theme, "Come Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:8) for the Women's VDC #73 first team meeting at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Bexley on March 17th. All remaining meetings (March 31, April 21, and May 5) will be at the same facility.

Strong efforts focus on prayers for individual needs, team building, and pilgrim recruitment. Additional study time relates to "Patterns of Biblical Interpretation," "Marks of a Mature Spirituality," "Experiential Knowledge of the Holy Spirit," and "Natural and Supernatural Healing."

We rely heavily on the VdC community for

- + prayers*
- + pilgrims*
- + palanca.*

We need and appreciate your "strong arm of support" as you reach out to all you believe God wants on the May 17-20 women's weekend.

Erline Sager, Rectora

Treasurer's Report \$4,386.04 SAVINGS <u>\$3,300.97</u> CHECKING \$7,687.01 TOTAL	If you wish to see a full financial statement, contact Treasurer Kip Kanya (440) 230-1530 or Kipkanya@aol.com 11676 Harrow Place, North Royalton, OH 44133
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Donations in March				
Mary Ervin	Helen Hull	Anna Grindstaff	Michael Meier	Bryan Howard

We need information about ULTREYAS anywhere in the state of Ohio to publish in the De Colores Newsletter. Please contact editor Nancy Martin at vdcnewsletterohio@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.



Would you like a new Songbook? (Our new one has been out about two years.) They'll be available at Send-offs and Closings of Weekends and at next year's Annual Meeting for a suggested donation of \$5. To get a number of Songbooks for a group, contact vdcnewsletterohio@earthlink.net or call editor Nancy Martin (419)886-4420.

Did you recently move or get a new e-mail 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 in Via de Cristo to whom this applies, we'd like to hear from you!

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

GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO !!!!