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De Colores and Ultreya!

I have found in this position as President of the NLS that my greatest weakness is writing. It is not that I don't have the material, because I do. It is my ability to get the thought train running and do the work of writing. I keep thinking I need to be inspiring and original to the VdC work. To a degree that is correct. However, this work of the renewal of the Church is now two thousand years old and most has already been said. Therefore, when I read the last note to Oran Gough from Dr. Randy Mullin concerning the beginning of the Cursillo, I had a moment closest to Christ. That story that follows on page 15 is true:



Doug Burrows

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NLS Annual Meeting 2001 -

Welcome to Minnesota

He Will Raise You Up! Come one, come all and help celebrate the 20th year of NLS. By now you've all received your copy of the Conexiones and know that this year's annual meeting will be held at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN July 26 - July 29, 2001.

Augsburg College has the feel of a small town campus near the heart of downtown Minneapolis. The majestic Mississippi River and walkway are just two blocks from the campus. Augsburg's buildings are all within a short walk from each other on a beautiful landscaped campus. In case of rain most buildings are connected by tunnel or skyway making it very accessible.

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Your NLS Board has been working very hard to ensure that this year's meeting and celebration will be enjoyable and most of all Spiritually filled with God's Love and Grace.

As your Host we are eagerly looking forward to welcoming each of you and are committed to making this annual meeting a celebration of God's Love and Grace.

Some of you have already completed your registrations and plans to attend. However for those of you who have not, but plan on attending, now is the time we need to hear from you.

Remember:

1. Early registration ended May 31st. and your cost of registration increases \$25.00.
2. Make sure your registration form is completely filled out.
3. Are there any special needs that will be required.
4. If you are driving let us know right away so we can get you maps and information.
5. Finally, Anderson Hall is air conditioned. The other dorm's not, so register early.
6. DO IT NOW!

Our Registration Chairperson, Becky Maier, can answer any questions (see registration form for e-mail or phone number) for you about cost, early arrival or rooms. Any other questions please contact Jerry Vehrs (j_rvehrs@foxiinternet.net or 651-738-3479) or Don Merdink (dgmerdink@quest.net or phone 651-738-1061).

God loves you and so do we, Jerry Vehrs & Don Merdink, Host Co-Chairpersons

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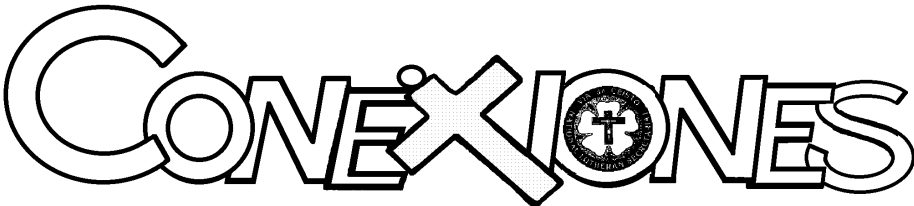
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Taking The Message Home!

Via de Cristo in Israel

Outreach

Mike Swecker

What an exciting time to serve the Lord. Opportunity to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ seems to be around every corner. By the time you read this, the first Via de Cristo weekends will have occurred in Lafayette, Louisiana and the first Bolivian weekends will be just around the corner. God is indeed faithful to complete what he has begun.

With that in mind lets look at where it all began...I mean before Cursillo©. Lets return to Israel. Allow me to share with you the following article from Tom Redmond who has the vision of taking Via de Cristo to Israel. The National Lutheran Secretariat is excited to support Tom in this effort.

Is It Time to Take the Message Back Home?

by Tom Redmond

It all started way back in Jerusalem a couple of thousand years ago. I am talking about the full message and experience of the love of God that is uniquely delivered in modern times through the Via De Cristo, Cursillo and other related movements.

The original message of the Gospel was delivered by a carpenter, then following His death, burial, and resurrection by some fisherman, other lay workers and an ex-rabbi turned tent maker. In other words by an ex-pastor and some men and women who were lacking, by any standards of those days, any formal "religious" training. They were just people who had a personal and deep experience with the love of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, shared it. This message, delivered by these simple people, changed the world forever.

Today in Israel there are thousands of new believers from all over the world and their numbers are growing daily. I have been told by a Messianic leader from Jerusalem that the pastors are just beginning to pray together but that the believers need something to tear down the walls between them. Nothing that I have ever experienced in Christianity has done this for me like Via de Cristo. As my awareness of just how much God loved me went up, the walls came down.

His word says, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God." (Isaiah 40:1,2). This is a restoration scripture speaking specifically to Jerusalem. Nothing that I've known has ever been a source of comfort to me like the people I've met and known in the Via de Cristo community.

Then he says in Ezekiel 36:26 - "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." This process began for me when I first received the Lord. It was however on my "weekend" that the Lord really started to do some serious stone removal (hard places of unforgiveness, and self-righteousness that I didn't know were there.) This was so essential to be able to serve the Lord with a much more wholehearted effort.

He also says in Romans 10:15 - "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." To me I never heard or experienced any kind of tidings that has had the life changing power of the "De Colores" message.

Is it time to take the love message delivered in the inimitable Via de Cristo way back to where it all began? I don't know but I do know this. On May 20th I will be blessed to go to Israel. This will be with a group of people on a tour sponsored by an international ministry called Christian Friends of Israel and it will be my honor to serve as the Spiritual Director for those traveling from United States. In addition to touring, the group will be attending a 3 day international conference and celebration during Pentecost. (The Jewish holiday of Shavuot.) Following this I plan to stay another week to discuss with some local leaders the possibility of creating an active Via de Cristo community in Israel. I am also seeking to identify any other members of the local or world wide cursillista community who may have a similar vision.



Mike Swecker

I cannot and do not wish to do this alone. If this happens it will be a tremendous undertaking. Psalm 122 verse 6 says gives us a strong admonition to specifically pray, - "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

The entire effort to bring Via de Cristo to Israel will only succeed if it is undergirded and covered with faithful intercessory prayer.

What better way to pray for the peace of Jerusalem than to go before the Lord with an idea that has hopefully originated in his will. It will bless Him as well as the natural and spiritual seed of Abraham. (Israel and the Church.)

Specifically I ask for wisdom and direction as well as covering and protection for myself and all those who will become involved. I know that we have faithful prayer warriors in our community who will become "watchmen on the walls" if they are alerted and given information. As far as I am concerned at this time, nothing that we can do is more important for this outreach vision to become reality.

Folks, will you join me in supporting Tom Redmond and this effort in prayer? If you have or know of Cursillo© type contacts that would benefit this effort would you please contact me:

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NLS Executive Board Conference Call Minutes

Minutes of NLS Conference Call
June 3, 2001
9:00PM EDT

Doug Burrows, president, called the meeting to order. In addition to Doug, those present were Debbie Speights, Diane Purcell, Pastor Larry Llewellyn, Pastor Carroll Lang and Lucy Hightower. Absent was Mike Swecker. Others scheduled to join the call later were Randy Mullin, Don Merdink and Jerry Vehrs. Pastor Larry opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes approved as published on e-mail and website. (Pastor Larry/Debbie)

Treasurer's Report: The fiscal year closed May 31. She is ready to close and combine the books as soon as she gets report from Dick on the Supply Center. Pastor Carroll asked about the May 31 date as the closing of the fiscal year. Diane reported that this date was set according to original filings with the IRS. This date would be difficult and expensive to change.

She reported that General Palanca contributions are considerably less than had been projected in the budget; however, contributions from the various secretariats are up some from the prior year. We will need to look at this prior to the annual meeting.

Diane still needs input from the Talk Revision Committee concerning printing costs. We have no information on the status of Leadership Training Materials 101 and 102; the music document is close to ready; *Essentials* needs to be reviewed and reprinted. Pastor Carroll agreed to look at *Essentials* and the music document right away. He estimated a cost on these of \$1200. Doug wants all of the above ready for distribution in July.

Newsletter: There is disappointment that the e-mail option for distribution is not progressing well. Only six people have indicated this preference. Pastor Carroll said that the *Conexiones* should be ready for mailing this week. There has been a problem with the software needed for the website—an upgrade of Frontpage. Diane has tried unsuccessfully to contact Oran about the purchases. Doug said that he had had a copy of the purchase order that he had sent to Oran. Lucy asked whether she needed the upgrade to continue to update the secretariat rosters. Pastor Carroll also had some misunderstanding about what he needed. Doug will get back in touch with Oran; all those responsible for updating the website will be

responsible for procuring the upgrades and/or programs. Reimbursement will be made directly to each person individually.

Outreach: Diane reported that she had a request to disburse \$5000 of outreach money for the Bolivia project as the plans for the first Bolivia weekends are in place. The team is in place and airline tickets have been purchased. A general discussion followed but decision was deferred until Mike joined the conference call.

(Don Merdink, Jerry Vehrs and Randy Mullin joined the call at this point.)

Spiritual Director: Pastor Larry reported that plans for the services at the national meeting are progressing nicely. Pastor Carroll has agreed to intone the services. Neither Don nor Jerry had any questions for Pastor Larry. Everything will be finalized by June 15.



Lucy Hightower
NLS Secretary

Report from Randy Mullin: Randy then described a brief sequence of the planned events.

Celebration I. Thursday. Tom Sarg will present a history of our movement up to where Cursillo© becomes a single denomination movement and our movement become Via de Cristo. This will be somewhat like a keynote address and, hopefully, will contain an authentic history with major emphasis on stories that will be interwoven.

Celebration II. Friday Morning. Friday morning Ed Simonsen and Gene Hermeier will present the history of how the Lutheran weekends came into being almost simultaneously in Florida and Iowa. Their narrative will go through the 1980 invitational and the National Organizational meeting in 1981.

Celebration III. Friday Afternoon. Leona Fox and Randy Mullin will quiz each other on the two decades since the fourteen secretariats signed on. In addition to events during these years, they hope to look at larger issues such as how the Lord provided the right persons at the right times in order to bring about some of the changes that have occurred.

IV. Ultreya Celebration. Saturday Afternoon. This will be a combination of a forum and an ultreya. This session will be devoted to long range planning and ad-

dress such issues as, "What do we need?" and "What is the plan?" This discussion will be in the form of a dialog. Ellie Henning will be the ultreya "host."

Don asked if there would be any special needs for the presentations such as and overhead projector. Randy will confirm audio-visual needs and let Don know. Randy is willing to prepare a hand-out piece.

Debbie asked about video-taping. There was a discussion of providing on-site dubbing so people can pick up copies rather than having them mailed. Jerry will get prices and determine what is needed to do this.

The Host Committee will work with Debbie to determine payment of costs for Sarg, Simonsen, and Hermeier.

Details of this session have not yet been finalized, but the preliminary plan calls a panel discussion from 2:30 to 3:30 with the Board functioning as moderators. There will be two presentations with the Board doing the first one. There will be a discussion of issues to be addressed. Doug will formulate the questions and assign areas of responsibility. The Ultreya section will be from 3:30 to 5:30. (Randy left the conference call at this point.)

Jerry will make Ellie aware of the plans.

Committee Work: There are still two ongoing committees: Authentic Three-Day Weekend (Schmidlin), and Lay Talk Revision (Schneider). Arrangements have been made with the college to have room available on Tuesday evening if needed. The committee members will be able to stay in the dormitories; however, the cafeteria will not be open until Thursday. The host committee will provide food during this time.

Board Meeting: The Board will meet Wednesday afternoon. Members should plan to arrive no later than 1:00 P.M. Plans are to house the executive committee and their spouses in the same area; they will be able to hold their meetings in a common room in the area. There will also be a room available in the Chapel Area.

Administration: Debbie reminded all Executive Committee members that their reports are due by July 9 and should be sent to the Host committee. Word format is preferred. Lucy needs to send the latest official listing of secretariats to Jerry or Don. Dick Emery will be unable to attend this year, but will be sending the items that were left over

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Ron and Norma Millard

Heart of Illinois

A Tribute-

Build It and They Will Come

In the Spring of 1997 while attending a planning session for an upcoming Living Water Via de Cristo Weekend, I had a conversation with a colleague on that team. This gentleman was one of the original disciples founding Living Water Via de Cristo and on his way to leadership as the president of the National Secretariat of Via de Cristo, Dr. Randy Mullin.

Randy knew of my passion for the Via de Cristo movement. He knew that I have been a salesman and in public relations all my life and was eager to promote expansion of the three-day spiritual renewal program. He told me he was going to meet with several people from the Washington, Illinois area who were interested in organizing a secretariat in the Peoria, Illinois area. He gave me a name and several weeks later I called Ron Millard, introduced myself, and volunteered to help his committee in any way I could. The committee consisted of Ron Millard and his pastor, Mark Boster.

In my work I am in and out of Peoria a lot so we set a luncheon meeting at Applebee's Restaurant, East Peoria, Illinois.

It was a hot, sultry Illinois day (this restaurant is right along the Illinois River) and in ordering our lunches I suggested raspberry lemonade as our thirst quencher. To the three of us raspberry lemonade still recalls our first meeting of gathering information in planning for Heart of Illinois Via de Cristo.

Ron told of his dream and Pastor Mark asked a lot of questions. He was supportive of his parishioner mainly because Ron had taken him and two other church members to Florida on the pretense of playing golf but also attending a Via de Cristo Weekend there.

At the first Ultreya I met Mrs. Norma Millard and it was apparent she too was as excited and interested in organizing a group as was Ron. Randy Mullin was guest speaker and in his inimitable way convinced those in attendance that they could have and should have a secretariat. At that point in his service to the National Secretariat I believe Randy was Outreach Chairman. Here was an opportunity.

Working their way through the various responsibilities of a secretariat, the Millards' leadership has resulted in a strong growth in Cursillistas. In getting their early weekend teams together, they accepted assistance from people who had made Cursillos or Walks to Emmaus in the central Illinois area as well as from some of us Living Water Via de Cristo people.

Now they have a strong, enthusiastic family of their own which now is preparing the spring weekends. Ron served as Rector in the Fall of 2000 and now Rectora Norma is preparing her team for this spring's weekend.

You may wonder why I have written this article. You may wonder why two of God's messengers here on earth should be singled out for evangelizing "walks with Christ" here on earth.

If you ever have the opportunity to meet Ron and Norma Millard your questions will be answered. You will see and hew the dedication that these people have for working hard, long, sincerely, and reverently for Via de Cristo.

My wife, Loretta, and I have been blessed to know the Millards for several years since the inception of their dream. Their dream has carried over to that of Pastor Mark Boster, who has become increasingly exuberant for the program he serves as Spiritual Director.

In my favorite movie, Field of Dreams, Kevin Kostner hears a whisper, "Build it and they will come." He proceeds to do so and, you'll recall at the movies end, the miles-long line of car lights coming to the "Field of Dreams."

I have had the privilege to serve in several capacities on Heart of Illinois teams and what moistens my eyes each time there is a Clausura or Saturday night serenade is the increasing number of Cursillistas coming and bonding together as "Messengers for Christ."

Ron and Norma have "built it" and they are seeing the fruits of their dream. I have great respect for their accomplishments and wish to share their blessing and story with others.

written by Dick Volker

Minutes

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from prior years. The Board agreed that we need to close out as much of this as possible. Kathy Burrows may be willing to man the booth. Jerry was asked if there was anyone at his church that can possible help with this.

Doug asked if the scheduled materials would be ready to sell. In particular, the *Essentials*, and *Leadership 101 and 102*. Oran needs a place with a phone line to set-up. Bob Northrup will be with Oran. (Doug will confirm this.)

Other Business: Lucy needs a copy of the official delegates. The Host committee will take care of this. Doug wants to contact each secretariat by telephone. Lucy will e-mail Doug the database. We still need banners. Jerry will follow-up on this. Pastor Carroll stated that there appeared to be approximately \$5200 in the outreach fund. Doug said that, inasmuch as Mike had not been able to join the call tonight, he would get in touch with Mike and try to settle the question of Bolivian support and advise us by e-mail. Possible hosts for the 2003 meeting were briefly discussed. Doug follow up on this.


There being no further business, Pastor Carroll closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Hightower
NLS Secretary

(Dick Volker is a professional salesman whose college education included a minor in journalism. He and his wife, Loretta, served as Communications Chairs for four years: writing, editing, typing, and printing on a copy machine the Living Waters Newsletter. Presently they are serving as Post-Weekend Group Reunion Chairs for Heart of Illinois Via de Cristo.)

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Anniversary Celebration



Isaiah 40:31

He Will Raise You Up

Celebrate NLS 2001 Minnesota
with us on July 26-29, 2001

National Lutheran Secretariat Statement of Financial Position Comparative

Assets	2/28/01	5/31/00
Cash - General Fund.....	\$1,116	\$15,992
Cash - Distribution Center.....	1,488	4,526
NLS Savings.....	5,115	0
Investment	18,241	11,419
Total Assets	\$25,960	\$31,937
Net Assets		
Unrestricted - General Fund.....	\$11,775	\$19,115
Unrestricted - Distribution Center....	4,526	4,526
Designated		
Video Fund.....	2,860	2,860
Outreach Fund.....	6,799	5,436
Total Net Assets	\$25,960	\$31,937

National Lutheran Secretariat Statement of Activity For the Nine Months Ending February 28, 2001

	General Fund	Distrib Center	Video Fund	Outreach Fund	Total
Cash Balance June 1, 2000...	19,115	4,526	2,860	5,436	31,937
Income					
Contributions - Secretariats ..	2,614				2,614
Palanca	2,000	425		1,897	4,322
Subscriptions.....	72				72
Interest	560				560
Distribution Center					0
Total Income	5,246	0	425	1,897	7,568
Expenses					
President.....	1,374				1,374
VP Administration	522				522
VP Outreach.....	0				0
Treasurer	341				341
Secretary	679				679
Spiritual Director	479				479
Past President.....	0				0
Newsletter Editor	644				644
Conference Calls.....	943				943
Telephone 800#.....	554				554
Newsletter	2,100				2,100
Web Site.....	263				263
Administration & Postage.....	229				229
Trademark/Copyright.....	0				0
Annual Meeting	745				745
Mid-year Meeting	250				250
SD Manual	0				0
Leadership Training Manual.....	0				0
Lay Talk	0				0
Printing and Reproduction	425				425
Designated Board Authorized.....	0				0
Video.....	0		425		425
Outreach.....	0			533	533
Distribution Center	0				0
Postage	0				0
Printing	0				0
Supplies	0				0
Tape Duplicating	0				0
Telephone	0				0
Total Expenses	9,549	0	425	533	10,507
Change In Net Assets	(4,303)	0	0	1,364	(2,939)
Transfer Between Funds	3,038	(3,038)			0
Net Merchandising	0				0
Cash Balance, Feb 28, 2001	\$14,812	\$1,488	\$2,860	\$6,800	\$25,960



Diane Purcell, Treas.

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(This will help us send the right information to you)

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Special Housing Needs: _____



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Thursday, July 26 through Sunday, July 29, 2001

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Hosted by the Lutheran Via de Cristo of Minnesota Secretariat

Celebrating Our Twentieth Year

Official Registration *(One form required for each person attending - make copies of this form.)*

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- #16 - Ultraya 5:00
- #17 - Keynote Address (Rev. Nate Lundgren) 5:00

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- #18 - Keynote address (Rev. Peter Setzer) "The Reunion Card" 5:00
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- #20 - Forum 2, "Study" 5:00
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- #3 - 95 Forum 1, "Piety" 15:00
- #4 - 95 Forum 2, "Study" 15:00
- #5 - 95 Forum 3, "Action" 15:00
- #6 - 96 Dallas: Keynote Address - Rev. Peter Setzer 15:00
- #7 - 96 Dallas: "The Cross" - Beverly Appleby 15:00
- #8 - 96 Dallas: "Sponsoring" - Fred Schneider, Dan Bobst, Pat Denver 15:00
- #9 - 96 Dallas: "Music" - Yohann Anderson 15:00
- #10 - 97 Hickory: Keynote Address - Rev. Richard Dow 15:00
- #11 - 97 Hickory: "Successful Secretariat" - Ray Homrich 15:00
- #12 - 97 Hickory: "Sunday Call to Go Forth" - O. Gough, R. Walter 15:00
- #13 - 99 Saginaw: Keynote Address (Rev. Nate Lundgren) 15:00
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The Via de Cristo Story Starts in Prison

This story takes place in Palma, Majorca in 1949. A group of young men, of the Spanish Action Movement, were attempting to launch what they believed would be a wonderful apostolic work, to counter the UN-Christian world they were living in. They had worked long and hard, but all their efforts had been futile. Each day seemed worse than the last. They had become desperate, and were on the point of giving the whole idea up when one of the laymen received an unexpected call. It was the Chaplain of the local prison, asking for a couple of volunteers to come to the prison and help him with a difficult problem. Two young men in the condemned cell would have nothing to do with him, and his only hope was to try and approach them through laymen.

The young man hastily called a friend and after prayer to overcome their fear of entering the prison, the two men went inside to join the Chaplain. He took them to the condemned cell where the prisoners sat playing cards with their guards, who, as prison rules laid down, must stay in the cell with the condemned men on the last night before execution.

Their cell was littered with pornographic magazines, and the walls plastered with salacious pin-ups. The condemned men seemed bent only on swapping dirty stories and gambling the night away.

One of the two laymen, Eduardo Bonnin, told how they first asked the Governor's permission to take the place of the guards. When this had been granted, they started talking to the two prisoners, gradually winning them around until eventually, Eduardo said to them, "We came here to ask a favor of you." At this the two men laughed loud and long. "A favor!? Don't you realize that later this morning we..." and he made a gesture of garroting the other.

"But this is something you can do" said Bonnin, "We only want you to recommend something to the Lord for us. You are the only people we have met who know when they will be going to meet the Lord, face-to-face. We want you to say something to Him. We feel it is so urgent. Neither Pope, nor Kings, nor rich or poor men know when they will have to meet the Lord, yet you do. In the morning you know exactly when you will be appearing before the Throne of God. We have this wonderful apostolic project, from which we expect great fruits - but we have failed miserably, so far, to get it going.

We want you to ask the Lord to help us." - and Bonnin proceeded to explain their apostolic hopes and anxieties.

As the night wore on they spoke of Christ, of His love and mercy. They spoke of how the Good Thief had "stolen heaven" and of forgiveness.

In the early hours of the morning, the Chaplain heard their confessions, and held a private mass for the two inmates, Bonnin and his friend, all receiving Eucharist.

When invited to have breakfast with the condemned men, Bonnin could not eat. He was too nervous.

A short while later they were led to the garroting post. One of them cried out for Eduardo Bonnin, and Eduardo told of how that man died, holding Eduardo's crucifix in one hand, and clasping Eduardo's hand with the other, as he knelt beside him, praying for him. The executioners placed the hood over the man's head and affixed the chain, which would break his neck with a sudden jerk.

One of those men wrote to his family that night, and this is a translation from the Spanish - preserving, as far as possible, the grammar and simplicity of the original.

Palma, Majorca
1:00 a.m.
Jan. 28th 1949

Dearest Parents and Brothers, so close to my heart.

These lines I am writing are the last you will receive from your son and brother. I am writing them, more with my heart than my pen. They are dictated by filial love, and in the hope you will keep them all the days of your life. I am in the condemned cell, and only a few hours remain before I leave this life of misery and tears. But God has given me the great mercy of letting me put my soul in order, and to prepare myself for happiness that has no end.

After my life of ill-luck, and having been a victim of my surroundings, God has granted me the extra-ordinary grace. Enabling me to recognize my past faults, and of making my peace with him - for he has given me this opportunity to put a full-stop at the end of my sins with a sincere confession, which has opened, little by little, the gates of heaven. It only remains for me to ask your pardon, for all the heartaches I gave you during my life, with my straying—and to recommend to my brothers, whom I love with all my heart, never to stray from the path of duty which you, my parents, taught us to follow with your good advice.

I never remembered you with such affection as at this moment, and I hope that these lines, written at the culminating moment of my life, to ask you pardon for all the displeasure I have given you during my life, and also to serve as advice for my brothers, which I hope they will keep before them all their lives - that they may serve God as he expects his most faithful servants to do.

The end of my career has arrived. Praise be to God, who gave me these moments to ransom my life, and to die, as do those men who have faith. Only faith gives strength and energy to triumph over so great a difficulty as this.

If you want news of my last moments, write to our chaplain, who is called Father Jose Marie Fabian Rubio. He will tell you about the last hours spent by me in this world. Be sure I am going to heaven to pray for you, my dearest parents and brothers.

I await you in heaven - there we will live happily for all eternity. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in you.

Signed with my own hand, My last thought on earth is with you. Adios! 'Till Eternity, Your Son and Brother who awaits you in heaven, s/s

These two lads were executed on the morning of January 28, 1949. The Apostolic work which Eduardo Bonnin and his companions had in hand, and which they had been unsuccessful in launching, despite all their trials and efforts, was the 'Cursillo in Christianity.' The first Cursillo, as we know it, took place in January of 1949. After the death of those two poor men the Cursillo movement took off to virtually cover the earth. Surely Jesus said to them, as he said to the thief who was crucified with him, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise."

Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo

About Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo

Born May 4, 1917, in Palma de Mallorca. Attended Padres Agustinos Hermanos de Las Salle School. After school I went into the family business of exporting fruits. I served nine years in the military. I didn't belong to the Catholic Action but a friend of mine invited me to be a part of a Cursillo movement called Jefes de Pergrino - about the time the Spanish Civil was ending. This was just one step of many for me to admission to the Catholic Action.

In 1948, I was a part of a group from my diocese that gathered in the City of Santiago de Compostela to prepare for a celebration - "the pilgrimage." I was commissioned to go to this celebration as a representative of Mallorca. Afterwards, I was named President of the Young Men Catholic Action of our Diocese. That inspired me to consider that something concrete needed to be done to motivate the youth of Spain. Together with some friends, and after much praying, studying and thinking, the Cursillos in Christianity was born. Today the Cursillos are on all five continents. I have authored many books about the Cursillos. Among these I wrote "The How and the Way" with Reverend Father Don Miguel Fernandez.

Now my point is this. We of the Via de Cristo have under taken the mission to use this tool to spread the good news of the Gospel and to encourage others in their walk with Christ. I can find no better way to do this than to request the direct help of Christ through the Holy Spirit. We have a celebration of this movement coming up this summer. I would encourage all of you to come and to be prepared to hear the call of Christ right back to us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Just as Eduardo Bonnin needed the direct line to Christ through the two prisoners, we have the direct line through prayer and one another. Come, let us ask the Lord to be with us, all of us, including the people of Bolivia, where we are about to undertake the first Via de Cristo week-end.

God's blessings to you all,
Doug Burrows



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Celebrating Our Twentieth Year

2001 Annual Meeting, Forum and Seminar Tentative Schedule

Thursday	1:00 pm	Commissioning Worship Service	Hoversten Chapel
	2:15 pm	Welcome, Seating of Delegates, business, reports	East Commons
	3:45 pm	Celebration Presentation I	Sateren Auditorium
	5:30 pm	Dinner	East Commons
	6:30 pm	Small Group Structured Sharing	Locations TBA
	8:00 pm	Vespers	Hoversten Chapel
	8:45 pm	Host time	Anderson Hall Lounge
Friday	7:30 am	Breakfast	East Commons
	8:30 am	Eucharistic Worship	Hoversten Chapel
	10:00 am	Celebration Presentation II	Sateren Auditorium
	11:45 am	Lunch	East Commons
	1:00 pm	Bus Mtg/Nominations/Host Bidding	Sateren Auditorium
	2:30 pm	Celebration Presentation III	Sateren Auditorium
	4:00 pm	Fellowship Time/Pastors' Dialogue	
	5:30 pm	Dinner	East Commons
	6:30 pm	Small Group Structured Sharing	Locations TBA
	8:00 pm	Vespers	Hoversten Chapel
8:45 pm	Host time	Anderson Hall Lounge	
Saturday	7:30 am	Breakfast	East Commons
	8:30 am	Eucharistic Worship	Hoversten Chapel
	10:00 am	Bus Mtg (elections, committee rpts, etc.)	East Commons
	11:45 pm	Lunch	East Commons
	1:00 pm	Bus Mtg (continued)	East Commons
	2:30 pm	Celebration IV/Ultreya!	Sateren Auditorium
	5:30 pm	Dinner	East Commons
	7:00 pm	Celebration Worship/Install Officers	Hoversten Chapel
Sunday	7:30 am	Breakfast	East Commons
	8:30 am	Eucharistic Worship	Hoversten Chapel

Deadlines: Registration - July 1, 2001 (Early Registration Discount - before June 1, 2001)

Ultrreya!

Note: the following is the latest information this editor has of the Ultrreyas around the country. The Ultrreya that meets at the same time and place and on the same day of the month, has a distinct advantage over the Ultrreya that moves from place to place and has a new time and date for each meeting. The ultrreyas that some movements announce in their newsletters usually occur before the next edition of Conexiones can come out, and therefore cannot be listed in timely fashion. My goal is to list every Via de Cristo Ultrreya, and include other movements, too. If your Ultrreya group is not listed here, please, let me know.

ARIZONA

Arizona Lutheran Cursillo

Held monthly at various locations and times.

Southern Arizona Lutheran Via de Cristo

Held bi-monthly on second Saturdays at various locations and times. Contact Tom Medora at 800/840-7501.

Lutheran Cursillo Movement of Arizona

None announced for this issue.

CALIFORNIA

Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California:

Locations vary, write/call Tom Lambert, 807 Lime Street, Brea, CA 92621, (714)255-0894(H), (310)695-2449(O)

Via de Cristo of Southern California and the Central Valley:

None announced for this issue.

COLORADO

Colorado Via de Cristo

None reported

FLORIDA

Gold Coast

June 30, 2001, 6:30pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Deerfield Beach.

Heart of Florida

Monthly at various times and places.

Indian River

Monthly at various times and places.

Lighthouse

First Fridays. 6:30pm pot luck supper. First United Methodist Church in Hollister Hall at 310 Douglas Street, New Smyrna Beach.

Sonbeam

Monthly at various times and places

September 22, 2001, 5:30pm at St. Timothy's Lutheran, 812 Tarpon Ave. E, Tarpon Springs, potluck and worship.

December 1, 2001, 5:30pm potluck and worship - place TBA.

Sonshine North Via de Cristo

Monthly at various times and places

Sonshine of South Florida

Monthly at various times and places.

GEORGIA

Atlanta Lutheran VdC Movement:

Third Saturdays of March, May, July, September and October. Potluck Dinner at 6:00pm, Service at 7:00pm. Call Julie Koempel at 770-943-0565 for locations.

ILLINOIS/IOWA

Living Water Ultrreya,

None at this time

ILLINOIS

Heart of Illinois

June 16, 2001, 6pm at American Lutheran.

July 21, 2001, 7pm at Zion Lutheran.

September 15, 2001, 7pm at St. John Lutheran.

November 10, 2001, 5pm-Team/Candidate Re-

union; 6pm-Potluck Dinner; 7pm-Ultrreya at Salem Lutheran

INDIANA

Held in odd months on Sundays at 3:30pm. Place to be announced.

IOWA

Floyd Valley Ultrreya, Sheldon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 506 8th Street, Sheldon, Iowa, 3rd Tuesdays, registration 7:15pm, begin at 7:30pm.

Humboldt: 3rd Sunday (except July & August), 7pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Lake Area Ultrreya, Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp, 7:30pm, 3rd Mondays (except June & July)

Mason City/Clear Lake Ultrreya, alternating between Zion Lutheran, Clear Lake and Trinity Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran, Mason City, 4:00pm each 3rd Sundays.

Nevada Ultrreya, Memorial Lutheran, Nevada, 2nd Thursdays, 7:30pm.

Northwood Ultrreya, First Lutheran Church Fireside Room, 4:00pm, 3rd Sundays (except May, July & December).

Rockwell-Lytton Ultrreya: 3rd Sundays 4pm, rotating through Rockwell City United Methodist, Presbyterian, and St. Paul Lutheran Churches.

Sioux City Ultrreya, First Lutheran Church, 3939 Cheyenne Boulevard, 2nd Thursdays (except July and August), 7:00pm.

Storm Lake, 2nd Sundays, 5pm at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Storm Lake. Contact Jolene Manzey, 312 West 6th Street, Storm Lake, IA 50588.

August 4, 2001, 11am Grand Ultrreya, Storm Lake

MARYLAND

Vineyard — Monthly at various places and times

MICHIGAN

Central Michigan Ultrreya

Monthly at various times and places.

TriCities - 2nd Friday

Upper Peninsula - 3rd Saturdays

PortHuron/St.Clair - 2nd Fridays

Good News! Via de Cristo Ultrreyas

June 23, 2001, 4-7pm at Greenfield Presbyterian, Berkley, MI, pot bless.

July 22, 2001, 5-7pm at Redeemer Lutheran, Owosso, MI. Potluck, post-weekend.

MINNESOTA MOVEMENT

The Luther Seminary VdC Community:

Quarterly Ultrreyas scheduled on the succeeding months for Cursillistas, open worship for all. Contact Sandra Marotz, 612-646-4995, or Pastor Lou Flessner, 612-641-3422, or write Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, 2841 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.

The Carver County Community:

Serves Excelsior, Chanhassen, Chaska, Waconia and surrounding areas. Contact Tom Heath, 113 Bade Lane, Chaska, MN 55318, 612-448-4638.

The Arrowhead Ultrreya Community:

Serves the Northern Minnesota area. Contact Norma E. Swanbum, 1807 East 3rd Street, Apt.8, Duluth, MN 55812, 218-724-4786.

Singles Ultrreyas

Each month the Singles Cursillo Community of Minnesota hosts an ultrreya that is open to all Christians unmarried or married. They are also open to people who have not yet attended a Cursillo weekend. They gather on the second Saturday of the month at 5:30pm for Eucharist, potluck dinner, witness talk, fellowship and renewal. Bring food to share, cross, song book, nametags, musical instruments. Questions can be answered by the contact person at each location.
June 9, 2001 at Trinity in Stillwater.

Southern Ultrreya

June 17, 2001, 4pm at Rural Zion Lutheran Church, New Richland-Ellendale area. Bring a dish to share, your cross, a cup, a nametag, a songbook & a smile!

Post-Weekend Ultrreyas (same sites as weekends)
Ultrreya dates no listed

NORTH CAROLINA

Eastern North Carolina - Monthly

Fourth Friday, 7:00pm, St. Matthew's, ELC. Beach Group Monthly Fourth Friday Faith Fun, Food, Festivity, all Cursillistas welcome! Call Shirley McNeice at 910-686-4764 for details!

First Saturday, 6-8pm, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Brooks and Park, Raleigh. Potluck dinner! Bring something to share. Singing after the meal.

Piedmont - 2nd Saturdays 6:30pm

Contact Roger Setzer at (336) 227-8390, or e-mail at rdsetzer@nindspring.com.

Beach Group - 4th Fridays, 7pm.

Contact Melinda Hales at (910) 791-8765.

Triangle - Varies each month, normally 3rd Saturdays

For additional information, contact Rosie Carte or Jackie Johnson.

Western North Carolina - Monthly

OHIO

Cincinnati - Monthly

First Saturdays, 7:30pm - Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Healthy, contact Kevin Hoch, 513-931-8797.

Columbus - Monthly - Lutheran-Episcopal

4th Fridays, 7:30pm, Contact Dick Logan at 965-9420 or Donna Gough at 899-1210.

Ultreya!

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Dayton Lutheran Ultreya - Monthly
Third Tuesday, 7:30pm. For details, call Bob & Mary Ann Sauer at 513/294-3940, or Email: MASAUER@aol.com.

Kent - Call for dates and time
Contact Pastor Doug Fidler (330) 673-5445.

Marysville Area - Monthly
Third Sunday at First English Lutheran, 687 London Avenue, Marysville. Call Judy Hurl 513/642-4621 or Jeanne Haynes, 513/642-4701.

Newark/Heath - Monthly
4th Sunday, 7:00pm. St. John's Lutheran Church, Linnville Road, Newark. Contact Don and Pam PAynter, 614-323-0207.

Parma Heights - Monthly
Second Sundays, 4-8pm, contact Fred Schuller (440)845-5621.

Stow - Quarterly
Contact Gracis Luoma (330) 686-8807.

Western Lake County
Periodic joint Lutheran-Episcopal Ultreya. Hook up through George Cyphers, 216-951-2906.

Western Reserve - Monthly
Second Saturday Epworth United Methodist Church, call Martha Mallen (216) 257-0254.

Urbana Area - Monthly
First Friday 6:30pm at Church of the Epiphany, corner Scioto and Kenton, Urbana. Joint ultreya with Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Methodist and now Lutheran! Contact Dick or Marv Swan, 513/484-3189.

PENNSYLVANIA
Pittsburgh:
Announced in newsletter

SOUTH CAROLINA
Up State Ultreya - place and time TBA
Midlands Ultreya - place and time TBA
Low Country Ultreya - place and time TBA

TEXAS
North Texas Lutheran Cursillo Ultreya are held at various times and places.

VIRGINIA
Rainbow Via de Cristo, Contact Bill Carey: 703/620-6377.

2nd Fridays, Rainbow Ultreya at Holy Cross Lutheran, Herndon, VA. Contact Bill Sproat at 703/754-2323.

3rd Fridays, Western Maryland Ultreya, rotates different churches, contact Craig Wasilius at 301/797-3853

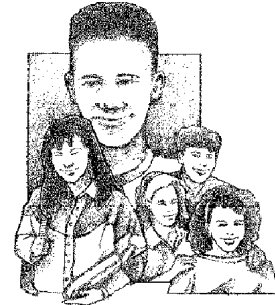
1st Mondays (except holidays), Southern Maryland Ultreya, rotates different churches, contact Annie Cave at 301/297-8561

WISCONSIN
None announced for this issue

TEC = Teen Ministry

July 2001 - Nebraska: **Interdenominational TEC#18** First Lutheran ELCA, 1551 S 70th St., Lincoln: July 20-22, 2001. Send palanca to: Scott Larson, 4200 Vine Street, Lincoln, NE 68503.

September 2001 - North Carolina: **Western North Carolina Hand-in-Hand TEC #27**: September 1-3, 2001. Send palanca to: Susan Creech, 5624 Cherrycreech Lane, Charlotte, NC 28217.



Prison Ministry

June 2001 - Iowa: **Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry**, North Central Correctional Facility Rockwell City, June 21-24, 2001. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oNCCF, PO Box 313, Rockwell City, IA 50579

August 2001 - Iowa: **Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry**, Newton Correctional Facility Newton, TBA, 2001. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oNCF, Newton, IA 50208.

September 2001 - Iowa: **Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry**, Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility, September 20-23, 2001. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oMPCF, Highway 218 South, Mount Pleasant, IA 52641.

October 2001 - Arizona: **Southern Arizona Lutheran Cursillo - Boy's Chayah #17** (youth prison ministry): October 4-6, 2001. Send palanca to: Ralph Marino, 960 South Peace Lane, #39, Prescott, AZ 86305.

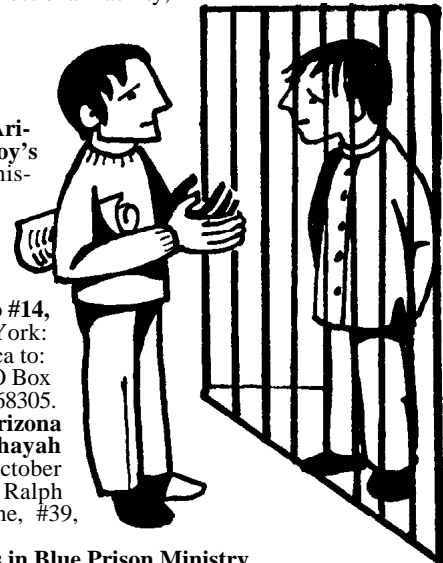
October 2001 - Nebraska: **Nebraska Lutheran Prison Via de Cristo #14**, Nebraska Center for Women, York: October 5-7, 2001. Send palanca to: Joe Jones, Palanca Chairman, PO Box 407, 1418 H Street, Auburn, NE 68305.

October 2001 - Arizona: **Southern Arizona Lutheran Cursillo - Girl's Chayah #??** (for spouses of inmates): October 11-13, 2001. Send palanca to: Ralph Marino, 960 South Peace Lane, #39, Prescott, AZ 86305.

October 2001 - Iowa: **Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry**, Fort Dodge Correctional Facility Rockwell City, October 18-21, 2001. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oCODR, PO Box 834, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

November 2001 - Iowa: **Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry**, Newton Correctional Facility Newton, November 15-18, 2001. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oNCF, Newton, IA 50208.

December 2001 - Iowa: **Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry**, North Central Correctional Facility Rockwell City, December 6-9, 2001. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oNCCF, PO Box 313, Rockwell City, IA 50579.



Palanca! FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS

All pending weekends for six months from publication will be printed in each Conexiones.

- June 2001 - Ohio: **Via de Cristo of Ohio**, Ohio Family Foundation, Inc.-Massillon, concurrent weekends Men's #45 & Women's #43: June 7-10, 2001. Send palanca to: Jeff Albrektsen, 2793 Galewood Street, Kettering, OH 45420.
- June 2001 - California: **Via de Cristo of Southern California & The Central Valley**, El Camino Pines Coed Weekend #12: June 14-17, 2001. Send palanca to: Roxanne Fackler, 809 Elsey Street, Bakersfield, CA 93309.
- June 2001 - Minnesota: **Minnesota Via de Cristo-Metro**, Redeemer, 61 Mississippi Way, Fridley, MN 55432, Men's #373: June 21-24; Women's #374: June 28—July 1, 2001. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.
- June/July 2001 - Arizona: **Lutheran Cursillo Movement of Arizona**, Men's #85: June 28-July 1; Women's #86: July 12-15, 2001. Send palanca to: LaWave Speck, 902 West Roma Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013-2824.
- June/July 2001 - Michigan: **Lutheran Via de Cristo of Central Michigan**, Men's #55: June 7-10; Women's #55: June 28—July 1, 2001. Send Palanca to: LVCCM Palanca, Ann Kazanowski, PO Box 408, Midland, MI 48640.
- July 2001 - California: **Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California**, St. Joseph's Retreat Center, Men's #74: July 5-8; Women's #75: July 12-15, 2001. Send palanca to: Bonnie Zimmermann, LCSC Palanca, PO Box 5203, Cerritos, CA 90703-5203.
- July 2001 - Indiana: **Indiana Lutheran Via de Cristo**, St. Meinrad (tentative dates), Men's #37: July 12-15; Women's #38: July 19-22, 2001. Send palanca to: Perry Powers, 621 North Main Street, Monticello, IN 47960.
- July 2001 - Florida: **Sonshine North Via de Cristo**, Men's #86: July 19-22, 2001. Send palanca to: Marsha Woleshin, 1931 Highland Drive, Fernandia, FL 32034.
- July 2001 - Texas: **Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Cathedral Oaks, Weimar, Coed #41: July 26-29, 2001. Send palanca to: Cary Warner, 205 Erskine, San Antonio, TX 78201.
- July 2001 - Michigan: **Good News! Via de Cristo**, Men's Concurrent with Women's: July 11-14, 2001. Send palanca to: Buddy and Debbie Grazier, 1180 South Durand Road, Lennon, MI 48449.
- July/August 2001 - Minnesota: **Minnesota Via de Cristo-North**, Zion, 2901 S. Hwy 169, Grand Rapids, MN 55744, Men's #375: July 26-29; Women's #376: August 2-5, 2001. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.
- August 2001 - Minnesota: **Minnesota Via de Cristo-Metro**, Woodbury, 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury, MN 55125, Men's #377: August 9-12; Women's #378: August 16-19, 2001. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.
- August 2001 - North Carolina: **Eastern North Carolina Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Camp Rockfish, Fayetteville, Mixed #40: August 16-19, 2001. Send palanca to: Ann Thompson, 10008 Whitestone Road, Raleigh, NC 27615.
- September 2001 - North Carolina: **Western North Carolina Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Men's #49: September 13-16; Women's #49: September 20-23, 2001. Send palanca to: Deborah Young, 3450 Patterson Road, China Grove, NC 28023.
- September 2001 - Maryland: **Vineyard Via de Cristo**, Women's #8: September 13-16; Men's #8: September 27-30, 2001. Mail palanca to: Frances Ecton, PO Box 452, Funkstown, MD 21734-0452.
- October 2001 - California: **Via de Cristo of Southern California & The Central Valley**, Bethel in the Hills Coed Weekend #13: October 4-7, 2001. Send palanca to: Roxanne Fackler, 809 Elsey Street, Bakersfield, CA 93309.
- October 2001 - Texas: **Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Lutherhill Camp, LaGrange, Men's #42: October 4-7; Women's #42: October 11-14, 2001. Send palanca to: Cary Warner, 205 Erskine, San Antonio, TX 78201.
- October 2001 - Illinois: **Heart of Illinois Vis de Cristo**, East Bay Camp, Bloomington, Men's #7: October 11-14; Women's #8: October 18-21, 2001. Send palanca to: Ron Millard, 1415 Flossmor, Washington, IL 61571.
- October 2001 - Indiana: **Indiana Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Epworth, Men's #38: October 11-14; Women's #39: October 18-21, 2001. Send palanca to: Perry Powers, 621 North Main Street, Monticello, IN 47960.
- October 2001 - Michigan: **Good News! Via de Cristo**, Men's: October 11-14; Women's: October 18-21, 2001. Send palanca to: Buddy and Debbie Grazier, 1180 South Durand Road, Lennon, MI 48449.
- October 2001 - Texas: **Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Texas Elks Children's Camp, Ottine, Coed #43: October 18-21, 2001. Send palanca to: Cary Warner, 205 Erskine, San Antonio, TX 78201.
- October 2001 - Tennessee: **Tennessee Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Mixed #7: October , 2001. Send palanca to: Julie Glibbery, 7724 Sevilla Road, Powell, WY 37849.
- October 2001 - Georgia: **Atlanta Via de Cristo**, Coed #15: October 18-21, 2001. Send palanca to: Jim and Kathy Boucher, 5200 Downs Way, Norcross, GA 30093-2450.
- October 2001 - Minnesota: **Minnesota Via de Cristo-South**, Location TBA, Men's #379: Month/DatesTBA; Women's #380: Month/DatesTBA, 2001. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.
- October 2001 - Minnesota: **Minnesota Via de Cristo-North**, Church of the Cross, 1530 County Rd 13, Nisswa MN 56468-9510, Men's #381: October 11-14; Women's #382: October 18-21, 2001. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.
- October 2001 - North Carolina: **Western North Carolina Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Mixed #17: October 18-21, 2001. Send palanca to: Deborah Young, 3450 Patterson Road, China Grove, NC 28023.
- October 2001 - Arkansas-Oklahoma: **A-OK Via de Cristo**, Mixed Weekend: October 25-28, 2001. Send palanca to: Maudi Stelzl, 13 Braeswood Place, Maumelle, AR 72113.
- October/November 2001 - Ohio: **Via de Cristo of Ohio (Central)**, Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center, Columbus, Men's #46: October 4-7; Women's #44: November 1-4, 2001. Send palanca to: Jeff Albrektsen, 2793 Galewood Street, Kettering, OH 45420.
- October/November 2001 - Arizona: **Lutheran Cursillo Movement of Arizona**, Men's #85: October 18-21; Women's #86: November 1-4, 2001. Send palanca to: LaWave Speck, 902 West Roma Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013-2824.
- October/November 2001 - Arizona: **Southern Arizona Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Tanque Verde Lutheran Church, Tucson, Men's #11: October 25-28; Women's #12: November 8-11, 2001. Send palanca to: Jim P. Dunfee, 7355 Eastview Drive, Tucson, AZ 85710.
- November 2001 - Illinois/Iowa: **Living Water Via de Cristo**, Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, IL, Men's #24: November 1-4; Women's #24: November 8-11, 2001. Send palanca to: Hal and Charlotte Gustafson, 17 Hickory Hills, Geneseo, IL 61254.
- November 2001 - Nebraska: **Nebraska Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Camp Carol Joy Holling, Ashland, Men's: November 8-11; Women's: November 15-18, 2001. Send palanca to: Joe & Irene Jones, Palanca Chairman, 1418 H Street, PO Box 407, Auburn, NE 68305-1953.
- November 2001 - Maryland: **Vineyard Via de Cristo**, Coed #2: November 15-18, 2001. Mail palanca to: Frances Ecton, PO Box 452, Funkstown, MD 21734-0452.
- November 2001 - North Carolina: **Eastern North Carolina Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Camp Dixie, Fayetteville, Mixed #41: November 15-18 2001. Send palanca to: Ann Thompson, 10008 Whitestone Road, Raleigh, NC 27615.

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