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In Loving Memory -

Beverly Appleby



Beverly Appleby, the designer and producer of our Via de Cristo crosses and other religious symbols, died on November 5, 2001, of a heart attack. She has attended almost every National Lutheran Secretariat meeting for over 15 years. Her infectious smile and the sparkle in her eyes were a very familiar visage at each meeting.

A memorial service for Beverly Ethel Gallota Appleby was held at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Woodbridge, Virginia, on November 12, 2001. Among the hymns chosen for the service were: "Now Thank We All Our God," "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry," and "Lift High the Cross." Scripture readings were from: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; Psalm 84; Job 19:25-26; and Matthew 28:1-10, which was the text for Pastor Mary Keiser's sermon and the theme for her sermon was "Symbols," which is what Beverly called her artwork. For Special Music, Connie Holt provided familiar songs used in the local Via de Cristo movement. During the service people were invited to share one or two sentences of story about their relationship with Beverly.

Diane Purcell is planning to put together a book containing people's comments about how Bev Appleby influenced their lives. If you would like to contribute, please send your comments via e-mail at dspurcell@msn.com or by snail mail to Diane Purcell, 8303 Ingleside Avenue South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016-3236

2002 Annual Meeting Theme

*Go in
peace,
serve the
Lord.
Thanks be
to God.
Alleluia!*

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Let's Meet in Dallas

Like most of you, I find myself continuing to be very busy these days. With all that has taken place in life since we last met in Minnesota, I am just happy to be busy. Carroll Lang will appreciate this letter to you as I am holding him up at this point in getting your newsletter out to you. It would seem that is my role in life for the last two years. Nonetheless, life is good for all of us in the Lord. He is so good.

After we met last, the board has held its mid-year meeting and begun to plan for the meeting in Dallas. I am looking forward to this gathering for several reasons, but principally because we can once again gather together. Our meeting this year is to go back to the instructional format and we are planning to review the nomenclature of the weekend and ask why we do what we do. Our theme, as given us by our friends in Texas, will be "Go In Peace Serve The Lord, Thanks Be To God, Alleluia!"

God calls us through scripture to go into the entire world to teach and preach the Gospel. In the Via de Cristo we are very deliberate about this call. Come and join us as we examine how and why we do what it is we do. Ask yourself, "Why do I belong to Via de Cristo, and what is being asked of me by being involved?"

The University of Dallas campus is beautiful. Our format will be in a more confined area this year and everyone will have the opportunity to be involved in all presentations. Mark your calendar and come join us. Let's make this the largest gathering at an NLS Annual Meeting ever. Let us live, love, and learn together once again.

On a business note, I am in need of help in getting our materials published. I am in need of someone to edit and have printed all of our materials. This to be an ongoing position and will require experience. If you are able, or know of someone who is, please let me know soon. We have a number of documents that will need to be ready to distribute in Texas.

God bless and keep you, Doug Burrows



Doug Burrows

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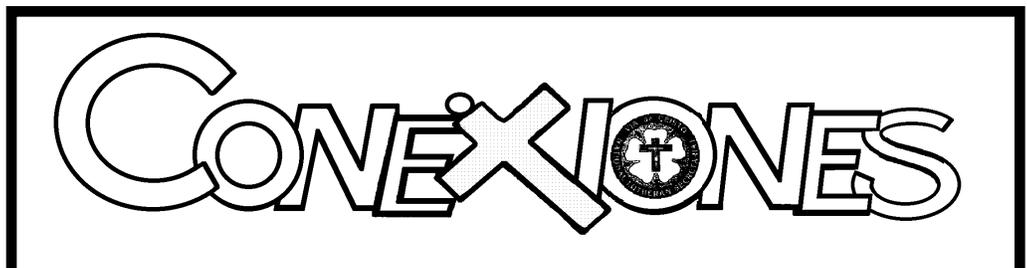
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From the Vice President
of Administration

Putting Pen to Paper



Debbie Speights

Has Everything Changed?

You can't tune in the radio, turn on the TV, open up a newspaper or read a magazine article without hearing or seeing the word "change" these days. There are new laws, rules, regulations and security measures being imposed on what seems to be a daily basis. Many of us have a loved one serving in the military or at least know someone who's son or daughter has been deployed to a foreign country fighting to defend our freedoms, or, we know someone within our own country who's standing guard at our airports, national monuments and even our tourist attractions defending our homeland security. While we may not be wearing military fatigues or carrying an assault rifle, each of us has been asked to remain on highest alert; to be aware of what is going on around us; to make notes and to report anything we may deem as "unusual or suspicious activity."

Has *everything* changed? Does everything *need* to change? Prior to September 11 I can't recall the last time I made a special point to make sure I had the television tuned to the evening news to catch up on the day's activities locally, nationally and internationally. Prior to September 11 I can't recall taking an interest in Congress' daily activities. Prior to September 11 I can't recall passing someone in the military and even considering that this man or woman may one day lay down his or her own life in order to make sure that my life and the lives of my loved ones remain secure. Prior to September 11 I can't recall being uneasy about opening a letter with a return address that I did not recognize.

For the thousand of families who lost loved ones as a result of the terrorists attack of September 11 the world has changed forever because every person that died was the most important person in the world to someone. It could have been our spouse, our father, our mother, our son or our daughter. It could have been you or it could have been me and, in a sense, it was. When the planes crashed, when the towers collapsed, when the fires burned, we were all there. Our spirits were at their lowest, our hearts were broken, our resolve was greatly tested.

The question now becomes, "What is our role as Christians in and among a world of change?" For me, at least, my "rose-colored" glasses have been removed. I now see things in a much different light. With the dawn of each morning I am aware that God has granted me the gift of another day. With each association throughout my work day I am aware that others, too, have felt pain and suffering and need my prayers and support. With the setting of every sun I am thankful for the many blessings God has graciously provided me and my family but just as importantly, I am filled with a sense of hope that maybe, just maybe, tomorrow I will be so in tune with God's will that I won't ignore the homeless man on the corner, that I won't become annoyed when I cannot understand the language of the people in front of me in my local grocery store, that I won't begrudge taking thirty minutes out of my "busy" day to listen to my elderly neighbor tell me about her latest ailments.

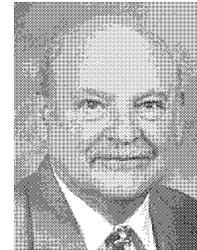
Yes, everything has definitively changed but I pray that with those changes God's steadfast strength, courage, love and hope will continue daily to fill your lives and mine.

Blessings to you all in 2002,

— Debbie Speights

From the Vice President of Outreach Help in Reaching Out

In the last issue of Conexiones, I mentioned "the harvest is plentiful, the laborers few, and I needed the help of the few." Thanks for your help through prayers and encouragement!



Ron Millard

Here's a way I could use some additional help. I would like the lay director from each secretariat provide me the following:

1. Your address, phone and email.
2. The "home base address" for your secretariat. (A church or individual)
3. About how many miles (in each direction from your home base) would you consider your "geographic area" where you typically draw candidates from and where ultreyas are held.

This information would be very beneficial to me when inquiries come in from potential new secretariat startups.

Next month I will report on a new secretariat being born. Meanwhile, perservere in the Lord!

— Ron Millard

*Go in peace,
serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Alleluia!*

Howdy Pardners!

Greetings from your Via de Cristo brothers and sisters in North Texas — the host Secretariat for the 2002 NLS annual meeting! We are planning to provide all your favorite activities, from arrival to departure, wrapped up in real Texas hospitality — everyone is invited!

The theme for the 2002 annual meeting is "*Go in Peace, serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!*"

Your "ranch" will be the University of Dallas (where we welcomed you in 1996) great facilities, bunkhouses and grub! (It's spelled bar-b-que and it's beef, period).

We'll have the usual exceptional information sharing, no concurrent seminars this year, so you won't have to choose (miss) any information which your community can use to "Serve the Lord."

What about worship? This will be our #1 focus. Our SDs are already asking God for insights. Each opportunity for corporate worship will be an experience for us, but more importantly, our focus will be on God's experience as we worship our Lord. And music (praise set to music) will be led by members of our community who sing to our Lord and let us listen in. Several of our leaders have been recognized by the professional recording industry—great talent, but each plays to a greater audience. If you play an instrument, bring it along and join in.

From "roundup" at the airport to the "trail ride" out of town, your North Texas, South Texas and Arkansas-Oklahoma Via de Cristo communities look forward to your visit. So make plans now to "come on down" (boots, 10 gallon hats optional) on July 25-28. Pray for God's leading.

Thanks, pardners!

Your 2002 Host Committee

From the Spiritual Director

Thanksgiving

What a marvelous time we have had this Thanksgiving. My oldest daughter came for a visit two weeks before Thanksgiving and we had a chance to visit with her family. She has two girls that we love very dearly. The visit was one that we shared together and caught up with where each of us were on our journey of life. She and her husband had graduated from college and have taken a job in South Georgia. That was our first vignette for the season.

The following Friday we had an appointment in Birmingham, AL where both Dot and I grew up. We thought that was close enough to go south and visit with Dot's younger sister. Beth is one of those people who is full of the Lord and loves to share it. She was an absolute joy to see and to talk with. Another vignette we have treasured.

After we left Beth we met with Dot's Aunt Dot who she is named for. She along with her daughter in law went to lunch with us and we again had so much fun together. Aunt Dot is 88 years old and has very good hearing and eye site plus a very good mind. We had a great time together sharing what was going on in our lives. It had been a long time since we had seen her and it was like picking up the conversation that we had finished yesterday. Again another vignette that has enriched our lives.

After lunch we again drove south another 100 miles to meet with my uncle who is 93 years old. He can not hear and can not see and he tells stories that I have heard many times before. We sat together and watched the Alabama- Auburn football game, which Alabama won (roll, Tide, roll). My uncle is a very strong Auburn fan so I didn't rub it in too much. We took him out to eat at my invitation and when I asked for the bill he had already paid for it. We attended church together and it was very enjoyable to just be with him. Yet another vignette in our lives.

After church we saw my cousin, my uncle's son for a few minutes and got some business done. It was good to see him and his girl friend but the visit was to short. Yet again another vignette to share together.

We then went over to Dot's older sister's home and met her new husband. He likes to write local history stores, to hunt, and to remember the old times. He told a story on me when I was a child that does not bare repeating. We enjoyed seeing each other again and catching up on each other's lives. Nan was still Nan just like her mother which isn't all bad, just some parts. Vignette number 5, but who is counting.

Time to go home and so we started. We could not stop talking about the trip and the

stops along the way. Stops of joy and celebration. Some time to share some hurt and some times of pain. My aunt Mildred had passed away and we had not been able to get away for the funeral; we were able to talk about that. A time for Dot and me to share our feelings with one another and to see if we had both come away with the same conclusions. When we arrived home it was time to plan the Thanksgiving dinner (yum, yum). Dot and our two younger daughters got together and started seeing who would do what for the meal. As usual, Dot nearly killed herself in preparation. You can look at me and tell that she is a great cook.



Pr. Larry Llewellyn

We gathered for the meal and my son-in-law offered the family prayer. I thank my God for having a son-in-law who is so strong in the Lord. We gathered with my two daughters and their families. The middle daughter has two children, one of each, and our youngest daughter has three children, one girl and two boys. The youngest boy hit his brother in the head with a shovel and we had major problems for awhile. We began to eat and to tell stories about our trip and talk about the vignettes that had occurred. As we shared, I began to see how God was working in my life in a new way. Friends and family brought together in a caring and loving relationship. Relating the importance of family and God together. Sharing our faith in these very troubling times. Praying together for guidance and for help, praying for those who are not as blessed as we are. Praying for the victims of violence and hatred. Praying for the leadership of our country and for the leaders around the world. Trying to understand where God wants us to be and to do. Life's struggles to find meaning and purpose. A time to remember all of the blessings that we enjoy in this country. God loves us and hurts with us. He sent his only son to die for us, to bring us salvation. He has given a method by which we may approach our neighbors, our friends and even our relatives to share the Good News. I thank God each day for the gift of Via de Cristo, the friends made, the joys of the Lord together and the gifts that keep on coming. Yes, this Thanksgiving has been an experience in the Lord. The vignette of life together.

May your gather in peace,
Larry Llewellyn



Norm Wittschen

Rev. Norm Wittschen died "suddenly" early Monday morning, January 14, 2002. In case you did not see The Columbus Dispatch Tuesday edition, the funeral information is as follows: Memorial Service

Thursday, January 17, 2002, 4 PM
Grace Lutheran Church
1801 St Paris Pike
Springfield, OH
937/399-6257

<http://www.grace-elca.org>

A Eulogy

Was saddened by Pastor Norm Wittschen's passing this week. Norm founded Ohio and 2 other movements. He attended a Catholic Cursillo with Pastor Ed Simonson (as Ed's council president, Norm was sent to make sure Ed wasn't "catholicised.") Norm was Rector of Ohio's first weekend and had served on almost 100 teams. Later he attended Trinity Seminary in Columbus and served congregations in South Dakota, Wisconsin and for many years was the Director of Faith Missions in Columbus. Norm and I shared team service many times and he was one of my Spiritual Directors when I was Rector of Kairos. He stood tall and insisted on faithfulness to the Cursillo method and I will especially miss him. Recent years saw him in Springfield, Ohio after he experienced the tragic death of his son, Norm, Jr. Please pray for his wife Barbara and all those close to him. Via de Cristo has lost a valiant warrior.

— Oran Gough



**Be faithful
unto death,
and I will
give you
the crown
of Life.**

Revelation 2:10

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Surveys to be Mailed in January

Each year the NLS asks every affiliated secretariat to fill out a simple form that requests information regarding the number of weekends held during the previous year and the number of pilgrims who made a weekend during the same time period.



*Lucy Hightower
NLS Secretary*

The reason we need this information is that, according to the NLS constitution, we must determine the number of delegates each secretariat is entitled to send to the national meeting.

Be on the lookout for the forms which will be mailed during January 2002. If you are the recipient of this form, please fill it out yourself or pass it on to the person who is responsible. Make sure it is returned as soon as possible.

A list of each secretariat's members will also be included. It will contain names, positions, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc. Please help us keep our database accurate by returning an updated list. This will help ensure that the members of your secretariat receive their copies of the *Conexiones*, our national newsletter. The NLS secretary also

uses this information to update our website (viadecristo.org). If you haven't visited the website lately, take time to do so. It contains lots of interesting information.

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Celebrating A Christian Life



Bev Appleby

*"Well done, good and faithful servant
...enter into the joy of your Lord"*

failing health, but has been expedited due to the untimely passing of Beverly on November 5, 2001.

Orders for VdC crosses should be marked, "Attn: VdC" and payments made to Symbols, Inc. with "VdC" noted in the MEMO of the check with the invoice number you receive with your order.

Karen has the same contacts in the manufacturing community that Beverly had, and she "knows the ropes" of the business.

I feel sure that she will continue to provide the same fine service that you have come to expect from Symbols and Beverly

Arthur W. Appleby

(Husband of the late Beverly Appleby)

NLS Crosses -

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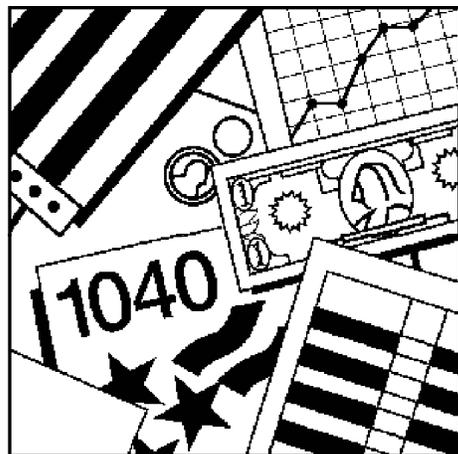
The new name for the manufacturing of the Via de Cristo crosses is Symbols, Inc. The factory is still in Virginia, but the NLS Cross Distribution Center has moved to California. Effective January 1, 2002, all cross orders should be addressed to:

Symbols, Inc.
213 South 4th Avenue
Avalon, CA 93204

Everyday operations will be run by Karen Bennefeld (daughter of Beverly Appleby). Karen's telephone number is 559-386-0501, and her e-mail is karon@gocalnet.com.

Some of you met Karen at the National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN this past July, and others have met her on the telephone during this transitional period.

This transition and move has been in the planning stage for the past year due to Bev's



Tips from the Treasurer

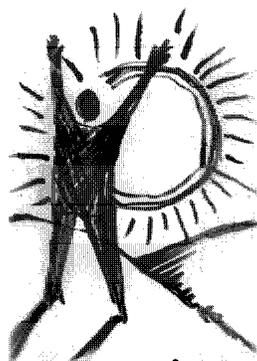
As faithful servants of our Lord, many of you dedicate your time, talents and funds to many charitable organizations. If you are a chosen representative attending a convention, conference or annual



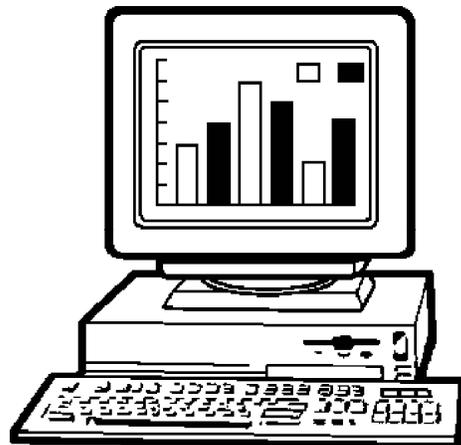
meeting of a qualified organization, you may qualify for a charitable deduction on your tax return. You can deduct actual unreimbursed expenses for travel and transportation, including a reasonable

amount for meals and lodging, while away from home overnight in connection with the meeting. You may also deduct unreimbursed expenses that are directly connected with giving services for your church during the annual meeting. Keep the NLS annual meeting in mind as you prepare for your taxes. Send me an e-mail if you have further questions, dspurcell@msn.com

— Diane Purcell



*Arise, shine,
for your light has come,
and the glory of the
LORD rises upon you.
Isaiah 60:1*



NLS Executive Board Conference Call and Mid-Year Minutes

NLS Board Conference Call Sunday, Oct 7, 2001 9pm EDT

Doug Burrows, NLS president, called the meeting to order. Pastor Carroll opened the meeting with a prayer. Those present were Doug Burrows, Lucy Hightower, Ron Millard, and Pastor Carroll Lang. Pastor Larry Llewelyn joined us a few minutes later. Diane Purcell and Debbie Speights were absent due to circumstances beyond their control.

Secretary's Report: Lucy Hightower reported that she had mailed a supply of envelopes to Ron Millard and Mark Carnes. The minutes from the NLS July meetings were approved as published.

Finances: A review of finances was postponed until Diane can join us.

President: Doug reported that he had sent a letter to participants of the last annual meeting, a note to Pastor Carroll, and, concerning the September tragedy, a letter for publication on the website. This letter had not been published as of this date. Doug recently sold his home and has relocated. He will send us his new address. The area code for his home has changed from 882 to 933. Doug also reported that about a month ago Chuck Simmons had decided that he would be unable to handle the publication position. Doug asked that, if anyone knows of a qualified person, this information be passed along to him. In regard to the next mid-year meeting, he is looking for ideas for educational forums; we will discuss this in more detail later in the meeting.

Outreach: Ron reported that he is acclimating to the position. His report is as follows:

- 1) He had an inquiry from a pastor in Cleveland but e-mails to him are now being returned. He will try to follow up by telephone. Doug remarked that VdC is already in Ohio and their secretariat puts on weekends for the entire state
- 2) He had an inquiry from a pastor (Derrick Boggs) now located in North Dakota. Pastor Boggs is originally from Western North Carolina and is interested in getting the movement going in his area. Ron sent him some materials.
- 3) Inquiry from a lady in Port au Prince, Haiti: Further attempts to contact this lady were unsuccessful.
- 4) He referred a pastor in Jackson, Michigan to Tracy Ziemke.
- 5) A pastor in Roanoke, Virginia made inquiry about TEC. Lucy referred him

- to a contact in South Carolina and Larry gave him a Georgia contact.
- 6) There is potential for a new secretariat in Florida. Ron has had contact with a couple by the name of Eckels. Doug is working with this group and has networked the people involved. Doug suggested that Ron send names and addresses of his contacts to Dennis Hogan in Florida.
 - 7) Long Island, New York: seven LCMS pastors want to move forward with VdC. Ron sent them some materials and they are moving forward. They are active in another renewal ministry but want to affiliate with a more Lutheran-based movement.
 - 8) Ron met with the bishop of his area (Illinois/Missouri). Things look encouraging for getting something started in southern Illinois or the St. Louis area where there is a large Lutheran population. Interest is high.
 - 9) Pastor Craig Sogebriel, who has relocated from Texas to Ron's area, was heavily involved in Via de Cristo and wants involvement.
 - 10) He plans to send letters to previous contacts given him by Mike Swecker. Doug suggested that he also keep in touch with Montana and Yellowstone.

Doug asked Ron to keep in touch with Yellowstone, Montana and Seattle.

Newsletter: Pastor Carroll still needs a report from Pastor Larry. He was unable to read the file that Pastor Larry sent. Pastor Larry will re-send his article immediately. Everything else is ready to go. Doug asked if the newsletter would be put on the website at the same time as publication. Pastor Carroll said he would try to send a PDF file to the website master.

Spiritual Director: Pastor Larry is working on ideas for mid-year meeting. He is also working on write-downs for the clergy talks. He expressed some concerns about the theological correctness of some of the talks-*Total Security*, in particular. He had occasion recently to work on a weekend and there was an insinuation that Via de Cristo is grace. In response to a question about whether this was the new outline, he reported that this was the one currently in use. (the new outline is called *Group Reunion and Ultreya*.) Ron remarked that his movement makes use of Board Advisors. This can be a position on the secretariat, usually a pastor or rectora; this person tries to make sure that questions are answered and corrected before the talks are given.

Mid-Year Meeting: Doug asked if anyone

had seen or heard from the evaluations of the July meeting. (Debbie has them.) The 2001 meeting was quite different from other meetings, and it appears that we need to return to training sessions for the 2002 meeting. Doug suggested a few topics: Nomenclature of the Weekend, how to put the weekend together; the dynamics; the pieces of the weekend. Team Formation and Training, how the team is formed and trained; Ohio has people not on the team do the critiques along with a spiritual director; old timers meet with the presenters. T. E. C. or Teens Encounter Christ, possibly bring in people from NC, SC, GA, Central MI and link them up. All Board members should arrive in Dallas before 1:00 PM on Saturday December 1. Doug asked that all of us check on availability flights. Tim will try to house us on campus—two nights. We will have use of a meeting room. Re the ELCA gathering in Denver, Mark Carnes is handling this for us. Doug asked Ron to get in touch with Mark and send him a few new movement packets.

Old Business: Doug reported that he had met with Karen and the Lay Talk Revisions should all be completed by July and ready for publication. Fred is ready to resume work on the Constitution and by-laws revision. Doug asked Ron to be thinking about the possible expansion of the role of Outreach. Mike is in charge of the nominating committee. Both Diane and Pastor Larry are eligible for re-election. Doug will be in touch with Mike. Doug has talked with Oran about getting all of the C. E. material on the website. Lucy asked about the status of the Leadership Training materials. Doug is open to suggestions for a person to fill the publication position. The position will involve taking, for example, the newly created talk manuals and have them reviewed and accepted by the NLS and get them in the proper booklet form for printing. At the moment, Kari still has possession of the Leadership Training Materials. Lucy asked if the revised material is on disc. If so, can we put this on the website prior to printing hard copies. Doug will call Chuck Simmons to see if we can do this. Doug asked how many of the Board has recently visited the website. The redesign seems to be working quite well. The consensus is that that the people working on the website are doing a great job. Lucy asked if an article could be included in the next newsletter about the revisions to the website. Pastor Carroll said that Oran had sent him an article and it will be in the newsletter.

New Business: There was a general discussion about possible topics for seminars at the 2001 annual meeting. The Board Advi-

sor concept was discussed; Doug feels that we need to be careful about making such things “generic” in nature. Lucy thought that it might be interesting to look at the differences among our secretariats. While we do some things differently, we all accomplish the same goal. Through this we might learn from each other. For example, Ohio and Kairos both do specific rector training. How is this done? Larry brought up the topic of how to build an effective Christian Community for the weekend. How do we work together and support each other? Doug thought that this might be accomplished under Team Formation and Training—a topic that NLS has not addressed in quite a few years.

Doug asked that everyone keep him in his or her prayers—especially in regard to finding a publication chairperson.

The next meeting will be our mid-year meeting in Dallas, Texas, December 1-2, 2001, starting at 1:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Pastor Larry.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Hightower, NLS Secretary

NLS Executive Board Meeting Dallas Texas Mid-Year Meeting, Dec 1-3, 2001

Doug Burrows, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Pastor Larry opened with a prayer. Present were Doug Burrows, Debbie Speights, Diane Purcell, Pastor Larry Llewellyn, Ron Millard, Lucy Hightower and Pastor Carroll Lang.

Minutes: The minutes of the last teleconference meeting were accepted without discussion. (Llewellyn/Speights.)

Finances: Diane reported that expenses are pretty much in line with expectations. The outreach funds received at the national meeting have been transmitted. The Bolivian group sent a thank-you note for the \$2000 sent for wiring of the church as well as the excess over that amount that was sent to help the church there. A copy of the year-to-date check register was distributed as information. Diane reported that Bev Appleby’s family would continue to sell crosses and that both a website and a new order form are being developed. She hopes that cash flow will improve after January 1 when the annual dues start to come in. She pointed out that the national convention passed a

deficit budget last July and expenses will most likely exceed income this fiscal year. Motion and second to accept report as information (Llewellyn/Hightower). Diane also reported that the annual tax return had been filed on time and that she had submitted the Corporate Registration to Minnesota as required by law.

Administration: At this point Debbie reported that the Host Committee is not taking care of the cost of this meeting as has been the custom. They will provide for our meals. Doug suggested that some of his personal travel allowance be used to help defray expenses. Diane will pay the hotel bill from the NLS account; each board member will then be asked to pick up his or her share of the expenses.

Debbie reported that we do not yet have a signed contract for the facilities. As soon as we identify the specific needs, the committee will take care of the contract. We plan to use Lynch Auditorium for many of the meetings. We reviewed a layout of campus housing and plan to use Catherine Hall for housing. Two golf carts will be available due to the long distance between facilities. There is a small room in the dormitory that can be used by the board at night, but it is not very suitable. There is a conference room available for day meetings of the board. We cannot use the chapel on Sunday morning; Lynch Hall is available for Sunday worship. We will need to decide on where to hold the seminars; times for meals can be somewhat flexible.

Evaluations: Debbie reported that the evaluations of the 2001 meeting were mostly favorable. Although people generally enjoyed the format of celebrating our anniversary, they want to get back to education. A general discussion of the evaluations followed. Doug pointed out that in 2002 we would be celebrating thirty years of Via de Cristo. He suggested that perhaps this anniversary could be acknowledged by having a birthday cake on Saturday evening.

Next Annual Meeting: Doug suggested that in July we might consider having one forum, one keynote address and one banquet speaker. One suggestion for the forum might be centered on what roles each of the following play in the Via de Cristo: NLS, Local Secretariat, Pastor, and Laity. Seminar topics included the following: VdC’s Role in the Congregation and Hosting a NLS Meeting. On Thursday we might consider the keynote address to be titled, “Thirty Years of What?” with an emphasis on what are we doing? Friday’s forum topic might be the Nomenclature (or structure) of the Weekend. If we have four seminars, possible suggestions might be “The Laity’s Role in the Fourth Day” or helping identify that the laity’s role is to enhance and honor the the-

ology of the church—not to change the congregation. Other topics might center on the role of the local secretariat and the role of NLS.

Committees that definitely need to meet include both Lay Talk Revision and Revision of the Constitution. We want to have some kind of tribute to Bev Appleby and some small group discussions. The theme for the coming meeting is, “Go in Peace—Serve the Lord.”

The board then took a tour of the facilities at the University of Dallas. After the tour and supper, we identified which facilities will be used in July and continued our discussion of schedule and topics. We closed the evening by joining hands and with each member praying individually for the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we struggle with the content and structure of the July meeting.

Meeting recessed until Sunday morning.

Sunday, December 2

The board reassembled in one of the hotel rooms to continue discussion. Pastor Carroll opened the meeting with a prayer.

As we began to talk about possible topics for Friday, two began to emerge: 1) The Role of the Laity and the Pastor; and, 2) Intentional Witnessing in the Fourth Day.

On Saturday the topic for Session III will be, “Fitting the Pieces Together” and Session IV will be an open discussion of the third session and encompass, “Roles and Responsibilities.” On Thursday, the small group discussions will center on, “Reflections and Sharing on the Purpose of VdC.”

The meeting was recessed to attend Sunday worship at King of Glory Lutheran Church. After worship and lunch the meeting reconvened at the church.

Further discussion and refinement of the schedule followed.

Thursday: There will be an opening worship with the Eucharist. After worship there will be an opening business meeting with the seating of delegates. (Gorman-A). The keynote address will follow the business meeting and the topic will be on 30 years of Via de Cristo and its purpose. After dinner there will be small group breakout sessions: Reflections and sharing on the purpose of Via de Cristo.

Friday: Forum: “What Happens on the Weekend and Why—Both Psychologically and Spiritually.” Business session with a

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short tribute to Bev Appleby. Seminars I: Role of Laity and Pastors in the 4th Day, panel discussion. Seminar II: Intentional Witnessing in the 4th day, Ron Millard, moderator; four stories of various individual experiences. Time for committee work and Spiritual Director's Dialog (Pastor Larry). The following committees will be meeting: Developing a Long Range (5 Year) Plan for NLS, Ron Millard, moderator; Finance, Diane Purcell; Lay Talk Revision, Karen Schneider; Revision of the NLS Constitution, Fred Schneider; Power Point Presentation (developing a presentation to introduce VdC to possible participants), Bob and Pam Northrup (proposed). The Constitution Revision will be open for audit only.

Saturday: Seminar III: "VdC: Fitting the Pieces Together" (Roles and Responsibilities of the VdC—Individual, Local Secretariats, and NLS—Paul Schmidlin, possible presenter.) Seminar IV: Open Discussion (Debbie Speights, moderator). Business meeting with elections and committee reports. Dinner and host party. Worship with installation of officers.

Sunday: Worship.

Doug will contact the proposed speakers and possible back-ups for them. Lucy will contact Cathy; Ron, his wife; Debbie, Lois and Larry.

Video: There was a general discussion of what sessions should be recorded on video. The board decided to tape the keynote, the forum, and seminars 1 and 3. The cost of the video taping is to be borne by the **Host Committee**. Ron Millard is willing to research the possibility and cost of digitizing to a CD. He will have this information as of the conference call in February.

Old Business

Publications: Possible persons to fill the spot as publications chairperson were discussed and the need to move on with getting them in print. Doug will contact the suggested persons. Diane mentioned the possibility of tapping into Minnesota's resources. The following publications were listed as being those that we need to have ready for the July meeting; the person who has access to the data on disk in listed in parentheses: *Essentials* (Lang); *Leadership 101 and 102* (Chuck Simmons); *Music Booklet* (Lang); *Authentic Three-Day Weekend* (Paul Schmidlin); *Ultreya* Donna Gough). Other publications pending are the Lay Talk Revisions (Karen Schneider) and the 4th Day Manual. NLS will need 50 copies of each for distribution to each secretariat. **Teleconference Calls:** Diane reported that

we have already reduced the cost of these calls by about 75%. At this time we are unable to get an effective internet teleconference provider. She has been able to simplify the procedure through Quest Communications. We now have a permanent number and the lowest rate. Participants in the conference all will also have a minimal charge billed to each individually. NLS will reimburse this expense. We can schedule a conference call at anytime without having to go through a host. There is no need for special hardware.

Lay Delegate Form: Debbie will add a paragraph that explains the need for each secretariat to determine the number of delegates allowed and where to find the information.

Outreach Committee: The need to form a committee was discussed. Ron and Doug will get together for further discussion.

Registration Fees: Debbie reported that the Host Committee felt that there was a need to raise the registration fee. They are asking for an increase from \$150 to \$175 with a \$25 discount for early registration. The board agreed to this change. At this time there was also a discussion of the lack of handicapped facilities and the problems associated with the arrangement of the rest rooms in the dormitory. There will be further discussion when we meet with the Host Committee.

Merchandise: The evaluations indicated that people would like to have merchandise offered for sale at the meeting. Doug suggested that we might consider selling only white tee shirts with the NLS Logo on it. Doug will check with the company that has the artwork. He believes that our cost will be around \$7 each and we can probably sell them for \$10 each. He will have further information for us to discuss during the next teleconference meeting. We still have about 20 heavy shirts that we need to close out. It was noted that many of the issues brought up in the evaluations are being addressed by the nature of the programs that we plan to present.

Nominations: Diane and Larry are eligible for re-election. Debbie is not. Debbie will talk with Mike (nominations chairperson) to discuss the responsibilities of the position and possible qualified candidates.

Other Financial Issues: Diane reminded everyone to get all expenses in prior to May 31, 2002; this is the end of our fiscal year. We have to file a tax return because of the \$25,000 requirement. We need to be thinking about our financing needs due to the fact that a major "palanca" source of contributions is no longer available. The Five-Year Committee needs to address this issue. Meeting recessed for supper.

Meeting with Host Committee

After a delicious meal served by the Host Committee, the Board reconvened to meet with some members of the Host Committee. Tim Johnson introduced the Board members to the Texas group.

Schedule: Doug stated that the schedule was complete and that we had been able to make "conservative" use of the College's facilities by scheduling as many meetings as possible in Gorman as opposed to using Lynch.

Music: Tim said that the music will be under the guidance of John Dempsey who is recruiting an extensive team. He will be able to provide at least two guitars for every session. They will do whatever needs to be done.

Host Committee: Doug asked that Tim provide a list of names and addresses of the Texas team. He emphasized the need for everything to be channeled through Debbie.

Doug said that we will be celebrating 30 years of Via de Cristo—this is different from the 25 years of NLS that we celebrated last year. Although this will mainly be a week-end of instruction and work, he would like for us to acknowledge this 30th anniversary with a "birthday" cake. However, he would not want to interfere with Texas' plans. Tim suggested that perhaps we could have a media presentation with slides from the last NLS meeting. Doug felt that it would be best not to focus on NLS or try to do such a presentation.

Registration: The Host Committee was informed that the Board had agreed to raise the registration fee from \$150 to \$175 with a \$25 discount for early registration.

Building Use and Arrangements: Tim said that their group will meet on the campus in order to see it. Debbie explained our plans to use Gorman-A for most of the sessions including the keynote and the forum. We will need to use some other classrooms in the same general area for other sessions. We will use the chapel two times each day for chapel except Sunday when worship will be held in Lynch Auditorium. Hospitality will be in the center area of outside Gorman-A; this area will also be used for merchandise display and posters signing. Doug explained that this will help keep expenses down and keep most activities in one general area.

Video: Only the four sessions are to be taped: the keynote address, the forum, seminar I (Role of Laity/Pastor), and Seminar III (Putting the Pieces Together). The cost of video taping is to be borne by the Host Committee, not NLS. These should be simple

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2002 Annual Meeting, Forum and Seminar Tentative Schedule

Thursday	1:00 pm	Eucharistic Commissioning Worship Service	Gorman A
	2:15 pm	Welcome, Seating of Delegates, business, reports	Gorman A
	4:00 pm	Keynote address - "Purpose of VdC for 30 Years" - R. Dow	Gorman A
	5:30 pm	Dinner	Haggar Hall
	6:45 pm	Small Group Sharing	Locations TBA
	8:00 pm	Vespers	Chapel of the Incarnation
	8:45 pm	Fellowship	Catherine Hall Lounge
Friday	7:30 am	Breakfast	Haggar Hall
	8:30 am	Eucharistic Worship	Chapel of the Incarnation
	10:00 am	Forum - "What Should Happen on the Weekend" - P. Setzer	Gorman A
	11:15 pm	Bus Mtg/Nominations/Bev Appleby Tribute	Gorman A
	12:00 am	Lunch	Haggar Hall
	1:00 pm	Seminar, "Laity and Clergy in Via de Cristo" - M. Swecker	Gorman A
	2:15 pm	Seminar, "Intentional Witnessing in the Fourth Day"	Gorman A
	3:30 pm	Pastors' Dialogue/Committee Work	Locations TBA
	5:30 pm	Dinner	Haggar Hall
	6:45 pm	Small Group Sharing	Locations TBA
8:00 pm	Vespers (Memorial for Bev Appleby)	Chapel of the Incarnation	
9:00 pm	Fellowship	Catherine Hall Lounge	
Saturday	7:30 am	Breakfast	Haggar Hall
	8:30 am	Eucharistic Worship	Chapel of the Incarnation
	10:00 am	Seminar, "VdC: Fitting the Pieces Together" - P. Schmidlin	Gorman A
	11:15 am	Seminar, "Where do we go from here?" - Panel	Gorman A
	12:30 pm	Lunch	Haggar Hall
	1:30 pm	Bus Mtg/Election/Budget/Committee Reports/Host bids	Gorman A
	5:00 pm	Banquet	Haggar Hall
	7:00 pm	Celebration Worship/Install Officers	Chapel of the Incarnation
	8:15 pm	Fellowship	Catherine Hall Lounge
Sunday	7:30 am	Breakfast	Haggar Hall
	8:30 am	Eucharistic Worship	Lynch Auditorium
	10:00 am	NLS Executive Board Meeting	

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Tentative Committee Agendas

As Recommended by the Executive Board

Committee / Agenda Items	Chairperson
#1 Spiritual Directors Dialog	<i>Rev. Larry Llewellyn(NLS Spiritual Director)</i>
#2 Finance	<i>Diane Purcell(NLS Treasurer)</i>
#3 Lay Talk Outline Revision (Audit Only) A. Review the content of all NLS lay talk books. B. Reviise content where needed or replace with new material. C. Assign writing and proofing duties. D. Review editing for publication	<i>Karen Schneider(Ohio VdC)</i>
#4 Publications	<i>Unassigned (Unassigned)</i>
#5 Long Range P lanning	<i>Ron Millard(Heart of Illinois VdC)</i>
#6 NLS Audio/Video Productions A. Review past work, work in progress, and future needs. B. Determine funding needed, proposal to NLS Annual Meeting C. Develop a power point type presentation	<i>Bob and Pam Northrup(Eastern North Carolina VdC)</i>
#7 Constitution and Bylaws (Audit Only)	<i>Fred Schneider(Ohio VdC)</i>

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in darkness have
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Isaiah 9:2

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Doug went around the room and asked what role each member of the Host Committee had and asked for questions. He reminded those present that Debbie is a great resource and that they should feel free to contact her.

Transportation: This group will need to work closely with Linda (Registration) and housing as transportation needs are included with the form.

Facilities: The lack of handicap facilities in Catherine Hall and location of the rest rooms is a concern. There may be a need for some persons to seek off-site housing. The board would like for all participants to be housed on-site. Tim said that he will make contact with the college to see if special housing can be arranged for those who need it. We need to add a special needs section to the registration form. The host committee was asked to provide a list of reasonable housing close to the college.

Communications: Articles are needed for the *Conexiones*. The application is ready; needed articles include some type of welcome and information about the campus. The next newsletter is due now and another is due out in March.

Rathskeller: This facility will be open but refreshments will be limited to soft drinks and popcorn. No alcoholic beverages will be served at any function held under our name.

Debbie reminded Tim that she needs a copy of the contract with the college as soon as possible.

Larry closed this section of the meeting with a prayer. The Board meeting was recessed until Monday morning.

Monday Morning, December 2

The meeting was reconvened at the hotel and opened with a prayer by Pastor Larry. The main item of business left to complete is the report on Outreach.

Outreach: Ron Millard reported that he has been very busy and has had some serious inquiries about new potential startups.

St. Louis: Ron met with the bishop of his synod who was very supportive and helpful. He is trying to get a group together and is hopeful that within a year a new secretariat can be established.

Long Island: He has a promising contact there; however, the September 11th tragedy has slowed things down in this area.

San Diego: Ron has contacted the two other secretariats in California to make sure that there is no conflict. Ron read a letter from his California contact; this letter stated that

they are very interested and the Roman Catholic Church there is willing to help them get started. Ron also had a letter from two new and growing Hispanic churches in Sao Paulo. They want to affiliate with NLS, use our logo, and materials. Ron sent them a start-up template; when this is complete it is to be presented to the Executive Board. He will also be sending them additional materials such as the *Spiritual Director's Manual* and *Essentials of Via de Cristo*. Ron hopes to get together with them in person and would like approval for this trip by the Board. Ron feels that he can get help from the Southern California group and wants to make this trip as soon as possible. He asked about the availability of money to pay for this trip. They have a nucleus of people who have attended other movements. In response to questions about whether or not this group can accomplish everything by April, Ron responded that they need copies of the NLS Constitution (Lucy will mail two copies to Ron), Pilgrim's Guides, and other materials. Doug suggested that he contact Dick Emery at the Distribution Center and have him send the materials directly to California. Diane reported that there was enough money in Ron's budget to cover a visit out there. Doug asked that Ron encourage the group to attend the next NLS meeting in July.

Western Michigan: Ron had had an inquiry about starting a group in that area. Doug suggested that Ron contact Good News! VdC and Central Michigan and ask that they help get this group started.

Latvia: The Erdmans are still working on this. Martens Irbe is the contact. Perhaps the "start-up" people can come to Indiana. Doug suggested that a contact with Finland might be helpful. Ron needs to find out what they are doing and make direct contact; we need some feedback from the Erdmans and find out how we can best help them.

Doug suggested that perhaps Vineyard and Rainbow Secretariats might be helpful in the Long Island area.

Ron has had two inquiries about TEC and Kairos. He needs the names of people to use as contacts. Are there any "national" contacts? Mike Swecker was identified as a possible source of help.

Other Business: Doug and Ron will be going to Florida in February to attend a gathering of 4th Day Movements. Lucy asked permission to destroy old tapes of teleconference calls. Permission granted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is a conference call on Sunday, Feb 10, 2002, at 9pm, EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Hightower, NLS Secretary

Palanca Perspectives

Not too long ago, the NLS focused a whole issue of the *Conexiones* on palanca (Special Palanca Edition, May 2000). This was not an accident and in fact it was a thoughtful and important decision. Palanca in the form of prayer and sacrifice are fundamental to the success of any Via de Cristo or Cursillo weekend. This simple act of selfless love and sacrifice is so basic to Christianity that we often take it for granted. We often forget that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, made the ultimate sacrifice as he hung on the cross. We need to remember that Christ provides the role model, the ultimate "palanca." But do we make that sacrifice in our daily lives? I know that I find it very hard to set aside prayer time as I fulfill my daily commitment or even get ready for the weekends. There is so much to do and so little time to do it. But we cannot forget what we are about, what our basic tenets are. Make sure as we live our lives that our palanca is immersed in prayer and sacrifice so that it will be an inspiration to those around us.

But should palanca stop after a weekend? I don't think so. Does the sacrifice made on the cross end? Think about your daily prayers in the light of offering daily palanca. These are gifts of love and sacrifice that are punctuated with prayer. Our palanca should never stop, it should continue on a daily basis and in fact, if we are faltering, maybe we should not focus on the many work items, but focus even more on prayer.

I don't have the time in this brief space to cover all of the many points that are critical to the concept of palanca, but our web site can lead you to that issue on palanca. The link is <http://www.viadecristo.org/newsletter/2000/vol18-2.pdf>. Consider reading again, the wonderful articles that emphasize this greatest of gifts. What better time than as we start the new year. Make 2002 the "year of palanca".

Mark Carnes, NLS Palanca Coordinator

International Addresses

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Arcidiocesi Napoli Gruppo
Coordinamento Diocesano
C/o Parrocchia S. Teresa del Bambino Gesu
Via Nicolardi 233 80131 Napoli, Italy

Ottawa Cath Eng Cursillo & Challenge Community
John & Jeannine Masson
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada KLZ 7P6

Movimento De Cursillos De Crisandade
Diocese De Bauru GED-Grupo
Executivo Diocesano Secretaria Rua Cyro
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Valley Cursillo Movement
Yarmouth Diocese of Nova Scotia
Mail To: Gordon and Connie Willden, Palanca
R,R #1
Deep Brook, BOS 1J0, Canada

National Lutheran Secretariat
(A Minnesota Not-for-Profit Corporation)
Comparative Statement of Financial Position
November 30, 2001

ASSETS	Nov 30, 2001	June 1, 2001
Cash - General Fund	\$171	\$2,031
Cash - Distribution Center	831	831
NLS Savings	1,320	7,806
Investment	18,772	18,468
TOTAL ASSETS	\$21,093	\$29,136
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted - General Fund	\$10,644	\$18,645
Unrestricted - Distrib Center Designated	690	831
Video Fund	2,860	2,860
Outreach Fund	6,899	6,800
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$21,093	\$29,136

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National Lutheran Secretariat
Statement of Activity

For the Six Months Ending November 30, 2001

	General Fund	Distrib Center	Video Fund	Outreach Fund	Total
Cash Balance June 1, 2001	\$18,645	\$831	\$2,860	\$6,800	\$29,136
Income					
Contributions - Secretariats	780				780
Palanca	3,500			3,740	7,240
Subscriptions	0				0
Interest.....	307				307
Distribution Center	0	900			900
Total Income	4,587	900	0	3,740	9,227
Expenses					
President	307				307
VP Administration.....	253				253
VP Outreach	33				33
Treasurer.....	111				111
Secretary.....	51				51
Spiritual Director.....	597				597
Past President	0				0
Newsletter Editor.....	465				465
Conference Calls	133				133
Telephone 800#	255				255
Newsletter.....	2,103				2,103
Web Site	400				400
Administration & Postage	554				554
Annual Meeting.....	2,303				2,303
Mid-year Meeting.....	0				0
Authentic 3 Day	206				206
Lay Talk.....	999				999
Printing and Reproduction	352				352
Designated Board Authorized	1,039				1,039
Video	0				0
Outreach	0			6,070	6,070
Distribution Center	0				0
Postage					0
Printing					0
Supplies					0
Tape Duplicating		1,041			1,041
Telephone					0
Total Expenses	10,160	1,041	0	6,070	17,270
Change In Net Assets	(5,573)	(141)	0	(2,330)	(8,043)
Cash Balance Nov 30, 2001	\$13,072	\$690	\$2,860	\$4,470	\$21,093

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The NLS Needs You

Once in a while the NLS Executive Board receives comments from the Annual Meeting Evaluation Surveys indicating that some attendees feel they “really have no need for the NLS.” Apparently, the more self-sufficient movements feel that they are not making much use of what the NLS provides in terms of the talks, pilgrims guides and other materials, since these movements produce their own. Therefore, they feel they don’t “get their money’s worth” out of their membership in the NLS.

Let’s take this thought and look at this from the backside. The NLS is not just the provider of products and services, it is also a way for other movements to share their expertise and triumphs. Perhaps, instead of a secretariat needing the NLS, the NLS needs the secretariats to provide leadership ideas and successes.

Palanca is an example of the way the NLS connects movements across the nation. We are all in this renewal movement together—and we need each other very much.

— Carroll Lang, Editor

What is it? -

Ecumenicity

Ecumenism, for many people, means an approach to Christian community that is the “lowest common denominator,” something that contains no references to any denomination, something that is completely innocuous. Some even think that being ecumenical means all Christians will some day be one church body.

Nothing could be farther from the definition of Ecumenical. The term ecumenical has to do with inter-denominational fellowship and cooperation. It does not imply, in any way, that denominations engaged in ecumenical events lose their sense of identity. The participants maintain their denominational integrity while embracing believers in other denominations and celebrating their common mission: to witness to the world their common faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

In Jesus’ “High Priestly Prayer” in the Gospel of John, he prays that all of us may “be one, even as (he) and the father are one.” Our oneness comes from the power of God in the figure of Christ. His death and resurrection have made us one in spite of our best efforts to divide Christianity into factions.

Carroll Lang, Editor

Ultrereya!

Note: the following is the latest information this editor has of the Ultrereyas around the country. The Ultrereya that meets at the same time and place and on the same day of the month, has a distinct advantage over the Ultrereya that moves from place to place and has a new time and date for each meeting. The ultrereyas 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 Ultrereya, and include other movements, too. If your Ultrereya 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

November 17, 6pm, American Lutheran, Sun City, 17200 North Del Webb Blvd.

ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA

Grand Ultrereyas held semi-annually at various times and places.

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)

February 17, 2002 - 2pm at Our Redeemer, Garden Grove

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.

November 10, 2001 Celebration, 7:30pm at Rader Memorial United Methodist Church, 205 NE 87th Street, El Portal (Miami).

GEORGIA

Atlanta Lutheran VdC Movement:

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

ILLINOIS/IOWA

Living Water Ultrereya.

October 6, 2001 (Sat), 5:30pm potluck, ultrereya follows at Prince of Peace Lutheran, 415 W 53rd Street, Davenport, IA. Hosts: Augie and Kim Calsyn. Call (319) 391-4519 for more information.

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 Reunion; 6pm-Potluck Dinner; 7pm-Ultrereya at Salem Lutheran

INDIANA

September 16, 2001, 1:30pm Secretariat Meeting, fellowship at 3pm, supper at 5:30pm. Childcare provided.

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

IOWA

Floyd Valley Ultrereya. 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 Ultrereya. Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp, 7:30pm, 3rd Mondays (except June & July)

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

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

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

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

Sioux City Ultrereya. 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 Ultrereya, Storm Lake

MARYLAND

Vineyard — Monthly at various places and times

MICHIGAN

Central Michigan Ultrereya

Monthly at various times and places.

October 26, 2001, (Fri) at 6pm at St. Paul Lutheran, 22275 4-Mile Road, Reed City

TriCities - 2nd Fridays

October 19, 2001, 7pm, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2206 Airfield Lane, Midland.

Upper Peninsula - 3rd Saturdays

PortHuron/St.Clair - 2nd Fridays

Good News! Via de Cristo Ultrereyas

November 18, 2001, 4-7pm at St. Paul's Lutheran.

Potluck, post-weekend. Call Jack or Betty Packer for more info at (313) 561-8270.

MINNESOTA MOVEMENT

The Luther Seminary VdC Community:

Quarterly Ultrereyas 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 Ultrereya Community:

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

Singles Ultrereyas

Each month the Singles Cursillo Community of Minnesota hosts an ultrereya 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 Ultrereya

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 Ultrereyas (same sites as weekends)

Ultrereya dates not listed

NORTH CAROLINA

November 4, 2001, Friendship Lutheran, Taylorsville, NC

Eastern North Carolina - Monthly, 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.

Wilmington - 4th Fridays, 7pm, held at various churches in Wilmington, NC area.

Beach Group - Monthly Ultrereya held the 4th Fridays of each month. Faith, fun, food, festivity, all cursillistas welcome. Contact Melinda Hales at (910) 791-8765.

Triangle - 5:30pm, 2nd Saturdays at various churches in the Triangle area. Potluck dinner, music, faith sharing, worship and communion at each ultrereya. Call Dean Nelson at (919) 791-1955 for details.

Western North Carolina - Monthly

OHIO

Cincinnati - Monthly

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

Ultreya!

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

Dayton Lutheran Ultraya - 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 Ultraya. 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 Ultraya - place and time TBA
Midlands Ultraya - place and time TBA
Low Country Ultraya - place and time TBA

TEXAS

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

UTAH

August 25, 2001, 3-6pm, Grace Lutheran Church, Bountiful, Utah
September 23, 2001, 3-6, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Park City, Utah
November 4, 2001, 3-6pm, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sandy, Utah
December 2, 2001, 3-6pm, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Roy, Utah

VIRGINIA

Rainbow Via de Cristo, Contact Bill Carey: 703/620-6377.
2nd Fridays, Rainbow Ultraya at Holy Cross Lutheran, Herndon, VA. Contact Bill Sproat at 703/754-2323.
3rd Fridays, Western Maryland Ultraya, rotates different churches, contact Craig Wasilius at 301/797-3853
1st Mondays (except holidays), Southern Maryland Ultraya, rotates different churches, contact Annie Cave at 301/297-8561

WISCONSIN

None announced for this issue

TEC = Teen Ministry

March 2002: Arizona: **Arizona Chayah** (Teen Weekend) Girls #19, March TBA, 2002. Send palanca to: Ralph Marino, 960 Peace Lane, Prescott, AZ 86305.
March 2002: Arizona: **Arizona Chayah** (Teen Weekend) Boys #20, March TBA, 2002. Send palanca to: Ralph Marino, 960 Peace Lane, Prescott, AZ 86305.



Prison Ministry

February 2002 - Iowa: **Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry**, Newton Correctional Facility Newton, February 14-17, 2002. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oNCF, Newton, IA 50208.

February 2002 - Florida: **Gold Coast Area Kairos**, Indian River Torch (IRCI #14: February, 2002. Send palanca to: Gold Coast Area Kairos, PO Box 30343, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-0343.

March 2002 - Iowa: **Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry**, Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility, March 14-17, 2002. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oMPCF, Highway 218 South, Mount Pleasant, IA 52641.

March 2001 - Florida: **Gold Coast Area Kairos**, Martin Correctional (MCI #15: March, 2001. Send palanca to: Gold Coast Area Kairos, PO Box 30343, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-0343.

March 2002 - Florida: **Gold Coast Area Kairos**, Eckerd Youth Development Center Torch #2: March, 2002 Send palanca to: Gold Coast Area Kairos, PO Box 30343, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-0343.

April 2002 - Iowa: **Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry**, Fort Dodge Correctional Facility Rockwell City, April 11-14, 2002. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oCoDR, PO Box 834, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

May 2002 - Iowa: **Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry**, Newton Correctional Facility Newton, May 16-19, 2002. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oNCF, Newton, IA 50208.

May 2002 - Florida: **Gold Coast Area Kairos**, Glades Correctional (GCI #35): May, 2002 Send palanca to: Gold Coast Area Kairos, PO Box 30343, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-0343.



May 2002 - Florida: **Gold Coast Area Kairos**, Okeechobee Correctional (OCI #15): May, 2002 Send palanca to: Gold Coast Area Kairos, PO Box 30343, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-0343.

June 2002 - Iowa: **Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry**, North Central Correctional Facility Rockwell City, June 20-23, 2002. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oNCCF, PO Box 313, Rockwell City, IA 50579

June 2002 - Florida: **Gold Coast Area Kairos**, Indian River Torch (IRCI #15): June, 2002 Send palanca to: Gold Coast Area Kairos, PO Box 30343, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-0343.

June 2002 - Florida: **Gold Coast Area Kairos**, South Bay Correctional Facility #9: June, 2002 Send palanca to: Gold Coast Area Kairos, PO Box 30343, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-0343.

Palanca! FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS

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

- January/February 2002 - Texas: **Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Lutherhill Camp, LaGrange, Coed #43: January 31-February 3, 2002. Send palanca to: Mark Clayton, 181 Notchleaf, Cibolo, TX 78108.
- February 2002 - South Dakota: **South Dakota Via de Cristo**, Men's: February 7-10; Women's: February 14-17, 2002. Send palanca to: Ardana Bruns, 621 NW 8th Street, Madison, SD 57042.
- February 2002 - Texas: **North Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo** #54(Coed), Bishop Mason Retreat and Conference Center, Grapevine, Texas, February 14-17, 2002. Send palanca to: Lilly Gholston, 401 Campbell Lane, Denton, TX 76209-4580.
- February 2002 - North Carolina: **Eastern North Carolina Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Camp Dixie, Fayetteville, Mixed #42: February 14-17, 2002. Send palanca to: Clarence Hales, 442 Semmes Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412-7148.
- February 2002 - California: **Via de Cristo of Southern California & The Central Valley**, Bethel in the Hills Coed Weekend #14: February 21-24, 2002. Send palanca to: Roxanne Fackler, 809 Elsey Street, Bakersfield, CA 93309.
- February/March 2002 - Minnesota: **Minnesota Via de Cristo-Metro**, St. Stephens Lutheran, West St. Paul, Men's #387: February 28-March 3; Women's #388: March 7-10, 2002. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.
- February/March 2002 - Indiana: **Indiana Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Lutheran Hills, Men's: February 28-March 3; Women's: March 7-10, 2002. Send palanca to: Perry Powers, 621 North Main Street, Monticello, IN 47960.
- March 2002 - Illinois/Iowa: **Living Water Via de Cristo**, Pilgrim Park, Men's: March 7-10, Women's: March 14-17, 2002. Send palanca to: Hal and Charlotte Gustafson, 17 Hickory Hills, Geneseo, IL 61254.
- March 2002 - North Carolina: **Western North Carolina Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Dogwood, Mixed #18 March 7-10, 2002. Send palanca to: Deborah Young, 3450 Patterson Road, China Grove, NC 28023.
- March 2002 - Arizona: **Lutheran Cursillo Movement of Arizona**, Men's #89: March 7-10; Women's #90: March 21-24, 2002. Send palanca to: LaWave Speck, 902 West Roma Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013-2824.
- March 2002 - Minnesota: **Minnesota Via de Cristo-South**, TBA, Men's #389: March; Women's #390: March, 2002. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.
- April 2002 - Minnesota: **Minnesota Via de Cristo-North**, Faith Lutheran, West Fargo, ND; Men's #391: April 4-7; Women's #392: April 11-14, 2002. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.
- April 2002 - California: **Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California**, St. Joseph's Retreat Center, Men's #78: April 4-7; Women's #79: April 11-14, 2002. Send palanca to: Bonnie Zimmermann, LCSC Palanca, PO Box 5203, Cerritos, CA 90703-5203.
- April 2002 - Tennessee: **Tennessee Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Coed: April 11-14, 2002. Send palanca to: Julie Glibbery, 7724 Seville Road, Powell, WY 37849.
- April 2002 - Indiana: **Indiana Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Epworth Forest, Men's: April 11-14; Women's: April 18-21, 2002. Send palanca to: Perry Powers, 621 North Main Street, Monticello, IN 47960.
- April 2002 - Virginia: **Rainbow Via de Cristo Walk of Faith**, Men's #41: April 11-14; Women's #44: April 25-28, 2002. Mail palanca to: Cis Smail, PO Box 2724, La Plata, MD 20646.
- April 2002 - Ohio: **Via de Cristo of Ohio (Central)**, Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center, Columbus, Men's #47: April 11-14; Women's #45: April 25-28, 2002. Send palanca to: Jeff Albrekton, 2793 Galewood Street, Kettering, OH 45420.
- April 2002 - Florida: **Sonbeam Via de Cristo**, Rotary Camp Florida, Men's #39: April 11-14; Women's #39: April 18-21, 2002. Send palanca to: Dave McConnell, PO Box 8874, Madera Beach, FL 33738-8874.
- April 2002 - Georgia: **Atlanta Via de Cristo**, Men's #49: April 18-21; Women's #47: April 25-28, 2002. Send palanca to: Jim and Kathy Boucher, 5200 Downs Way, Norcross, GA 30093-2450.
- April 2002 - Arkansas-Oklahoma: **A-OK Via de Cristo**, Catholic Pastoral Retreat Center, Oklahoma City, OK - Coed Weekend #5: April 25-28, 2002. Send palanca to: Becky Del Rio, 18115 Fawn Tree Drive, Little Rock, AR 72209.
- April/May 2002 - Maryland: **Vineyard Via de Cristo**, Women's #9: April 18-21; Men's #9: May 16-19, 2002k. Mail palanca to: Frances Ecton, PO Box 452, Funkstown, MD 21734-0452.
- April/May 2002 - Texas: **Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Lutherhill Camp, LaGrange, Men's #44: April 25-28; Women's #44: May 2-5, 2002. Send palanca to: Mark Clayton, 181 Notchleaf, Cibolo, TX 78108.
- April/May 2002 - North Carolina: **Western North Carolina Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Loy White, Men's #50: April 25-28; Women's #50: May 2-5, 2002. Send palanca to: Deborah Young, 3450 Patterson Road, China Grove, NC 28023.
- May 2002 - Texas: **North Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo** #55 (Coed), Bishop Mason Retreat and Conference Center, Grapevine, Texas, May 16-19, 2002. Send palanca to: Lilly Gholston, 401 Campbell Lane, Denton, TX 76209-4580.
- May/June 2002 - Minnesota: **Minnesota Via de Cristo-Metro**, Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater, Single Men's #393: May 23-26; Single Women's #394: May 30-June 2, 2002. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.
- June 2002 - California: **Via de Cristo of Southern California & The Central Valley**, El Camino Pines Coed Weekend #15: June 13-16, 2002. Send palanca to: Roxanne Fackler, 809 Elsey Street, Bakersfield, CA 93309.
- June 2002 - Texas: **Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo**, Cathedral Oaks, Weimar, Coed #45: June 20-23, 2002. Send palanca to: Cary Warner, 205 Erskine, San Antonio, TX 78201.
- June 2002 - Minnesota: **Minnesota Via de Cristo-Metro**, Redeemer Lutheran, Fridley, Men's #395: June 20-23; Women's #396: June 27-30, 2002. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.
- June 2002 - Ohio: **Via de Cristo of Ohio (Northern)**, St. Leonard's Youth Retreat Center, Avon, Men's #48: June 27-30, 2002. Send palanca to: Jeff Albrekton, 2793 Galewood Street, Kettering, OH 45420.
- July 2002 - California: **Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California**, St. Joseph's Retreat Center, Men's #80: July 11-14; Women's #81: July 18-21, 2002. Send palanca to: Bonnie Zimmermann, LCSC Palanca, PO Box 5203, Cerritos, CA 90703-5203.

NLS Distribution Center

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Annual Meeting Items Available

Dick Emery announces that all the material that was available at the 2001 Annual Meeting and video tapes from the meeting are available from the Distribution Center, as well as the shirts and the material that is on the order form.



Improving Communication -

Flow of Info

At the 1996 NLS Annual Meeting, it was suggested that more articles and information be shared both from local secretariat newsletters in Conexiones, and also articles from Conexiones reprinted in local secretariat newsletters.

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I am willing to save you re-typing by sending the articles to you at your request via e-mail. If you, as editor of your newsletter are not online, find out who, in your movement, is online, or ask a computer friend for help.

This communication can be done two ways, too, and you editors could provide the articles via e-mail to the editor of Conexiones, Carroll Lang, at cdlng@aol.com and he would be very grateful.

- Carroll Lang, Editor

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