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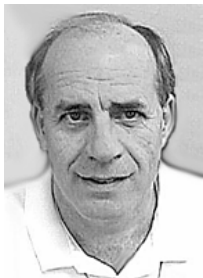
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Meeting of Fourth Day Movements

It is early March now and we have returned from the meeting in Winter Park Florida of the Fourth Day Movements. I must report to you that it is an inspiration to meet with these leaders and to discuss the issues we have in common. This year was special in that we wrote a letter to President Bush expressing our support for him at this time of need and that we would ask our people to pray for him and for all of the American men and women in harm's way. We also expressed our support of his Faith Based Initiative program. Our hope is that we can offer our support as leaders of the Fourth Day Movements to his efforts.



Doug Burrows

I would request that you take time each morning, as you offer the day up to our Lord, to pray for our President and the people of the armed forces. Also remember the families of the people lost in the 9-11 happenings. In my memory our country has never been in more need of prayer and Christian leadership. Let all of the family of Via de Cristo stand up and be counted for Christ and in prayerful support of our people.

I also wish to publicly thank Ron Millard for his joining me in Florida. Ron was a good support for me. Thank you, Ron.

Now there is a matter that I need to bring to the public light once again. That is the use of the name Cursillo in the course of our work. Yes, we are from the root program of the Catholic Cursillo. However we chose for a number of reasons not to limit our weekends to Lutherans only. In doing this we AGREED to not use the name Cursillo. There were many reasons why we were asked to do this, but chief was a great respect by the Catholic movement to preserve the doctrine of the church Lutheran. They felt at the time that if they required us to remain for Lutherans only then they would have respect for our Lutheran doctrine. We on the other-hand saw this as a limitation.

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

ALLELUJAH!

Howdy Pardners!

We "ranch hands" (NLS 2002 Annual Meeting Hosts) have plenty of room in the bunkhouse (University of Dallas) for you and your friends. Plan to join us – you won't want to miss the fun, fellowship, food, fine programs and focused worship. Your Texas (North and South) and Arkansas & Oklahoma host team is looking forward to greeting each of you with our special hospitality – like door (airport) – to door (meeting site) "stagecoach" service, 3 nights in our "bunkhouse" (air conditioned, modern facilities) 12 visits to the "chuck wagon" – including Texas bar-b-que and Tex-Mex favorites - a truly great value – plus insights to help your Via de Cristo community, and the best in Christian Fellowship and worship.

This just in. . . Our keynote speaker has been confirmed. . . Pastor Richard Dow – former NLS Spiritual Director will kick off our time together – our focus on how to "Go in Peace, Serve The Lord, Thanks be to God".

Well you can't "Go" till you come – so make plans with your reunion group and ultreya and your travel agent/on-line service. Send in your application today – and pray the experience draws you closer to God – and He is glorified for the 3 days and beyond.

So are you signed up? Can you say "Yep"?

— Barney Boeder

Well, I am not here to renew old arguments. I am here to remind all of us we have made an agreement. That agreement is to use the term Cursillo in its historic perspective as it pertains to Via de Cristo. Now it is my request that we live up to our agreement. You may think this is wrong, but it really does not matter what you or I think. It matters how we respect ourselves and the agreements we make with others. I request that if you are using the name Cursillo for your weekends and in your literature that you cease and desist. This is for all of the Via de Cristo organizations and not just some. Let us live the life we represent. Thank you for your understanding and for your compliance to this request.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Doug Burrows

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From the Vice President
of Administration

Putting Pen to Paper



Debbie Speights

It's time to mark your calendars

Our friends in Texas are waiting to hear from you! I can't think of a better way to ease those "mid-winter blues" than to plan a trip. How about a trip to big "D" little "A" double "L" "A-S"? That's right, it's time to mark your calendars and begin making your plans to attend this year's Annual Meeting of the NLS in Dallas.

Our hosts from North Texas, A-OK and Texas Via de Cristo Secretariats have had you in their plans and prayers for some time now. The sprawling campus of the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas, will be the setting for our meeting which begins at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, and ends on Sunday, July 28, following morning worship.

Last year in Minneapolis we came together in celebration from the beginning of Via de Cristo, through our evolution over the past two decades, to our plans for the future. This year we return to a more instructional format with our focus revolving around the purpose of Via de Cristo: "How and Why We Do Things the Way We Do," "The Role of Laity and Clergy," and "How to Live in the Fourth Day." These, coupled with inspiring worship, small group sharing, uplifting music and lots of time for fellowship, are but a sampling of what's in store for us.

So, get on board by sending in your registration early. You won't want to miss this opportunity for learning, growing and sharing and, of course, it won't be the same without YOU!!

Wishing you God's richest blessings,

— Debbie Speights



Letters to/from
the Editor

Kudos for E-Conexiones

I just wanted to let you know that I much appreciated the e-mail edition of "Conexiones." I spent as much time with it as with the hard copy edition, and I didn't have to get up out of my chair to dispose of it. I was able to print the pages I was interested in. This is a great idea. I hope it is less costly for the Secretariat. I encourage everyone who receives the publication to consider switching to the e-mail version.

— George Cyphers, Cleveland, Ohio

From the Vice President of Outreach

Announcing a New Secretariat!

Iwould like to introduce the NLS community to our latest secretariat; Hope, Faith and Love Via de Cristo. They are located in San Diego. Organization is well under way, and their first weekends are set for the second and third weeks of August 2002. Their weekends will be Spanish-based, so I give thanks to Shel Groff and others from Bolivia for providing me the rollos, meditations, and other materials in Spanish so those may be forwarded to San Diego.

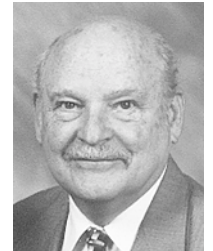
The NLS charter will be signed in early March, when they officially become part of our growing community. The main persons involved in the startup there are Rev. Moises Mendez and Rev. Dr. Frederick Machado. Please keep them and their endeavors in your prayers. They are planning to be in Dallas for our annual meeting, so you will get an opportunity to meet and greet them.

I would like each of our secretariats to consider sending a banner to the new community to help them get started. It could be an older one, or if so inclined, make a new one. Those should be mailed to Rev. Frederick Machado at 306 Graves Court, El Cajon, CA. 92021. What a great blessing it would be to them to receive such gifts from our community!

I'm still working with 4-5 other potential new startups in 2002. And Venezuela and Israel are still very strong possibilities. Tomorrow during your morning or evening prayers, pray for other new communities; that they can help share the love of Christ through this special ministry we call Via de Cristo.

God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good.

—Ron Millard



Ron Millard

Get Them While They Last

NLS mugs: only 20 left, Special price of only \$4.00 each. Please note that all items that were displayed at the annual meeting are available from the distribution center. The video tapes of the sessions presented at the meeting are available as are the videos of the 1999 and 2000 annual meeting. The video from 1999 The Flow of The Dynamics of the Weekend is an excellent team training tool. I have used it many times. Also please note that ID#'s are available for each Secretariat so that the may place orders on the web site. That is it. I hope you can make something out of it

Blessings, Richard

Ordering NLS Supplies Online

Many changes have been made to the NLS web site at www.viadecristo.org. In addition to the Conexiones News letters member Secretariats can now order NLS Supplies through the web site.

To use this convenient method for ordering supplies:

- 1) Contact Richard Emery to obtain an ID#. Richard can be reached at (941)590-8958 or RICISA@aol.com.
- 2) Get on the web and go to www.viadecristo.org. Click on the "Resources for Secretariats" button.
- 3) Click on "Order NLS Supplies Online".
- 4) Click on "You can now order online!!!! Click here to place your order."
- 5) Simply fill out the online form and Click "Submit Order".
- 6) Your order will be automatically sent to NLS Supplies.

Please contact me if you have problems or suggestions.

—Bob Northrup, NLS Web Site Content editor
bobnorthrup@mindspring.com



From the Spiritual Director

It's that Time of Year Again

It's that time of year again. It's the season of Lent, preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each year it seems as if there are meanings that I have never considered before concerning the events of Easter, and lack of meaning at all.

For instance, I do not understand why we have Wednesday services during the season of Lent, yet we do not celebrate the season of Easter, the week of weeks. In fact, the Sunday after Easter is called "low Sunday" because the attendance is so low after the great swelling of attendance on Easter Sunday.



Pr. Larry Llewellyn

Why do we prepare for the event and then do nothing during the event? We have Advent where we prepare for the Coming but do not celebrate the 12 days of Christmas. In fact, on Christmas afternoon we find trees in the gutter for the trash people to pickup. Or, you can be like my neighbor and leave your Christmas lights up all year long and even turn them on every night.

I am looking forward to Easter with a new zeal this year. I don't know why, it just seems that there is more meaning to the event and my relationship with the death and resurrection of our Lord. I am excited, I am looking forward to the greatest of all gifts from our God. The gift of his Son that I might have life now. The gift of forgiveness because my debt has been paid by my loving God. All of this just for ME. God loves me and all of his children with an unbelievable love. We are blessed, we are loved, we are

cared for in a unique and special way. I am overwhelmed by the gracious act of a loving God. I am told that I am his and that he is mine. The Son of God gave up his life for mine. How do you comprehend? How do you accept this gift? How? How? How? Do I not have to pay? Do I not have to give? Do I not have to believe?

My wife, Dot, gave me a poem this week. A poem that has helped me to see, to open my eyes to the gift of God. It is titled Hymn of Promise.

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree;
in cocoons a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be,

Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;

There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery,

Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In the end is our beginning, in our time infinity;

in our doubt there is believing; in our life eternity.

In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,

Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There is a promise, always a promise of the faithfulness of God. Never changing, never withheld, always there for the blessing. Yes, our God is an awesome God.

Yours in Christ, Larry

Palanca Perspectives

In the past several months I have received a question repeatedly. It is usually phrased like "what is my Palanca Coordinator supposed to do?" or "what should our Palanca Coordinator be doing?" or some variation of that theme. I will attempt to answer that question, but remember, each Secretariat does things a little differently. The NLS doesn't define the "right way." Some have chosen to split tasks among a number of people or committees. The guide I am giving is intended to be general in nature and define the general tasks that usually fall under the Palanca Coordinator. The tasks are:

1. Notify other Secretariats of the local group's weekends via letter or email.
2. Supply Palanca from the local Secretariat upon request by another.
3. Collect Palanca from other Secretariats or movements for upcoming weekends. (In some Secretariats, the Palanca Coordinator also collects personal Palanca for the weekend)
4. Keep the NLS Palanca coordinator informed of weekends and changes so they can be posted to the NLS website.
5. Make sure the local Secretariat and community members know what Palanca is and what true Palanca means.
6. Manage Palanca requests, incoming and outgoing to avoid duplication and waste.

While these five tasks may seem easy, this task can be both complicated and time consuming. Each coordinator must set up a system that works for him or her. Many people have email and choose to send notes via email, others only have snail mail and others choose a combination of systems. It doesn't matter what the mechanism. The important thing is to get the requests handled in a timely manner, but above all remember that Palanca is not the letter or note, but the prayer and sacrifice involved.

As a final note, I would suggest that your Palanca Coordinator should be a prayer warrior for your Secretariat. The single most important factor in Palanca is prayer, thus the coordinator needs to be a focal point for prayer.

Given the size of the job it is no wonder some movements need a committee!

Mark Carnes, NLS Palanca Coordinator

From the NLS Treasurer



Diane Purcell

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

February 28, 2002

Assets	2-28-02	6-1-01
Cash - Gen'l Fund	\$1,762	\$2,031
Cash - Distrib Center	690	831
NLS Savings	1,020	7,806
Investment	<u>15,838</u>	<u>18,468</u>
Total Assets	\$19,310	\$29,136
Net Assets		
Unrestrict-Gen'l Fund	\$11,290	\$18,645
Unrestrict - Distrib Ctr	690	831
Designated		
Memorial Fund	100	N/A
Video Fund	2,860	2,860
Outreach Fund	<u>4,370</u>	<u>6,800</u>
Total Net Assets	\$19,310	\$29,136

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National Lutheran Secretariat Statement of Activity For the Nine Months Ending February 28, 2002

	Gen'l Fund	Distrib Center	Video Fund	Mem'l Fund	Outreach Fund	Total
Cash Balance June 1, 2001	\$18,645	\$831	\$2,860	\$0	\$6,800	\$29,136
Income						
Contributions - Secretariats	3,130					3,130
Palanca	3,500				3,640	7,140
Subscriptions	6					6
Memorials	0			100		100
Interest	384					384
Distribution Center	0	900				900
Total Income	7,020	900	0	100	3,640	11,660
Expenses						
President	618					618
VP Administration	538					538
VP Outreach	1,383					1,383
Treasurer	111					111
Secretary	679					679
Spiritual Director	392					392
Past President	0					0
Newsletter Editor	152					152
Conference Calls	250					250
Telephone 800#	482					482
Newsletter	3,077					3,077
Web Site and Software	888					888
Administration & Postage	119					119
Annual Meeting	2,453					2,453
Mid-year Meeting	427					427
Authentic 3 Day	206					206
Lay Talk	1,211					1,211
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					0
Printing	0					0
Supplies	0					0
Tape Duplicating	1,041					1,041
Telephone	0					0
Total Expenses	14,375	1,041	0	0	6,070	21,486
Change In Net Assets	(7,356)	(141)	0	100	(2,430)	(9,826)
Cash Balance Feb 28, 2002	\$11,289	\$690	\$2,860	\$100	\$4,370	\$19,310

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Corporate Registrations

A reminder to Secretariats - This is a good time of the year to confirm the status of your corporate registration in your state of incorporation. Many states require a yearly filing of your corporate registration.

Secretariat Dues

All Secretariats should receive a letter in March regarding NLS dues and the rate structure. The letter is being sent to the last treasurer of record. Please check with your treasurer to see if the letter has arrived. If you receive the letter and the treasurer for your Secretariat has changed, please pass on the letter and let Diane Purcell, treasurer for NLS, know of the change. It is important to maintain the NLS data files for more effective communications.

NLS Executive Board Conference Call Minutes

Sunday, February 10, 2002, 9:00 PM EST

All members of the board were present for the conference call as follows: Doug Burrows, Larry Llewellyn, Debbie Speights, Ron Millard, Carroll Lang and Lucy Hightower. Pastor Carroll opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: Approved without further discussion.

Treasurer's Report: Diane reported that the next financial report would be submitted as of the end of February which is the end of our third quarter. Within the next week she expects to draft a letter to all secretariats reminding them that it is time to make the annual contribution to National; she will also include a reminder concerning corporate registrations.

She reported that available cash is low and that it had been necessary to transfer \$3000 into the checking account in order to cover expenses. These expenses include \$974 for publication of the newsletter and an advance of funds to Ron (VP of Outreach) to cover scheduled trips to Florida and San Diego. These funds are from the Outreach Budget. He will return any excess or submit for additional funds if needed. Debbie asked if all expenses for the December meeting had been covered. Diane reported that she had received money from both Texas and from individual board members.



*Lucy Hightower
NLS Secretary*

Newsletter: Most members of the board had received the most recent (December 2001) issue. Pastor Carroll reiterated the need for articles from Board members. He asked that each person submit his or her article as soon as possible so that the newsletter can be printed on a more timely basis.

Outreach: Ron reported on his planned trip to San Diego in early March. The purpose of this meeting is to help a new secretariat get organized in Southern California. He hopes to meet with them on a Friday, Saturday, and possibly Sunday.

Ron has been in contact with Mike Swecker by e-mail; Minnesota is trying to get something set up in the Northwestern (State of Washington) part of the U.S. Ron will be in contact with Minnesota and will try to work in concert with them. Diane stated that nothing is "official" about these plans as of now.

Minnesota is also working with North Dakota and will hold a set of weekends in April 2002. Ron will be in contact with a pastor in the Fargo, ND area and try to get him involved.

Ron continues to send out letters and e-mails. Doug and Ron will discuss the northwestern area while at the Florida meeting.

Spiritual Directors: Pastor Larry stated that he had not heard anything at all from Texas about plans for the annual meeting. Larry wants to send a letter to all pastors; Lucy said she will send him mailing labels out of the database but can't guarantee how accurate and up-to-date they are. Doug suggested that Larry call the Spiritual Director in Texas to talk about plans for July.

Administration: Debbie reported that she had been in contact with Tim about a week or so ago. The Host Committee still does not have a contract in hand from the University. Doug promised to call Tim the next day in order to clarify some issues and to emphasize the need to keep Debbie informed. He will also contact Greg at the same time.

Annual Meeting Schedule: Doug reported as follows:

Keynote:	Richard Dow	accepted
Friday	Jim Caldwell	accepted
Bev Appleby Tribute	Diane Purcell	accepted (pending)
Role of Laity & Pastor	Mike Swecker	pending
	Larry Llewellyn	accepted
Intentional Witnessing	The Withams	accepted
	Norma Millard	accepted
	Cathy Milejczak	accepted
	Lucy Hightower	accepted
Saturday	Paul Schmidlin	pending

The following committees will be meeting as follows:

Finance	Diane Purcell, Chair
Lay Talk Revision	Karen Schneider, Chair
Authentic Three-Day Weekend	Paul Schmidlin (only if needed)
Constitution & Bylaws	Fred Schneider

(a mailing will go out later with more information.)

Other Business: Ron and Doug will discuss long-range planning while at the Florida meeting. The idea of a Power Point presentation to replace the existing videotape is still pending, and Doug has not yet found anyone handle the publications. Pastor Carroll did not get Ron's article; Ron will resend. Lucy reported that the surveys were sent out at the end of January. Doug asked Pastor Carroll to send him a few more October issues of *Conexiones*. Ron reported that Shel Grof had sent him copies of Rollos and other materials in Spanish. He has forwarded them on to San Diego because this is a Spanish speaking community. Doug told us that Oran is once again in the hospital and asked that we remember him in our prayers.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 19, 2001, AT 9:00 EDT.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with a prayer by Pastor Larry.
Respectfully submitted,, Lucy Hightower, NLS Secretary

Did You Get Yours?

In January we mailed out thirty-eight survey forms. Six secretariats have already returned theirs. Secretariats earning "gold stars" for quick return are the following:

- Sonshine North, Florida**
- Sonshine South, Florida
- Lutheran Via de Cristo, Minnesota
- South Carolina Via de Cristo
- Lutheran Secretariat of South Dakota
- Sonrise Via de Cristo, Wisconsin.

Earn "gold star" status by returning your survey form right away! By the way, it's OK to send your new roster separate from the survey form. Remember, the data needed on the survey is information from last year (2001). We'd like to see a nice long list of "gold star" members in the next *Conexiones*.

Check out the NLS website (www.viadecristo.org); after locating it, go to the Via de Cristo locator page and then click on the left box. Find your state and see if the information is current. If it's not, then it's time to send an update.

If you have any questions or need some help, contact our secretary, Lucy Hightower, by e-mail, telephone, regular mail or fax. Her address is 404 Church St., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. Telephone: 843-884-4276; Fax: 843-849-7955; E-mail: Bhigh922@aol.com.

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National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting

Thursday, July 25 through Sunday, July 28, 2002

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Hosted by the North Texas, A-OK and Texas Via de Cristo Secretariats

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

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

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Address: _____ Apt.# _____ Male Female

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Fax Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Secretariat: _____ Position: _____

I am a member of: *Church:* _____ *Denomination:* _____

Please enter my registration as: Lay Delegate Clergy Delegate NLS Board

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Have you attended a National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting before? Yes No

If yes, what years? _____

Please list your choices for Committee assignments with a 1 for first choice or a 2 for second in the appropriate boxes.

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National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting

Thursday, July 25 through Sunday, July 28, 2002

University of Dallas, Irving, Texas

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

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	

Deadlines: Registration - July 1, 2002 (Early Registration Discount - before June 1, 2002)



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Tentative Committee Agendas

As Recommended by the Executive Board

Committee / Agenda Items	Chairperson
#1 Spiritual Directors Dialog	Rev. Larry Llewellyn(NLS Spiritual Director)
#2 Finance	Diane Purcell(NLS Treasurer)
#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	Karen Schneider(Ohio VdC)
#4 Publications	Unassigned (Unassigned)
#5 Long Range Planning	Ron Millard(Heart of Illinois VdC)
#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	Bob and Pam Northrup(Eastern North Carolina VdC)
#7 Constitution and Bylaws (Audit Only)	Fred Schneider(Ohio VdC)

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- #1 - Role & Duties of the Local Secretariat 5.00
- #2 - Pastor's Role in Via de Cristo 5.00
- #3 - Dynamics of the Via de Cristo Weekend 5.00
- #4 - The Role of the Rector 5.00
- #5 - The Fourth Day 5.00

1992 Audio Tapes - Stone Mountain, Georgia

- #6 - Back to the Basics 5.00
- #7 - The Pastor's Role in Via de Cristo 5.00
- #8 - Keynote Address (Rev. Nate Lundgren) 5.00
- #9 - 20th Anniversary Celebration 5.00

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- #10 - Unleashing the Power of the Laity 5.00
- #11 - How to Get Pastors Involved in VdC 5.00
- #12 - Keynote Address (Rev. Nate Lundgren) 5.00
- #13 - Team Formation and Training 5.00

1994 Audio Tapes - Leesburg, Florida

- #14 - The Pastor's Role in the Fourth Day 5.00
- #15 - Reunion Groups 5.00
- #16 - Ulireya 5.00
- #17 - Keynote Address (Rev. Nate Lundgren) 5.00

1995 Audio Tapes - Rock Island, Illinois

- #18 - Keynote address (Rev. Peter Setzer) "The Reunion Card" 5.00
- #19 - Forum 1, "Piety" 5.00
- #20 - Forum 2, "Study" 5.00
- #21 - Forum 3, "Action" 5.00

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- #1 - NLS Video (VHS) "Christ Is Counting On You" 15.00
- #2 - 95 Keynote address (Rev. Peter Setzer) "The Reunion Card" 15.00
- #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
- #14 - 99 Saginaw: "Progression of the Weekend" (Ed Kutay) 15.00
- #15 - 99 Saginaw: After Dinner Address (Dr. Randy Mullin) 15.00

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Ultreya!

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

ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA

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

CALIFORNIA

Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California:

Locations vary, write/call
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

None at this time.

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

April 6, 2002, 5pm Secretariat Meeting, 7pm Dessert Ultraya & Team Commissioning at First Presbyterian of Safety harbor, 255 Fifth Avenue South, Safety harbor, FL

April 27, 2002, 5:30pm, Ultraya, Potluck Dinner and Worship Service at Bayside Community, 3380 State Road 580, Safety Harbor.

July 20, 2002, Ultraya & Annual Meeting at Pasadena Presbyterian.

Sunshine North Via de Cristo

Monthly at various times and places

Sunshine 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 Ultraya,

Hosts: Augie and Kim Calsyn. Call (319) 391-4519 for more information.

ILLINOIS

Heart of Illinois

May 18, 2002, 5pm Weekend Reunion, 6pm Potluck Dinner, 7pm Ultraya at Salem Lutheran.

June 15, 2002, 7pm at St. John Lutheran.

July ?, 2002, 7pm TBA

September 21, 2002, 7pm at Zion Lutheran

November 19, 2002, 5pm Weekend Reunion, 6pm Potluck Dinner, 7pm Ultraya at Salem Lutheran.

INDIANA

May 19, 2002, King of Glory, Carmel, IN.

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

IOWA

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

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

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

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

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

Sioux City Ultraya, 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 Ultraya, Storm Lake

MARYLAND

Vineyard — Monthly at various places and times

MICHIGAN

Central Michigan Ultraya

Monthly at various times and places.

March 29, 2002, (Fri) at 6:30pm at St. Paul Lutheran, 22275 4-Mile Road, Reed City

TriCities - 2nd Fridays

Upper Peninsula - 3rd Saturdays

PortHuron/St.Clair - 2nd Fridays

Good News! Via de Cristo Ultrayas

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

MINNESOTA MOVEMENT

The Luther Seminary VdC Community:

Quarterly Ultrayas 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 Ultraya Community:

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

Singles Ultrayas

Each month the Singles Cursillo Community of Minnesota hosts an ultraya 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.

Southern Ultraya - none at this time

Other Ultrayas

March 9, 2002, Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plymouth. Contact Kris Jones, 763-535-4499.

April 13, 2002, Hosanna! Lutheran, Lakeville. Contact Judy Anderson, 952-435-3344

Post-Weekend Ultrayas (same sites as weekends)
Ultraya dates not listed

NORTH CAROLINA

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 Ultraya 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 ultraya. Call Dean Nelson at (919) 791-1955 for details.

Western North Carolina - Monthly

Ultreya!

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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.

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.

UTAH

None reported at this time.

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

Prison Ministry

“Remember those who are in prison as though you were in prison with them” (Heb 13:3)

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.

April 2002 - Michigan: **Kinross Correctional Facility Michigan Keryx #37**, April 11-14, 2002. Send palanca to: Chippewa Area Keryx Agape Chairman, PO Box 404, Conway, MI 49722.

April 2002 - Michigan: **Chippewa Correctional Facility Michigan Keryx #16**, April 25-28, 2002. Send palanca to: Chippewa Area Keryx Agape Chairman, PO Box 404, Conway, MI 49722.

April 2002 - Michigan: **Marquette Branch Prison Michigan Keryx #17**, April 25-28, 2002. Send palanca to: Keryx, PO Box 1042, Marquette, MI 49855.

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 - Michigan: **Traverse Area/Pugsley Prison Michigan Keryx #1**, May 16-19, 2002. Send palanca to: Traverse Area Keryx, PO Box 457, Acme, MI 49610.

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.

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

August 2002 - Florida: **Gold Coast Area Kairos**, Martin Correctional (MCI #16): August 2002 Send palanca to: Gold Coast Area Kairos, PO Box 30343, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-0343.

September 2002 - Iowa: **Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry**, Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility, September 19-22, 2002. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oMPCF, Highway 218 South, Mount Pleasant, IA 52641.

September 2002 - Florida: **Gold Coast Area Kairos**, Martin Correctional (MCI #16): September 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 date will be printed in each Conexiones.

- 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 - 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 - 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: Dave Miller, 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 Sevilla 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: Mike and Anna Taylor, 8676 Ashley Way, Douglasville, GA 30134.
- 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.
- April/May 2002 - Illinois: **Heart of Illinois Via de Cristo**, East Bay Camp, Bloomington, Men's #8: April 25-28; Women's #9: May 2-5, 2002. Send palanca to: Norma Millard, 1415 Flossmor, Washington, IL 61571.
- 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 2002 - Florida: **Sonshine Via de Cristo of South Florida**, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Davie, FL, Women's #86 May 16-19, 2002. Send palanca to: Tony and Debbie Basone, 9129D SW 20th Place, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33324.
- 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 - Michigan: **Lutheran Via de Cristo of Central Michigan**, St. John's Episcopal, Midland, Men's #57: June 6-9; Women's #57: June 20-23, 2002. Send Palanca to: LVCCM Palanca, Ann Kazanowski, PO Box 408, Midland, MI 48640.
- 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.
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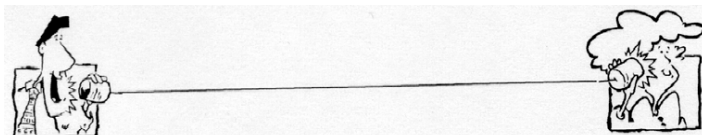
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