

Official Publication of the National Lutheran Secretariat, VdC

## NLS 2004 Annual Meeting July 22 — 25, 2004 in Knoxville, Tennessee



The theme this year weaves three gifts from God. He *created* us, has *called* us and then *commissioned* us; as individuals, in our local communities, and nationally as the NLS organization.

*...nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:39*

At the beautiful and bucolic Johnson Bible College, NLS attendees will experience God's love amongst a setting and grounds that encourages reflection upon all of what God has created, and our place in his creation.

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Colossians 3:15*

During the National Meeting, attendees will experience the peace of Christ. Whether it be in the privacy of our own room and bath, along the short walk to the chapel, in the comfortable meeting room or in the pleasant dining hall—all places will open our hearts to ponder that which we are called to do. *Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses. Numbers 27:23*

At the National Meeting, attendees will feel the Lord speaking to us as we experience the warmth of many hands upon us—during the hugs as the peace is passed, at mealtime prayers, and when receiving a comforting pat as we speak before the assembled group—all will evoke an unmistakable sense of being commissioned for the Lord's work.

Yes, the National Meeting will be a very spiritual and spirit filled experience. Plan to join your sisters and brothers from around the country. It's as simple as

- Creating your itinerary.
- Calling (actually e-mailing) Jan Larson for more information: [janlarson@member.kiwanis.org](mailto:janlarson@member.kiwanis.org)
- Commissioning a friend to join you and share in all a National Meeting has to offer.
- Completing the registration form. (on page x)

Coming forth with a Servant Heart and a Volunteer Spirit. See you in Knoxville!

*Note:* Johnson Bible College is a smoke-alcohol-drug free campus. This prohibition extends to dormitory rooms, all buildings, and the entire grounds.

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Please notify me by E-Mail when the latest edition of **Conexiones** has been posted on the NLS Web Page

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*Write in large letters - be very clear, computers rely on EXACT information*



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**Material for CONEXIONES**

If you have information for **CONEXIONES**, items, requests and/or information, address corrections, changes or additions - even inspirational bits - send them to the **CONEXIONES** Editor at the address on the side. **DEADLINES:** January 1st, April 1st, August 15th, and November 1st

## Happy New Year!

I believe 2004 is going to be an exciting year for the NLS.

Starting a New Year gives us an opportunity to reflect on the past year while we make plans for the new one. We have many opportunities before us to carry the light into the world. All across our great country there are environments that we can effect. Let's continue to use the tools we have been given and spread the good news. Let's make 2004 another year of growth for the NLS.

Your NLS Board knows there are many Secretariats that are strong and operating very effectively. We also know there are some who are struggling and would like to see some ideas or help for them. In selecting our topics for this year's forums and seminars, we have tried to address that issue.

The Board met for three days last month in Tennessee. We had an opportunity to tour Johnson Bible College, site of this year's annual meeting. It's a lovely facility set in the hills of the countryside in Knoxville, away from the hustle and bustle. As soon as you arrive on the campus, you get the feeling that it fits with the Via de Cristo movement. You know that you are on a Christian campus because you feel the presence of our Lord.

As we met with the host committee from Tennessee Lutheran Via de Cristo Secretariat, we witnessed the development of the theme for the three days. "Created, Called and Commissioned" is the focus, with an underlying message of "Go forth with a Servant Heart and a Volunteer Spirit". How fitting for a grace filled, fourth day community in the "Volunteer" state.

Your Board has spent many hours developing an agenda for the annual meeting, selecting topics for our forums and seminars, and we are currently lining up the speakers. I am excited about the group of people who will be speaking this year, and I think you will be too. You will see more details on this soon.

The first weekend in February, Ron Millard and I will travel to Winter Park, Florida and represent you at a leadership meeting of the fourth day (Cursillo based) movements. In years past, the President and Vice President of Outreach have attended this forum, and I am looking forward to meeting the representatives of the other movements and exchanging ideas. I'll let you know more about this after I attend.

I continue to feel blessed serving our Lord through this valuable tool He has given us called Via de Cristo. May 2004 be fruitful for Him, for we do it is all to His glory and His glory alone.

Peace and joy,  
Larry Witham

### New Year Prayer

*Another year is dawning  
With the chance to start anew  
May I be kinder, wiser Lord  
In all I say and do  
Not so caught up in selfish gain  
That I would fail to see  
The things in life that mean the most  
Cost not a fancy fee.  
The warm kind word that I can give  
The outstretched hand to help  
The prayers I pray for those in need  
More precious these than wealth  
I know not what may be ahead  
Of laughter or of tears  
I only need to know each day  
That you are walking near  
I am thankful for this brand new year  
As now I humbly pray  
My hand secure in yours dear Lord  
Each step along the way*

--- Author Unknown



### Order Forms

In this current newsletter you will not find the usual order forms for our NLS materials or tapes and the numerous crosses from Symbols, Inc. Those forms can now be found on the web and can be downloaded as needed. This change will save you time in scrolling down or copying forms that you may not need each time the newsletter comes out. I have also put a smaller version of the email request on page two as a reminder to sign up, but that too can be downloaded off the web. This change has been done to continue to be good stewards of our resources, since it will save us and you time and money in printing costs. We are aware that not everyone has access to the web and email service. If you are in need of either form, we encourage you to talk to someone in your secretariat who can obtain a copy of that form for you. Don't hesitate to contact the board with any of your questions in this change. Their address, phone numbers and email addresses can be found on page two. Thank You!

## *NLS 2004 Annual Meeting Tentative Schedule*

### **THURSDAY**

- 11:30 am Orientation
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Opening Worship
- 2:30 pm Keynote *"And We Shall Be Created"*
- 4:00 pm Business Meeting
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Small Group Breakouts
- 8:30 pm Vespers
- pm Hospitality to follow Chapel



### **FRIDAY**

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 8:30 am Worship
- 10:00 am Forum: *"Christ Is Counting on You. For What?"*
- 11:15 am Business Meeting
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Seminar #1 *"Important Questions to Ask Yourself as a Secretariat."*  
Seminar #2 *"Can You Hear Me Now?"*
- 2:30 pm Repeat Seminars
- 3:30 pm Committee Work and S.D. Dialog  
Hosting a National Meeting
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 6:30 pm Small Group Breakouts
- 8:00 pm Worship
- pm Hospitality to follow Chapel

### **SATURDAY**

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 8:30 am Worship
- 10:00 am Forum: *"How to Build a Strong 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community"*
- 11:00 am Open panel discussion
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Business Meeting with elections
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm Worship and Installation of officers
- pm Hospitality to follow Chapel

### **SUNDAY**

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 8:30 am Worship



# 2004 National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting

Thursday-Sunday, July 22-25, 2004

**Johnson Bible College,  
Knoxville, Tennessee**

*Hosted by Tennessee Lutheran Via De Cristo Secretariat*

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION** – Use one form for each person attending. Please print.

Secretariat: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag 1<sup>st</sup> Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

My church home is: \_\_\_\_\_, City: \_\_\_\_\_

Mode of Travel:  Air  Auto

Please check this box if you require any special accommodations in order to fully participate in this event. Someone will contact you to discuss your specific needs.

Please note that your registration acknowledges your awareness of the following: *Johnson Bible College is a smoke-alcohol-drug free campus. This prohibition extends to dormitory rooms, all buildings and the entire grounds.*

Please register me as:  Lay Delegate  Clergy Delegate  NLS Board  
 See NLS Bylaw #4 for Delegate formula  Lay Visitor  Visiting Clergy  Speaker

Have you attended a National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting before?  No  Yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Former National Secretariat Board member? If so, year \_\_\_\_\_, position \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this entire form, and mail, with payment, to:

**VDC NLS 2004 Annual Meeting**  
**Bill Larson, registrar**  
**216 Whittington Drive**  
**Knoxville, TN 37923**  
 OR

*On-line registration* available via link from the National Via de Cristo website. ([www.viadecristo.org](http://www.viadecristo.org))

Late fee is required for any registrations postmarked after June 18.

Refunds (less \$25 fee) will only be considered if postmarked or e-mailed before July 1. After that, no refunds will be granted.

**Payment and Fees**

Full registration (per person) includes double occupancy housing, nine meals (Thursday lunch thru Sunday breakfast) and all conference materials..

Full Registration @ \$175 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_ or

Please assign me a roommate or

Single room supplement @ \$35 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late fee (postmarked after 6/18/04) @ \$30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

***Make checks payable to VDC Annual Meeting***

**Additional Information** (including early arrival/late departure): contact Bill Larson at:  
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## Outreach to New Movements

Ron Millard  
Outreach Vice President

This issue I have much more than just outreach efforts to write about. I want to address our annual meeting, new lay talk outlines, outreach, and some prayer requests.

### Annual NLS Meeting, Knoxville, July 2004

I realize there will be other articles in this issue of Conexiones about the meeting, and perhaps my words may be redundant, but I feel it's worthwhile to put in additional "plugs" for NLS 2004. In the past, we have looked at buildings and cars. This year, we can view meadows and cows. The venue, Johnson Bible College, is located in the country a few miles outside Knoxville. (To learn a little more about the location, go to eCampusTours.com and select Johnson Bible College.) The dorms will be only about three years old by July, and each room has its own bathroom. All activities will be only short walks between buildings. And in keeping with our being in the volunteer state, the theme and most seminars and forums are keyed around being volunteers for the Lord. And I'm so pleased that one of the main documents of Via de Cristo, The Authentic Three-Day Weekend, is such a vital part of the total NLS meeting. This promises to be an outstanding gathering, and I hope to see all of you there.

### New Lay Talk Outlines

I had the pleasure of being on the first weekend team at River's Edge Via de Cristo (St. Louis) in November. We used all the new lay talk outlines, and I suspect we were the first to ever use them. I want to tell all of you, they are OUTSTANDING! They are a serious improvement over the previous versions, and experienced persons who have used the old and new ones rave about the upgrades. Thanks so much to all those folks who worked so hard and long on the re-writes; your efforts are very much appreciated! God's help, changes for the improvement of the NLS will be forthcoming.

### Outreach News

Many of you may recall hearing about Yellowstone Via de Cristo a few years ago, but in actuality they never officially joined the NLS. After getting reorganized, and with new officers, they are now becoming incorporated and close to signing our NLS charter. I hope they have a secretariat representative in Knoxville. Another new group I hope to introduce at the annual meeting is Via de Cristo of Western Washington (the Seattle area). They, too, are in the process of incorporation, and I expect a signed NLS charter soon. There is a lot of other serious activity at this time, and I anticipate (I know, we're told not to anticipate!) a total of 4-5 new movements welcomed to the NLS in 2004. 2005 should also see another 4-6 new movements started, including one in the Aloha state! More later on this.

### Prayer Requests

I suffered a hard disk crash recently, and lost almost all my VdC correspondence. So I would appreciate your prayers at this time in three areas; our annual NLS meeting, new movements, and my attempts to get back to where I was before my computer disaster.

In His Mighty Grip,  
Ron Millard



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### **Via de Cristo in Belize**

In February 2004, the Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry will send a team to Colby Prison, west of Belize City in Belize, to put on the first VdC weekend ever in the whole of Belize. The eleven men are going at the request of Jeanne Golmaat, who is conducting an Inner Change Freedom Initiative style ministry in Colby Prison. IFI is part of Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship organization. One of the features of the IFI program is that the members of each class experience a Via de Cristo as part of their time in IFI. Jeanne's program is not part of the IFI organization, but is modeled after it and she has asked the Iowa movement to conduct a VdC for the 57 inmates who are in her program. Since the prison will only allow the team to be in the prison for six hours per day, the Brothers in Blue will take five days (yep, that's only 30 hours). All 15 talks are scheduled, but are each 30 minutes long. Jeanne asked the local Catholic community in Belize if there were any cursillistas and they replied that they "had heard of Cursillo, but no one had ever been to one." It is hoped that a second trip to Colby Prison will be able to train the experienced inmate cursillistas to carry on the Brothers in Blue as team members for the future. It may take a third and fourth trip with fewer US team members to get them trained to carry on the tradition.

Please pray for the Brothers in Blue "Week" February 16-20, 2004.

Rev. Carroll Lang, Team Member



**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY  
For the Six Months Ending November 30, 2003**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Distribution Center</u>	<u>Video Fund</u>	<u>Memorial Fund</u>	<u>Outreach Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>CASH BALANCE June 1, 2003</b>	\$17,491	\$1,152	\$2,860	\$175	\$4,916	\$26,594
Contributions - Secretariats	350					350
Palanca	3,000				2,095	5,095
Subscriptions						0
Memorials						0
Interest	53					53
Distribution Center						0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>3,403</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,095</u>	<u>5,498</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
President	0					0
VP Administration	30					30
VP Outreach	1,126					1,126
Treasurer	774					774
Secretary	396					396
Spiritual Director	280					280
Past President	0					0
Newsletter Editor	774					774
Conference Calls	422					422
Telephone 800#						0
Newsletter	186					186
Web Site and Software	260					260
Administration & Postage	34					34
Annual Meeting	1,314					1,314
Mid-year Meeting						0
Authentic 3 Day						0
Lay Talk						0
Printing and Reproduction	221					221
Designated Board Authorized	335					335
Video						0
Outreach						0
Distribution Center						0
Annual Meeting		1				0
Postage						0
Printing						0
Supplies						0
Tape Duplicating						0
Telephone						0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>6,152</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,152</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	(2,749)		0	0	2,095	(654)
<b>CASH BALANCE November 30, 2003</b>	<u>\$14,742</u>	<u>\$1,152</u>	<u>\$2,860</u>	<u>\$175</u>	<u>\$7,011</u>	<u>\$25,940</u>

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**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT**  
**(A Minnesota Not-for-Profit Corporation)**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**As of November 30, 2003**

<b>ASSETS</b>	End-of-Period <b>November 30, 2003</b>	Beginning of Fiscal Year <b>May 31, 2003</b>
Cash - General Fund	\$4,668	\$2,375
Cash - Distribution Center	1,152	1,152
NLS Savings	9,041	7,033
Investment	11,079	16,034
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$25,940</b>	<b>\$26,594</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Restricted		
Video Fund	\$2,860	\$2,860
Outreach Fund	7,011	4,916
Memorial Fund	175	175
Unrestricted - General Fund	14,742	17,491
Unrestricted - Distribution Center	1,152	1,152
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$25,940</b>	<b>\$26,594</b>

**SECRETARIAT TREASURERS**

It will soon be time to report your activity for January 1 – December 31, 2003. A letter will be sent out to the treasurer of each secretariat. The letter will explain the fee basis used in calculating the amount due.

The letters will be sent to the treasurer of record on the NLS database. Different Secretariats change officers at different times of the year and sometimes the changes are yet to be submitted to the NLS. If you have had a recent change of treasurer, please e-mail the new information to [dsipurcell@msn.com](mailto:dsipurcell@msn.com). It would also be helpful if each Secretariat would please e-mail me with the name and address of the person who should receive the annual dues

letter. Several times a secretariat has been listed as not having paid dues simply because the letter was never forwarded to the proper person.

Thank you all for your faithful service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Diane Purcell  
Treasurer of NLS





# Palanca!!!

## For Future weekends

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

- February 2004 - Minnesota: **Lutheran VdC of Minnesota-North**, Peace, New London; Men's #427, Feb. 5-8 & Women's #428: Feb. 12-15, Send palanca to: Sara McCall 1070 Lakewood Dr. No. Maplewood, MN 55119
- February 2004 - Maryland: **Vineyard VDC**, Coed #4 Feb 12-15, Send palanca to: Sara McCall PO Box 254 Smithsburg, MD 21783
- February 2004 - North Carolina: **Eastern NC VDC**, Mixed #47: Feb. 12-15, Send palanca to: Vicki McCombs P O Box 760 Rockwell, NC 28138
- February 2004 - South Dakota: **South Dakota VDC**, Men's: Feb. 12-15 & Women's: Feb. 19-22, Send palanca to: Margaret Svitak 86238 559th Ave Randolph, NE 68771-6004
- February 2004 - Texas: **TX Luth VDC**, \*Coed #50 Feb. 19-22, Send palanca to: Mark Clayton 181 Notchleaf Cibolo, TX 78108
- \*Please note: Spanish Language weekend, Palanca in Spanish appreciated.\***
- March 2004 - Colorado: **Colorado VDC**, Men's #17: March? & Women's #17: March?, Send palanca to: Gerry & Karen Givens 5440 Silver Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80918
- March 2004 - IA/IL: **Living Waters VDC**, Men's #29: Mar. 4-7 & Women's #29: Mar. 11-14, Send palanca to: Tom & Theresa Oloffson 122 E 2nd St. P.O. Box 207 Wyanet, IL 61379
- March 2004 - IN: **Indiana VDC**, Men's #47: Mar. 4-7 & Women's #48: Mar. 11-14, Send palanca to: Rich Rager 589 Shorelane Dr. Cicero, IN 46034
- March 2004 - Minnesota: **Lutheran VdC of Minnesota-South**, Zion, Stewarton; Men's #429, Mar. 4-7 & Women's #430: Mar. 11-14, Send palanca to: Ann Taylor 1070 Lakewood Dr. No. Maplewood, MN 55119
- March 2004 - South Carolina: **South Carolina VdC**; Men's #25, Mar. 4-7 & Women's #26: Mar. 18-21, Send palanca to: Keith Nichols 2267 Forest Lake Blvd. Charleston, SC 29414
- March 2004 - Wisconsin: **Wisconsin SonRise VDC**, Men's #43, Mar. 4-7 & Women's #43: Mar. 11-14, Send palanca to: Rhonda Knudtson 439 Jefferson Dr. Kewaskum, WI 53040
- March 2004 - Arizona: **AZ Lutheran Cursillo**, Men's #97: Mar. 11-14 & Women's #98: Mar. 25-28, Send palanca to: Roy Heitkamp PO Box 5171 Peoria, AZ 85385-5171
- March 2004 - AR/OK: **A-OK Lutheran Sec.**, Coed #9: Mar. 11-14, Send palanca to: Becky Del Rio 18115 Fawn Tree Dr. Little Rock, AR 72209
- March/April 2004 - Florida: **Gold Coast VDC**, Men's #68: April. 18-21 & Women's #68: April 15-18, Send palanca to: Dawn Ellis 393 NW 22nd ST. Baca Raton, FL 33486
- March/June 2004 - Illinois: **Prairie Sunshine VDC of Central IL**, Men's #2: Mar. 18-21 & Women's #2: June 10-13, Send palanca to: Stacy Thomas 1800 Mound. Jacksonville, IL 62650

- March 2004 - Tennessee: **TN Lutheran VdC**, Mixed (coed) #11: Mar. 18-21, Send palanca to: Debra Wainner 100016 Gate Post Way Knoxville, TN 37931
- March 2004 - Texas: **North Texas Lutheran VdC**, #62: Mar. 18-21, Send palanca to: Lily Gholston 401 Campbell Lane Denton, TX 76209-4580
- March 2004 - VA/MD: **Rainbow VdC**, Women's #47: Mar. 25-28, Send palanca to: Karen Schatz 9530 Sea Gull Court North Beach, MD 20714
- April 2004 - IN: **Indiana VDC**, Men's #48: April 15-18 & Women's #49: April 22-25, Send palanca to: Rich Rager 589 Shorelane Dr. Cicero, IN 46034
- April 2004 - Louisiana: **Louisiana VDC**, Coed: April 15-18, Send palanca to: Edna Hurling 1106 Birdsong Rd. Lafayette, LA 70507
- April 2004 - Florida: **Heart of Florida VDC** Men's #29: April 22-25, Women's #29: April 29-May 2, Send palanca to: Sheila Bender % St John Lutheran Church, 1600 S. Orlando Ave Winter Park, FL 32789
- April/May 2004 - Florida: **Indian River VDC**, Men's #43: April. 22-25 & Women's #43: May 20-23, Send palanca to: Alan Gettleman 2225 Tanglewood Lane Merritt Island, FL 32953-4287
- April 2004 - Illinois: **Taste of Grace VDC**, Men's #3: April 22-25, Women's #3: April 29-May 2, Send palanca to: Amy Prior 16801 Blackfoot Dr. Lockport, IL 60441
- April 2004 - Maryland: **Vineyard VDC**, Women's #13 April 22-25, Send palanca to: Sara McCall PO Box 254 Smithsburg, MD 21783
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## 2005 Around the Corner

Would you believe that 2005 is just around the corner? While it is barely 2004, it is time to start thinking about providing Palanca updates for 2005. I know that many Secretariats don't have their dates set yet, but if yours does, please have your Palanca Coordinator send that information in early. This will allow us to make sure our web site and newsletter is as accurate as possible, and allows those early birds amongst us to get a jump on their Palanca creation. Many of you work on your Palanca months in advance and early posting will assist in this effort. It is also very important that I have as many dates as possible by our National Meeting in August as the latest updates are distributed at that meeting. The latest information is always available on our website in case you have questions. This is updated at least monthly but sooner if needed. Please send updates to [mcarnes@greenspeedisp.net](mailto:mcarnes@greenspeedisp.net) or go to [www.viadecristo.org](http://www.viadecristo.org) and navigate to the Palanca page. Use the handy utility to submit requests.

If you ever have any questions or comments on Palanca, I am happy to receive them.

Mark Carnes  
NLS Palanca  
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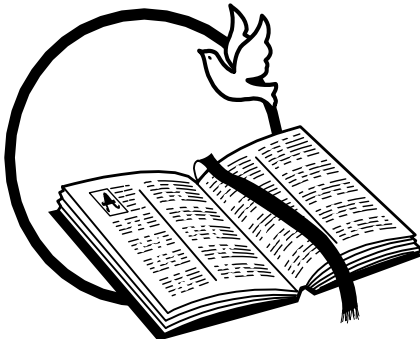


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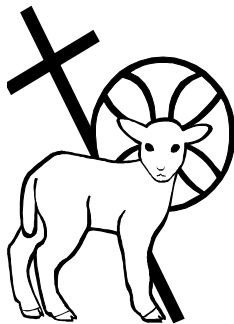
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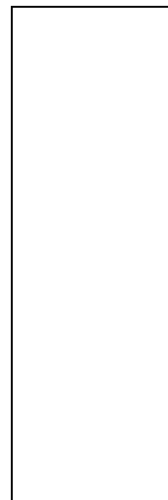
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