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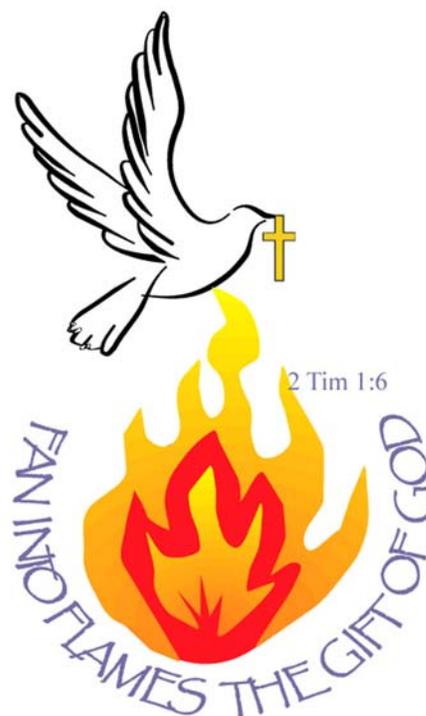
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The July 24<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting, is now history and many of us have turned to our fall schedules. Our Host Committee held true to their theme verse, 2 Timothy 6:1 ...*fan into flames the gift of God which is in you.* The 100 plus dry heat aided in our experience. Christian bands provided evening entertainment, and the puppets seen at last year's meeting were back....with friends! To learn more about our meeting, this newsletter will provide the minutes and along with the daily newsletters (posted on the web) will give you an idea. The speakers were spirit filled and very informative as they encouraged us in going back to our own communities. Many of you use this information to share in your renewal groups, at Ultreyas and in your secretariat meetings. A big **Thank You** to all of the Arizona Cursillistas for your hospitality, graciousness, and giving us this time to be refreshed and renewed through this movement we call Via de Cristo.



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## WELCOME- Newly Elected NLS Board

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" Ephesians 2:8*

Dear Friends in Christ:

I am excited to fulfill God's call as the new National Spiritual Director. I want to start this article by thanking Pr. John Propst for his spirit filled leadership of our Via De Cristo/Cursillo. John's signature on his email summed up his ministry among us..."count it all joy". Thank you, John for your joy in the Lord.

You will find a biography on our church web site ([www.christchurchindiana.net](http://www.christchurchindiana.net)) where you can go and learn more about me. As I said to those delegates gathered at the recent National meeting, I love this movement and I love how the Lord used Via De Cristo to help save my life. I came into my weekend broken by divorce and struggling with everything related to that. On Friday morning of the weekend I asked one of the Pastor's to come into the chapel and pray with me. I suppose if a Lutheran can give a life to the Lord, this is what I did! I spent the rest of the weekend being wrapped in grace and love and the rest is, well, history!

During my weekend (1995, Men's #22, Indiana VDC) seeds were planted for ministry and I entered Seminary in 1996. I am second career having spent 14 years in Sales and Marketing from 1982 (graduated from Indiana University) to 1996. Some say I am still in sales, and I agree! These benefits, however, are "out of this world"!

The picture you see of my family sums up my life in grace. My current wife, Sandi and I have been married for 10 years. The young lady is my daughter from my first marriage, Emily 17. The young man is Joel, age 9. When I look at him I see God's grace. God's grace is always new and having a second chance at marriage and fatherhood is the greatest "newness" I could ask for.

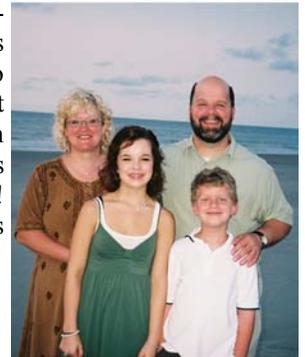
How about you? What's new? What's new in your local movement? How is God active and alive in your part of the world? What new things are you and your ministry being called to?

The Gospel is always and forever new (2 C 5:17) and we most certainly are new in Christ Jesus our Lord. The gift of Christ is grace upon grace and overflows our lives like water from Niagara Falls! That water is 6 stories high and some 200,000 tons of water poured out every moment of our lives! Instead of putting your cup under that water and just getting a taste, JUMP IN! Dance under that water (baptismal imagery here), live under that water, pull others in with you and share that grace with your world. Everyone is hungry for grace.

As we head back to school around the country let's go back to grace! The world may "grade" us in what type of home we have or car we drive or work we do or how many candidates we put through a weekend, BUT GOD DOES NOT GRADE! GOD GRACES!

Bring a new thing to your personal spiritual world and then into your local VDC/Cursillo weekend. There are people right across the street, the pew, the office who need a weekend and who are just begging to be asked and shown the way. Don't hesitate! In sales we call it "asking for the order"! Ask and stand by while God does a new thing!

Call or email me if there is any way I can serve!  
In Christ, Pastor Doug



Grand Canyon University

Greeting my sisters and brothers In Christ,

As the now former Web Servant of [viadecristo.org](http://viadecristo.org) and the new Treasurer of the National Lutheran Secretariat... I am feeling old and new at the same time. It is amazing what God can do with the combined resources that God first gave us.

As we look forward to the coming year we will continue to develop our plan for funding the National Coordinator position. Also, we continue our long history combining our resources to develop materials and share resources to strengthen Via de Cristo and God's Kingdom. We have several Secretariats that need to catch up on their annual dues and I have begun contacting those treasurers. I keep you in my prayers each day and ask that you do the same for me.

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## NLS Board Minutes — NLS Teleconference Minutes

The **June 8, 2008** teleconference call meeting opened at 8:05. Present - Tracy Schmidlin, Nanette Helgager (Nu), Dave Erdman, Jerry Lemcke, Katie Sistar, Judy Laabs-Foss, Bob Northrup, Pastor John Propst, and 2008 host committee representatives, Joyce Dickerson and Rick Knopf. Pastor John opened with prayer.

Web-Site Coordinator - Bob Northrup has worked diligently to transfer the website from Orin Gough's name to his name with alternate signers. The web site was down several times during this time and the domain name needs to be renewed. The possible time is 9 years. Tracy Schmidlin and Judy Laabs-Foss will be listed on the account so it will be easier to change when needed. *Jerry moved that Bob Northrup be authorized to renew the website domain name for the maximum amount of years allowed. Katie Sistar seconded. Motion carried.*

Bob and Judy will confer concerning specifics for the appropriate laptop to be purchased for the board's use before July.

Tracy welcomed Joyce and Rick joining us for this teleconference.

Host Committee Representative - Joyce stated that at this time there are 122 registered for the 2008 National Meeting plus about 25 for the host committee. The college will adjust costs when the numbers are finalized. The cost is currently based on 200 attendees. More registrations are expected as it gets closer to the meeting date. The host committee is excited and looking forward to people coming to Phoenix.

Good News Secretariat is presenting the Sponsorship Seminar. They have a power point and special handouts and are planning to include a team of five volunteers from those attending for this seminar.

The board discussed that it would be helpful if presenters had their own laptops to use.

The committee is working on a direct link for things to be run off at the meeting. The board's reports need to be in by June 25 to Joyce with a copy to Nu.

Lodging for the speakers was discussed. Their needs are taken care of.

Spiritual Director - John is asking pastors attending to participate in the Pastors' Seminar.

There is a need to fill the Essentials Seminar.

There was discussion that the banner committee meet again to make a banner for new affiliates. Lois Witham would be asked to lead it.

The board discussed when members would be arriving. Some of the board are arriving on Tuesday and will need a place to stay. Joyce will see if the college is available. Our first board meeting will be at 1:00 on Wednesday.

(At this point, Joyce and Rick signed off.)

VP Administration - Nanette Helgager (Nu) is getting regular reports from Joyce and the host committee. They were commended for doing a great job. Joyce has copies of the registration forms. She will update the numbers and send the board new lists. Nu will make sure everything is coordinated.

Treasurer - Jerry Lemcke - He noted that 13 secretariats have not paid their dues yet. He is following up on that with phone calls. Balance in the Wachovia account is

\$12,683.81. Balance in the Thrivent account is \$16,987.00. The interest rates are down.

VP Outreach - Dave Erdman - The board discussed having a committee with people from different regions to assist the VP of Outreach. The National Coordinator Position is not imminent so this would be a big help in having more contact with new groups and those interested in affiliating.

Journey of Faith has done its homework, formed a board, understands the essentials of VDC and has an interested core group. *Dave moved that Journey of Faith be affiliated with the National VDC. Jerry seconded. Board approved.*

There are groups in Oregon and Michigan that are interested in VDC.

Dave will follow up on that interest.

Secretary - Katie Sistar - She has completed the 2007 Survey with 45 out of 46 secretariats responding. The report includes the number of lay and clergy that attended weekends in 2007 and the number of weekends that were held. This report will be included in the packet in Phoenix.

Katie requested that a form be included in the packet that would emphasize the need for the local secretariats to update their information when new officers are elected and send it to members of the board so we will have an easier time contacting people for the information we need at different times during the year. Nu agreed to make this form.

Old Business - The need for pastoral support and making a better bridge for understanding between pastors and lay persons was discussed.

The nominating committee consists of two people - Blake Ozias of Washington and Ed Brostl of Colorado. As of this date the nominating committee has received one name for VP Administration, one name for Treasurer and three names for Spiritual director.

Tracy suggested that board members work on articles to be included in the newsletters at Nationals and give them to Judy ahead of time.

New Business - The board discussed that a pastor working on his doctorate asked permission to use the green card in his dissertation on a Balanced Christian Life.

*Jerry moved that Pastor Tim Salo from Madison, NJ be allowed to use the green card in his dissertation. John seconded. Board approved.*

Board will meet at 1:00 Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix.

Pr. John closed with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:55.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Sistar



**NEW Web Site Administrator**

At the July 2008 NLSAM a request went out for the need to fill the Web Site position; **Larry Conway** stepped forth and was appointed to this position. Please welcome Larry!



**Pastor Lawrence J. Conway, III** was ordained in 1980 by the New Jersey Synod of the Lutheran Church in America and served two congregations in the Maryland Synod. While there, he was part of the Synods ecumenical team with responsibility for Western Maryland.

He began his military ministry in 1985 at the request of the former Lutheran Church in America to serve as a military Chaplain. His first tour was at Fort Hood with a support battalion. While at Ft. Hood, he started the Lutheran chapel service on the installation. Following this tour, he served in Giessen, Germany with an Air Defense Artillery unit for three years and began a Lutheran chapel service there. In 1991, following the 6 month long Chaplain Career Course at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, he went to Ft. Irwin, California. At Ft. Irwin, he served as a unit Chaplain with the OPFOR (Opposing Forces) for 35 month long National Training Center rotations and started the Lutheran service at that installation. In 1994, he was selected by the Army for advanced schooling in world religions and for promotion to Major. For his advanced schooling, he attended Princeton Theological Seminary, earning a Masters of Theology with a specialization in the history of religion.

After this year of schooling, he went to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, for attendance in the Army's Command and General Staff College year long course for mid grade officers. After graduating, he stayed there for three years to teach in the College's Department of Joint and Multinational Operations, serving as the school's subject matter expert for world religions and for religious conflict. While at Ft. Leavenworth, he also served as the Senior Pastor of the Lutheran service on the installation. In addition, he was the first departmental web master for his teaching department and received an

award from the Army for the 350 page site he created and maintained.

Following this tour, Pastor Conway then went to the Washington, DC area to become the regimental chaplain for the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard). While there, he conducted Protestant services at Ft. McNair while being the chaplain for this famous unit that includes the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier guards and the US Army Fife and Drum Corps. While still in the DC area, he then moved to Arlington National Cemetery and served as one of two full time Funeral Chaplains, conducting three to five funerals a day for just under one year.

In 2001, he moved to Hawaii to serve as Deputy Installation Chaplain for the Schofield Barracks Installation Chaplains Office and was promoted to Lt. Colonel. This position involved the oversight of 33 worship services in eight chapels on two islands and a staff of 22 people in three locations. His duties also included chaplain training coordination and many other related tasks. While there, he was also Senior Pastor of the Protestant Service and later Senior Pastor of the Lutheran Service.

Pastor Conway assumed his current position as Command Chaplain for the Army Field Support Command, located on Rock Island Arsenal, in January of 2005. In April of 2005 he deployed to South West Asia, traveling to various locations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, and Kuwait. While deployed, he also served as pastor for the Lutheran service in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. He then returned to his position at Rock Island Arsenal in September of 2005.

Pastor Conway retired from active duty in January of 2007 and accepted the call to serve as the Senior Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline, Illinois. He began his ministry at Trinity in February of 2007 and remains in that position.

Pastor Conway is a native of the Philadelphia, PA area and has been married to his wife, Linda, for over 31 years. They are the parents of two adult children: Elizabeth, who is a first year student at Wartburg Seminary; and Jay, who lives and works as a bank manager in the Washington, DC area.

**NLSAM — 2009 in Miami, FL**



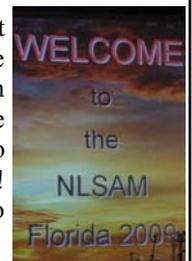
Come! Come! Come! Come to South Florida and be "One in the Son," the theme for our 2009 NLSAM— "That all of them may be one, Father..." (John 17:21).

Now that we have had the gifts of God fanned into flames at the 2008 NLSAM in Arizona, the Florida team is hard at work preparing a celebration of our unity in Christ at our next NLSAM, July 23 to 26, 2009. We look forward to being united as one in worship, praise, music, fellowship, and the National Via de Cristo business.

It is truly exciting to have the NLSAM return to Florida where the beautiful Cor Jesu Chapel will welcome you to Barry University. This historic campus is situated in beautiful, sub-tropical Miami Shores and is easily accessed from both Miami International and Ft. Lauderdale International airports. For those who drive, it is convenient to Florida's Turnpike and I-95.

Plan to come early or stay afterwards and enjoy all that Florida has to offer from the Florida Keys in the south, to the panhandle in the north, and numerous points in between.

Watch the next Conexiones for more detailed information about this special time together. Then plan to -- Come! Come! Come join with us to be "One in the Son."



Don Armbrust and Dave Rankin  
Co-Chairs 2009 NLSAM Florida



## NLS Board Minutes — Annual Meeting Phoenix, AZ on July 24—27, 2008

### Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Tracy called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Present: Tracy Schmidlin, Nanette (Nu) Helgager, Dave Erdman, Jerry Lemcke, Katie Sistar, Diane Purcell, Judy Laabs-Foss, Bob Northrup, Pr. John Propst Pastor John Propst read from the devotional book “God Calling” and led in prayer.

Tracy went over the schedule in detail and discussed procedures for the business meetings. Board discussed the possibility of requiring all the appointed board members to be present for the National Meetings, especially during our anniversary years of 2010 and 2011. It was suggested that if we require them to be there, we should pay their way. Past information and history of our organization needs to be gathered and reconstructed. Boxes of records were damaged beyond repair when shipped. Next year start a history table where people can contribute items that they have saved.

Diane Purcell will be parliamentarian. The board discussed procedures for the business meetings, including recognizing nominees and procedures for nominating people from the floor.

Katie Sistar proposed that this year we seat delegates by regions, including the new secretariat from Eastern Pennsylvania, Journey in Faith.

On Friday Tracy Schmidlin will accept nominations from the floor for the offices of Vice President Administration, Spiritual Director, and Treasurer. She will also ask for persons who are interested in being appointed as Website Coordinator/Manager to see either her or Bob Northrup.

The board will ask attendees to turn in names of good speakers and to indicate which subjects they can do well. We will emphasize that the Pastoral Support Seminar is open to delegates and visitors as well as pastors. Sponsorship Seminar has a video presentation of how to sponsor a candidate/pilgrim. A series of videos will be available for anyone to attend at any time.

Hosting for the next four years with Letters of Intent are: 2009–Florida, 2010–Minnesota, 2011–Western North Carolina, 2012–Colorado. 2010 will be the fortieth anniversary of when Iowa and Florida started Lutheran Cursillo. 2011 is the thirtieth anniversary of Na-

tional Lutheran Secretariat. We discussed the need for the host committees to indicate a good time for the board to be able to call them when e-mail isn’t sufficient.

We discussed the need for the National Coordinator Committee to continue to work and the need for a Visioning Committee to dream of possibilities five years or more down the road.



Announcements will include poster signing and availability of computers for attendees.

The new computer for the board is here. We discussed the need for all documents and records to be put on it, listing by years, including final minutes of meetings with a flash drive back up so our information will not be lost. *Nu moved that we purchase 2 flash drives to back up important information for NLS. Jerry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

We discussed needing a number of reporters for newsletter updates at National meetings. The offering taken at worship on Saturday night will go to fund Outreach. During worship there is to be no flash photography, and communion will be by intinction. Banners from the secretariats will be brought to the first business meeting and will be hung by the host committee. Eduardo Bonin tribute will be after supper on Saturday night.

We discussed the need for vendors to be non competitive with the host team. The use of the trademark needs to be protected. Diane Purcell will word a resolution concerning this.

We discussed that secretariats must have insurance. We discussed working together and meeting deadlines.

The NLS Constitution needs to be added to the library. The Pilgrim’s Guide is in Braille, but it is not being used. People need to be aware that it is in the library.

Meeting closed at 5:00 PM. Meeting reconvened at 7:15 PM.

The host team will pick up banners as delegates bring them up when they are seated. Katie Sistar will call out delegates from each region to be seated

by the host committee in designated seating. Nu Helgager will make a power point list of everyone’s names. We need to be clear on the names. We need a delegate’s list that is a different one from the roster of attendees.

We went over room numbers and announcements to be made.

It was suggested that Dave Erdman and a contact person from each region contact secretariats that did not attend the national meeting in 2007 or 2008.

We discussed needing a committee with representatives from the west Coast, middle section and the east Coast to help Dave with outreach.

Nu Helgager has included a form in the packet for secretariats to let us know when there is a change of officers in the secretariats.

We discussed who should keep the records. The secretary keeps the corporate minutes. We need to reconstruct back as far as possible since the records shipped by UPS were destroyed. We could look for old records, newsletters, ask former secretaries, and ask if past members have any records that would help with our history.

We discussed fundraising and endowments. We would like to be under ELCA Foundation as an approved organization to be listed in people’s wills.

We need a million and a half dollars to endow the National Coordinator Position. We need to get secretariats to update their lists, indicate deceased persons or those who have moved, etc. to help us get a database to work with.

The year ends on May 31 for finances. We as a board need to make a point of getting things done as early as possible. Board was in consensus for the VP Administration to add travel to hosting location about two months before the national Meeting to review final details, schedules, and plans to assist both the Host Committee and the Board in making final preparations for the NLSAM and to be prepared for our first meeting when we arrive for the NLSAM. We agreed to increase the VP of Administration’s budget for the travel. Housing for this additional visit by the VPA would be provided by the Host Committee.

Nu Helgager has the hosting contract from Florida. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. Pr. John Propst closed with

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prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Sistar

**Thursday, July 24, 2008**

The National Lutheran Secretariat Meeting was called to order by the president, Tracy Schmidlin at 3:35 PM. Tracy asked all the first timers to stand up, and then recognized delegates that have attended Nationals multiple years. Carroll Lang has attended 28 of the past 31 years. Pastor John Propst led in prayer.

Shannon Landers from the university extended a warm welcome to Cur-sillo/Via de Cristo to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona.

Tracy introduced the board and three of the seven appointed members. Tracy



Schmidlin, Nanette Helgager, Dave Erdman, Jerry Lemcke, Katie Sistar, Pastor John Propst, Diane Purcell, Judy Laabs-Foss, and Bob Northrup were present. Past board members that were present were recognized.

Tracy explained that the delegates would be seated this year by regions. Katie Sistar called their names to be seated by the hosts while a power point listing of their names prepared by Nu Helgager was shown.

Dave Erdman introduced the new secretariat "Journey in Faith" from Eastern Pennsylvania, and praised Region 5 for helping them become part of the National Lutheran Secretariat.

Tracy recognized the nominating committee, Ed Broestl and Blake Ozias. Ed Broestl named the nominees for the three positions open this year. VP of Administration - Nanette Helgager, Spiritual Director - Pr. Charlie Carlson and Pr. Doug Givan, and Treasurer - Bob Northrup. Tracy explained that nominations could be made from the floor following the guidelines as explained and listed in their books. She also noted that the Website Coordinator/Manager Position needs to be filled at this time. Job descriptions are in their books.

Pastor John Propst encouraged visi-

tors and delegates to attend the Pastors Seminar in hopes of a lot of discussion and helpful information to encourage pastors to be involved in this movement.

Newsletter Editor - Tracy told about the newsletter editor's job. Judy Laabs-Foss will have summaries of the minutes, meetings, and worship in the daily Conexiones.

Katie Sistar noted the information gathered on the 2007 Survey Form in their books.

Jerry Lemcke reported that some secretariats still needed to pay their National Secretariat dues that are due by May 31. Jerry noted that he acknowledged payments with e-mail. A financial report would be given out tomorrow and will show which secretariats have paid.

Bob Northrup shared that we have a lot of resources on the web.

Nu Helgager reported that we have 190 attendees and a number of floating helpers, which equals about 240 participants. Nu thanked the host committee for the good job they have done.

Announcements were made about a room change for videos, the importance of drinking lots of water in this over 100 degree heat, Region to Region meetings, signing posters, and taking information back to their secretariats.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM. Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Sistar

**Friday, July 25, 2008**

Tracy Schmidlin called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM. Pr. Bill Sistar led in prayer.

Tracy welcomed everyone and went over the schedule, naming committees and seminars available for the day.

Tracy did an update on the National Coordinator Campaign to fund the National Coordinator position. Todd Herring has recommended that one to one and a half million dollars is needed to permanently fund the position. The committee needs to have a person in charge to keep it going. There is a need for secretariats to give us information for a database to work toward the goal. This committee will meet and report to us on Saturday.

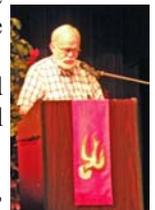
Tracy went over rules for nomina-

tions from the floor. For Vice President of Administration, the committee nominated Nu Helgager from California and now New York. Vi Christiansen nominated Lynn Ryan from Indiana. Dave Rankin seconded it. Dennis Bertles nominated Karen Bennefeld from California. Cindy Perkins seconded it. *Donna Gough moved that the nominations be closed. Dottie Schwartz seconded. Motion carried.* Charlie Carlson from California and Doug Givan from Indiana were nominated by the committee for Spiritual Director. *Carlene Lemcke moved the nominations be closed. Doug Burrows seconded. Motion carried.* Bob Northrup was nominated by the committee for Treasurer. *Dave Rankin moved the nominations be closed. Markay Neumann seconded. Motion carried.* Each nominee was introduced and made a statement about their interest in Via de Cristo. The nominees have bios in the book and new nominees will have bios distributed before Saturday.

Announcements were made about seminars, prayer requests, posters, snacks and water. Dave Erdman talked about the small group meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM. Pr. Carroll Lang closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Sistar



**Saturday, July 26, 2008**

There was wonderful music played and sung while we gathered for the meeting. Tracy Schmidlin called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. Pr. Diane LaFauci opened with prayer.

Dale Anderson clarified for the group that the Spiritual Director Manual that was offered by the Head Spiritual Director in Arizona, James Hoefler, was done locally for their area and that there is a National Spiritual Director's Manual that is well done.

Tracy introduced the Host Committee and thanked them for their hospitality and smiles and so willingly serving the community this weekend.

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Tracy detailed some issues concerning the use of the NLS trademark and

## NLS Vice President of Administration

Greetings Everyone,

I am blessed to have the opportunity to serve this National Community for another two years. I thank all of you for your support during my first term as Vice President of Administration for the NLSAM. The annual meetings would not be able to take place if we did not have so many willing people who step forward on their own or those who are more than happy to help if asked. This is especially true of our Host Committees and their Chairpersons. It is a cumbersome task to coordinate between the Host Committee and the NLS Executive Board. We have had some great chairpersons these past few years and Rich Knopf and Joyce Dickerson did a great job this past year in Arizona. I thank them and their wonderful team for the support they gave to all of us as we attended this past year at Grand Canyon University. We appreciate all their hard work.



during the NLSAM 2009 at Barry University in Miami Florida, July 23-26, 2009.

Nu Helgager, NLS-VPA  
Cell (818) 535-9980



Next year for the NLSAM 2009 we are headed to Barry University in Miami Florida, Hosted by the Seven Secretariats of Florida. Our Committee Chairs are Dave Rankin and Don Armbrust, who have a great start on putting together their Host Committee and assisting the NLS Executive Board in making plans for all of you to join us next year.



We had a great response from the surveys on what was good for you and what you would like to see for the future. Our NLS Board will be reviewing this information to prepare for next year's topics and using the information to prepare next year's Host Committee.

Another blessing we have in this community is the willingness of so many communities that have made the commitment to come forward and Host the National meetings for the next four years and I am expecting by the end of the month to have a response from another community to Host in 2013.

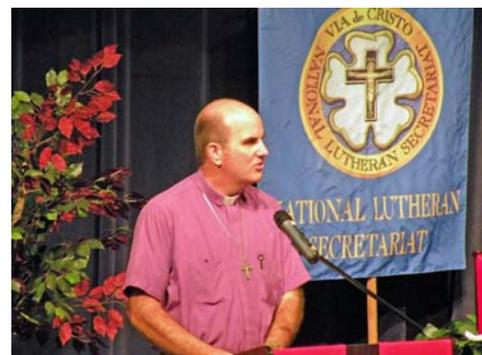


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There are two areas that benefit these Host Committee communities in making this commitment so far in advance. First, they have extra years to raise the necessary funds needed to cover their expenses. Second, they have the opportunity to come and experience the NLSAM a few extra times to see what it all entails. Part of this second area is that they join the VP of Administration during our committee time to cover more of the details of what it takes to Host the NLSAM. The more time you have to learn and experience the NLSAM, the better prepared your Host Committee will be. Since everyone in our committee time was already committed to hosting we were able to spend the time going over more details of what is expected of the Host Committee and how to prepare your teams. I also want to thank Lynn Ryan for sitting in on this year's committee time as a past Host Co-Chair to share in the details of what to expect and how to prepare.



So make your plans now to COME and share with all of us



**President Report**

De Colores!



Where do I begin? With what we are doing right! The national meeting was great! Our Arizona hosts truly went out of their way to make our stay as comfortable as possible and any hitches were handled quickly, efficiently and with

smiles. What a stay!

We had seminars and committee meetings on topics that you had asked for – pastoral involvement, sponsorship, what really is essential to the movement outside the weekend, how training works and who belongs on a weekend. We had videos running so you could see what the resources look like that are available to you to help promote VdC in your area. We shared a tribute to Eduardo Bonin who was so instrumental in our founding. We experienced all of this, and more with the discussions in small groups, region meetings and mealtime conversations.

What’s next? Barry University in Miami, Florida! So, if you missed Arizona because you live on the east coast or were on vacation elsewhere, 2009 is your chance to attend our next National meeting.

Why? Because we set-aside this time for you, for your secretariat, for your community to see the bigger picture. It is a place where you can ask questions, vent frustrations, share suggestions, learn about other communities, seek advice and bathe yourself in the love and grace of this great movement. NLS is a renewal beyond the weekend and truly beneficial to all Secretariats who want to see more.

I do not want to paint an unrealistic picture of our movement – we have flaws, some of our communities are struggling while others are flourishing. Some are deciding to multiply while others have divided and we all need to be taking a closer look at these things. Understand, this is normal, it is natural and it is expected when we have over 92,000 people from all walks of life and from many different parts of the country. But we do not have to do it alone. We do not want to be creating islands and we certainly do not want people to “use” our weekends, our movement, to satisfy personal needs without being a part of the whole.

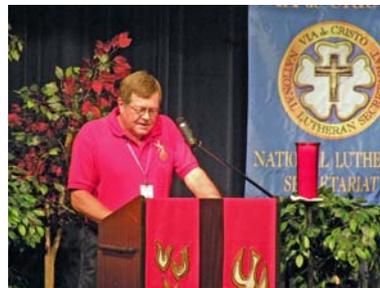
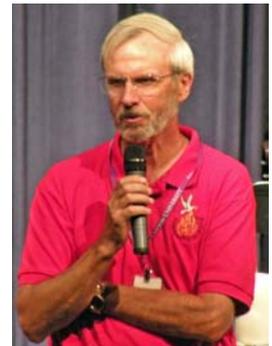
What makes us strong? The love and grace that has grown in the hearts of those who genuinely want to serve and grow in our Lord. What makes us grow? When we get our personal agendas out of the way and let the Holy Spirit work through us. When we are working for the Lord in the light of His grace we will be directed in the way that God would have us go. When our heart’s desire matches His desire we will see what He has in store for us. We will see

the world reconciled to Christ.

May I encourage all of you personally, as a Secretariat and as part of a community to:

- 1.) Constantly strive to encourage one another to love and good deeds. (Heb 10:24)
- 2.) Find ways to intentionally serve our Lord everyday through the people around you
- 3.) Seek out new friends – learn to be friends – and continually introduce your new friends to Christ!

God Loves you and so do I!  
Tracy Schmidlin, NLS President



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## NLS Board Minutes — Annual Meeting July 24—27, 2008 — Continued

*Continued from page 7* vendors. Any sale or use of materials and logo are to be for the benefit of the local secretariat and NLS for fund raising purposes. The board is working on wording a formal resolution concerning this.

The candidates for VP of Administration, Spiritual Director, and Treasurer were introduced again. The voting process was reviewed. Two delegates had to leave early, so 88 ballots were passed out and collected. Two past presidents, Doug Burrows, and Larry Witham, along with Ed Broestl, a member of this year's nominating committee, were requested to count the ballots.

During that time, attendees were encouraged to complete the evaluation forms and turn them in. They were requested to list names of good speakers on 3x5 cards and write a comment as to their topic or area that they do well and how to contact them.



Each of the regions had a speaker give a summary of their Region-to-Region discussions. They have turned in or will turn in written reports summarizing their discussions. Nancy Peterson from Minnesota in **Region 2** said they discussed lots of information to take back to their secretariats and would use some of it in their Ultreyas. Cindy Perkins from Oklahoma in **Region 3** said they had learned that movements are different and that some have co-ed weekends with different tables. She commented that some pastors from their synod have moved to other areas. Linda Erdman from Inky in **Region 4** spoke. They want to try to have better communications and go for a website to share more about the weekends. Pr. Paul Schmidlin from Ohio in **Region 5** stated their group discussed how they could work together better. They want to continue to encourage Journey in Faith and to ask members of NLS to forward names of people who have moved to their area. They have sched-

uled a regional meeting to assist Journey in Faith in their first weekends in the spring. Vivian Knight from South Carolina in **Region 6** said that after Los Angeles, they had a regional secretariat meeting and repeated it this year. They had a music workshop and a financial workshop. They discussed inviting more people to come to Nationals. They were concerned that Georgia hasn't attended and will try to help them. We need to support each other's weekends with people, pastors, etc., sharing information. Dave Rankin from Florida in **Region 7** stated that there are 7 active secretariats in Florida, though some are struggling. They discussed how to support each other. Ed Broestl from Colorado in **Region 1** said they shared views, concerns and stressors. They discussed the question - What thing if it was left out would make life totally bearable? They saw a need to examine their insurance position. They want to get information back and forth better in their large area.

The results of the balloting were stated. Those elected were Vice President Administration - Nanette (Nu) Helgager, Pastor Doug Givan - NLS Spiritual Director, and Treasurer - Bob Northrup. *Donna Gough moved that the ballots be destroyed. Kris Jones seconded. Motion carried.*

All of the committees presented verbal or written reports with discussion and questions as necessary. Copies of most reports were passed out or in their books.

Banner and Palanca - Lois Witham facilitated the workshop and has a written report. The committee presented a beautiful butterfly DeColores banner to Journey in Faith delegates.

Finance Committee - Virginia Reyrmer read the report. Jim Ryan presented the budget as presented in the packet. They discussed the need to pass information about dues and the due date to new treasurers in the secretariats. There was concern that many secretariats had not paid their dues by May 31. Last year's amount of \$7000 was insufficient to begin the National Coordinator Fund Raising Campaign. In the new proposed budget there is a line item that states "Board authorized

to expend prior years accumulated unrestricted funds and fund raising designated funds for endowment fund raising." This would be up to \$13,000. *Ted Smith moved that the budget be approved as read. Bob Quam seconded. Motion carried.* Diane Purcell asked secretariats to make gifts to get the National Coordinator Campaign off the ground. Jerry thanked Minnesota for their palanca gift. Offering at worship on Saturday night will go for Outreach.

Hosting an Annual Meeting - Nu Helgager has a written report. These are the secretariats that have made a formal commitment to host the annual meeting for the next four years. FL - July 23-26, 2009, MN - July 22-25, 2010, Western NC - July 28-31, 2011, VdC of the Rockies, CO — July 26-29, 2012.

Lay Director's Dialogue - Tracy Schmidlin facilitated this dialogue. A very important item from the written report is that all secretariats need to be insured and incorporated. There were many suggestions discussed among the 22 secretariats represented here.

Website Coordinator - Bob Northrup stated that there is one person who has expressed an interest in being the new Website Coordinator.

Newsletter Committee - Judy Laabs-Foss has a written report. They brainstormed about communication. She reminded delegates that she is available to be contacted throughout the year with any questions or problems concerning this form of communication within their secretariat.

Spiritual Director Dialogue - John Propst has a written report. There was good discussion among twelve secretariats about audio-visual aids, requiring clergy critiques, and things that are different in the country. One group suggested that a short 5-10 minute DVD with testimonies from pastors and bishops telling of the benefits of this movement would be a good item to share with pastors to increase interest.

Visioning Committee - Dave Damien was the facilitator and has a written report. They started by looking at priorities and then current circumstances. The committee noted that growth

seems to have slowed among a lot of secretariats, especially drawing pilgrims under forty. Prison ministries are fast growing. We need to have an influence in Christian ministries. They would like to implement positive changes. They see a need for outreach, for better communication, and to be flexible.

National Coordinator Campaign - Pr. Joe Nilsen stated that the need for a National Coordinator has been an evolving development over several years. Over 92,000 people have been through the movement in 47 secretariats. We need to permanently finance a paid position and past delegates voted to do this. We have not moved as rapidly as we hoped. This kind of campaign is very expensive. God led them to an answer. A consultant with 30 years fundraising experience who has seen changed lives from an Emmaus Walk has agreed to train us to do our own campaign. He will only charge us a per diem fee for three intense days of training and some expenses for utilization of some data resources. A properly run campaign will probably yield more than enough to fund the position. The committee will work with the board in working out details. They have been good stewards of the \$7000 that was authorized; they have only spent \$35.00 for a conference call to get this far. He made three requests: 1. Pray for this campaign. 2. Authorize the board to launch the campaign with up to \$13,000. 3. Go back to your secretariats and report these developments, and tell them we will be contacting them in the coming months to obtain a copy of their database. We must have a secure national database for the campaign to work. That will be used only for this campaign and then be secured in our national office.

Diane Purcell stated that the amount was approved when we approved the budget.

Tracy called for acceptance of the Letters of Intent for hosting. There is already a contract from Florida. *Carlene Lemcke moved that we accept the Letter of Intent from Minnesota for 2010. Jim Ryan seconded. Motion carried. Steve Barnett moved that we accept the Letter of Intent from North Carolina for 2011. Doug Burrows*

*seconded. Motion carried. Gina Ford moved that we accept the Letter of Intent from Colorado for 2012. Roy Fredbloom seconded. Motion carried.*

Florida's Secretariats extended an invitation for all to COME to Florida next year. Chip Spear narrated a DVD presentation showing Florida attractions and Barry University in Miami Shores. The theme is "One in the Son," based on John 17:21. The Florida delegation passed out invitations and bags of Florida pamphlets as attendees left the auditorium.

Diane Purcell moved to adjourn the NLS Meeting. Markay Neumann seconded. Motion carried. Pr. Joe Nilsen led a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Sistar

**Host Committee Meeting:**

Tracy opened the meeting with the Florida delegation at 4:40 PM, Saturday, July 26, 2008. She went over information and answered questions about getting ready to host the National Meeting next year.

She started with the importance of everyone reading the host documents.

Tracy mentioned what an asset it is to have a good attitude like the hosts here in Arizona.

She explained that the board creates the agenda and seminars. The hosts make the place available.

Transportation teams at the terminal need to have big signs with NLSAM and an emergency number for travelers to call so they won't be left waiting.

At Mid-Year the board will create the agenda and seminars.

The seed money from the board has nothing to do with Arizona's funds.

Host team needs webmasters no later than January.

Registration forms and Transportation forms need to be worked out early. The board would like the Registration forms by November at Mid-Year. Hosts will get a copy of the existing form.

Mid-Year procedures. Pick up board members, plan for meals and provide lodging with a meeting room available. Nu will arrive a day ahead and go over the planned set up at the campus. On Saturday the board will meet with the Host Committee to tour Barry University and go over plans with the group.

Expect about 200 to register. It's not a problem to have more than that if the University can handle the number. If you have volunteers that are not there all the time, work out a day rate for them. Encourage as many people to help as you can because it brings the community together and helps them see the big picture.

Evaluations from this year will be gone over by Nu. She will give a detailed breakdown of the results.

There will be bumps in the road and hassles, but things will work out.

Vendors at the meeting are for the host's benefit and must be approved by the board. They cannot be in competition with Symbols, Inc.

Worship committee can plan worship. Send a copy to Pr. Doug Givan. Worship here in Phoenix was a good standard with the seven services.

Run the music by the Spiritual Director. Encourage a varied selection. Check on copyright of music. Band doesn't have to be approved. They can select whom they want.

Any issues that come up, let us know.

Lucy Hightower has the secretariat members' names in her computer's database.

Invitations to next year's meeting will be sent to all the attendees from this year.

The board trusts the host committee planning. Any questions you e-mail to Nu Helgager, also CC them to Tracy and the co-chairs, so the leaders know what is going on.

Florida requested that Mid-Year be scheduled for Nov.7-9, 2008 and that date was approved.

In planning copying, be flexible. It's not a good idea to use the college's copiers. There is a lot of copying ahead of time and at Nationals. Dave Rankin stated that he knows someone who can donate some copy machines to use for the meeting.

There were no other questions. Tracy closed the meeting with prayer at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Sistar, NLS Secretary



**Sunday July 27, 2008 Board Meeting**

Tracy Schmidlin called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Present: Tracy Schmidlin, Nanette Helgager, Jerry Lemcke, Bob Northrup, Judy Laabs-Foss, Dave Erdman, Katie Sistar, Diane Purcell. (Doug Givan was not present.) Tracy opened with prayer.



The NLS letterhead will be updated with the information from the change of officers and the new host co-chairs.

Nu Helgager has the contract from Florida. The date for the Mid-Year meeting is November 7-9, 2008. We need to make flights early on Friday, November 7 to start our meeting by 1:00 PM. Nu will arrive on Thursday. We will meet the Host Committee mid-morning on Saturday at Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. The board is hoping to get Registration forms out 3 times this year.

The newsletter deadlines are as follows: Aug. 15, 2008, Nov. 15, 2008, Jan. 15, 2009, April 15, 2009 and June 15, 2009. Teleconferences are scheduled for 7:30 PM on Sundays as follows: September 14, 2008, February 15, 2009, and June 7, 2009, plus one in April, if needed.

The board went over action items that were completed or that need to be done by different members of the board. Tracy and Nu will get copies of the committee and Region reports that the secretary needs to file.

Tracy and the board agreed to appoint Pastor Larry Conway from Moline, Illinois, to be the Website Coordinator/Manager. Bob will back up the information on the website and assist in the transition.

There was a discussion regarding who will hold the records. Diane went over records that need to be kept and will present us with a records retention policy. She will also work on wording the vendor's policy we have discussed.

Nu will process the Phoenix evaluations and Tracy will process the speaker cards. There will be a need to be flexible with the list of speaker suggestions that were given.

Tracy and Dave will follow up on the secretariats that were not in atten-

dance the past two years.

Tracy stated that we need to be cognizant of the timing of business meetings and announcements next year to allow for proper breaks.

Jerry and Bob discussed the transition of the treasurer's job.

*Diane moved that the board passes this resolution: The Board of the National Lutheran Secretariat on July 27, 2008, authorized Robert F. Northrup to be the treasurer of said organization. Mr. Robert F. Northrup is authorized for accounts with Wachovia Bank and Thrivent Financial.*

*The Board of the National Lutheran Secretariat on July 27, 2008, authorized Tracy L. Schmidlin to be an authorized signer for accounts with Wachovia Bank and Thrivent financial.*

*Nanette Helgager seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

This will be printed out by the secretary and notarized for the file.

Diane is working with N. Texas to incorporate and establish their 501(c)(3). There have been several questions about insurance and incorporating. Diane was requested to write an explanatory newsletter article on this subject and agreed.

Tracy intends to contact lay directors that were not here in Phoenix to give them information about NLS.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM. Bob closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Sistar

**PALANCA  
"What me worry?"**

*"Be anxious for nothing ..."* Paul writes from prison to the Philippians. He then adds the infamous "but" and follows it with *"in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."* (Philippians 4:6 NASB) Paul knew that prayer was the key to the relationship with God and receiving blessings. From prison he also wrote to the Ephesians *"With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints."* (Ephesians 6:18 NASB). In a pastoral letter to Timothy, he provides these words of instruction *"First of all, then I urge that*

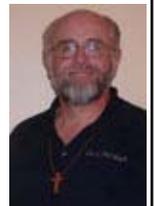
*entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men, ...."* ((1 Timothy 2:1 NASB) When thinking of the words *"Be anxious for nothing ..."*, I am reminded of "What me worry?" uttered by Alfred E. Neuman. Maybe Alfred knew of Paul's words. I remember my life before Christ when worry was a part of my daily routine, unlike Alfred. Life in Christ means a relationship where the worries are now placed in His hands through frequent prayers daily. It is intriguing that Paul wrote from a Roman prison where one would expect worry – *"Be anxious for nothing ..."* The words in Philippians 4:7 provide the solution to the intrigue *"And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

It is the prayers of His people that bring us closer to Him. It is through prayers we find the solution. In Via de Cristo, it is these prayers which are the true palanca for the weekends, other activities of our communities and the lives of our Cursillistas. The Palanca offered up to Him last year are evident in the successes shown in the following report. May all the praise and thanksgiving for the achievements be in His name and bring glory to Him.

In 2007, over 146 VdC weekends were conducted. There are more than 121 Weekends scheduled this year (2008) as of 8/14/2008. In addition we have 9 Weekends on the 2009 Calendar. The updates to the calendar have been flowing in due to the excellent work being done by the Palanca Coordinators. Early scheduling and posting of dates also allows local Secretariats plenty of time to provide Palanca.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support, but I would especially like to thank the Palanca Coordinators of the Secretariats. I thank and praise God for the opportunity to serve our community in this small way. Blessings, In His Service,

Paul Sabatier-Smith <))><  
NLS Palanca Coordinator



# Palanca!!!

## Future weekends

Weekends for the next four months will be printed in this section. Check the Web for more updated information.

### 2008 WEEKENDS:

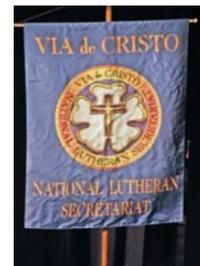
- Sept. 2008 - Florida: **Gold Coast VDC of So. FL**, Men #77 Sept 4-7, Send palanca to: Janet Pusins 3160 NW 67 Ct. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309
- Sept. 2008 - Missouri/Illinois: **River's Edge VDC**, Women #11 Sept 4-7, Send palanca to: Laurie Dunnette 2720 Stone Valley Dr. Maryville, IL 62062
- Sept. 2008 - North Carolina: **Eastern NC VDC**, Mixed #64, Sept.11-14, Send palanca to: Martha Yount 745 Acorn Oaks Dr. Salisbury, NC 28146
- Sept. 2008 - Colorado: **VDC of the Rockies**, Coed #01: Sept. 18-21, Send palanca to: Earl Cunningham 6000 S. University Blvd. Centennial, CO 80121
- Sept. 2008 - Nevada: **Light in the Desert VdC**, Coed #10: Sept. 18-21, Send palanca to: Mary Jamison 290 E. Delamar Dr. Henderson, NV 89015
- Sept./Oct. 2008 - New York: **Damascus Road VdC**, Men's #9: Sept. 18-21, & Women's #9 Oct. 9-12, Send palanca to: Ken Haven 4871 Thornwood Dr. Liverpool, NY 13088
- Sept. 2008 - South Carolina: **South Carolina VDC**, Coed #9, Sept.25-28, Send palanca to: Sherry Fowler 870 White Pt. Blvd Charleston, SC 29412
- Oct. 2008 - DC / VA: **Rainbow VdC**, Men #52: Oct. 2-5 & Women #56: Oct. 9-12, Send palanca to: David Russell PO Box 450 Bladenburg, MD 20710-0450
- Oct. 2008 - INKY: **Indiana-Kentucky VdC**, Coed North #6: Oct. 2-5 & Coed South #7: Oct 30-Nov. 2, Send palanca to: Rich Rager 589 Shoreland Dr. Cicero, IN 46034
- Oct. 2008 - North Carolina: **Western NC VDC**, Men's #61: Oct. 2-5, & Women #10: Oct 30-Nov. 2; Send palanca to: Judy Zander, 304 Amity Cir. Belmont, NC 28012-9523
- Oct. 2008 - Florida: **Gold Coast VDC of So. FL**, Women #77 Oct. 9-12, Send palanca to: Janet Pusins 3160 NW 67 Ct. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309
- Oct. 2008 - Florida: **Lighthouse VDC**, Men's #33: Oct. 9-12, & Women's #33: Oct. 16-19, Send palanca to: Catherine & John Paul Pearson 3173 Sky St. Deltona, FL 32738

- Oct. 2008 - Michigan/Ohio: **Good News VdC**, Men's #43: Oct. 9-12, & Women's #43: Oct. 16-19, Send palanca to: Karen Warsop 5633 E. Grand River Ave. Howell, MI 48843
- Oct. 2008 - Minnesota: **Lutheran VdC of Minnesota**, Men's #510 & Men's 512: Oct. 9-12, & Women's #511 & Women's #513: Oct. 16-19, Send palanca to: Lenore Jesness 899 Sherwood Ave. St. Paul, MN 55106-1825
- Oct. 2008 - AR-OK: **A-OK VdC**, Coed #21: Oct. 16-19, Send palanca to: Becky Del Rio 18115 Fawn Tree Dr. Little Rock, AR 72210
- Oct. 2008 - Arizona: **Lutheran Cursillo of Arizona**, Men's #118, Oct. 16-19, & Women's #119: Oct. 23-26, Send palanca to: Greg Ahlborn 29116 N. 249th Ave. Wittman, AZ 85361
- Oct. 2008 - California: **VDC of So CA & Central Valley**, Coed #34: Oct. 16-19, Send palanca to: Madeline Jeter-Bell PO Box 6866 Frazier Park, CA 93222
- Oct. 2008 - Florida: **Sonshine VDC**, Women's #99: Oct. 16-19, Send palanca to: Ginny Esch 2360 SW 70th Terrace Davie, FL 33317
- Oct. 2008 - Tennessee: **Notes of Grace VdC**, Mixed (coed) #6 Oct. 16-19, Send palanca to: Bill McComb 21 Meadowlark Cr. Fairfield Glade, TN 38558
- Oct. 2008 - Tennessee: **Tennessee VdC**, Mixed (coed) #21: Oct. 16-19, Send palanca to: Bill McComb 21 Meadowlark Cr. Fairfield Glade, TN 38558
- Oct. 2008 - Wisconsin/Michigan: **Northern Light VdC of WI & Upper MI**, Men's #9: Oct. 23-26 & Women #10: Oct 30-Nov. 2, Send palanca to: Richard Neitzel 18189 Hwy 41 W Champion, MI 49814
- Oct./Nov. 2008 - Arizona: **Southern Arizona VdC**, Men's #25, Oct. 23-26 & Women's #26: Nov. 6-9, Send palanca to: Steve MacLellan PO Box Tucson, AZ 85755
- Oct./Nov. 2008 - Colorado: **Colorado VDC**, Men's #29, Oct. 16-19, & Women's #29: Nov. 6-9, Send palanca to: Paul Bunker 9395 W Friend Dr. Littleton, CO 80128
- Oct./Nov. - Ohio: **Ohio Lutheran VdC**, Men's #65 Oct. 23-26 & Women's #65: Nov. 6-9, Send palanca to: Paul Swinehart 2303 Colfax Ave. Columbus OH 43224
- Oct./Nov. 2008 - Florida: **Sonshine North VDC**, Men's #54 Oct 30-Nov. 2, & Women's #54: Nov. 6-9, Send palanca to: Dottie Schwartz 287 Bonnyln Dr. Orange Park, FL 32073
- Oct./Nov. 2008 - Wisconsin: **Wisconsin Sunrise VdC**, Men's #63: Oct 30-Nov. 2 & Women #64: Nov. 6-9, Send

palanca to: Richard Pettitt 772 Dogwood Dr. Beloit, WI 53511

- Nov. 2008 - Florida: **Sonbeam VDC**, Men's #52 Nov. 6-9, & Women's #52: Nov. 13-16, Send palanca to: Carol Moskowitz 4711 Trout Ave. Sebring, FL 33870
- Nov. 2008 - Illinois: **Prairie Sonshine VDC of Central IL**, Women's #8 Nov. 6-9, Send palanca to: Chad & Stacy Thomas PO Box 436 Jacksonville, IL 62650
- Nov. 2008 - Illinois: **Taste of Grace VDC**, Men's #12 Nov. 6-9, & Women's #12: Nov. 13-16, Send palanca to: Patrick White 2413 Silver Hill Cir. Joliet, IL 60432
- Nov. 2008 - Kansas: **Heart of America VDC**, Mixed #7 Nov. 6-9, Send palanca to: Lois Kimbrell 2130 N. Union St. Fremont, NE 68025
- Nov. 2008 - Texas: **North Texas VDC**, Coed #75 Nov. 6-9, Send palanca to: Barb Guinn 2832 Mimosa Park Dr. Richland Hills, TX 76118
- Nov. 2008 - North Carolina: **Eastern NC VDC**, Mixed #65, Nov. 13-16, Send palanca to: Martha Yount 745 Acorn Oaks Dr. Salisbury, NC 28146
- Oct. 2008 - North Carolina: **Western NC VDC**, Mixed #26, Nov. 13-16, Send palanca to: Judy Zander, 304 Amity Cir. Belmont, NC 28012-9523

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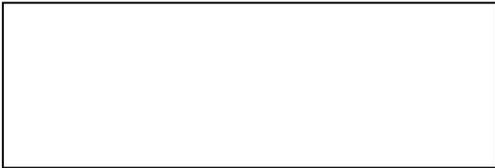


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