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Calling All Cursillistas

This is it. Our final Conexiones call for you to attend the 2009 NLS Annual Meeting in Florida this July. Act now or forever hold your peace. And pray that we, God's elect strand for His righteousness, corporately at this year's NLS Annual Meeting.

Although times are tough, and we all feel the financial crunch, God still calls us to stand firm in our faith and uphold His banner before the nations. And because Via de Cristo/Cursillo is such a wonderful faith-building force in the fallen world today, it is imperative that we lay leaders - you and I put on the full armor of God and do His work right where we live, worship, work and play.

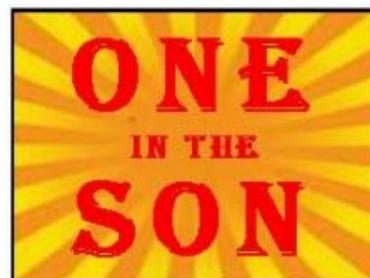
Therefore, it is with great humility that we, the 2009 Host Committee strongly encourage you to make the commitment NOW to come participate in this year's National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting. Come! Come to Barry University in Miami Shores and become "One in the Son," the theme for our 2009 NLSAM: "That all of them may be one, Father..." (John 17:21).

Go online today to <http://www.viadecristo.org/>, then go to Our Annual Meeting in the Right Column, and click on Future 2009 where you can download the **Registration & Notes** under the 'One In The Son' LOGO. Or contact NLS 2009 Florida Registrar, Judy Armbrust at [954/476-9022](tel:9544769022) or email her at jarmbrust@comcaast.net for more information.

Register today. Become "One in the Son" and stand for the righteousness of God.

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NLS President's Report

PRACTICE IS PAYING ATTENTION TO GOD

In our Christian walk we have learned that God loved us so much *“that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life”* (Jn 3:16 ESV). When we attended our Weekend we learned more about ourselves, our personal calling, and received training in a discipline to spread this good news. Hopefully, we have continued to learn more about ourselves in relation to God, so that we are able to “love God and love others” in response to our loving Lord’s call. If you are like me though, you still catch yourself wondering how a person can sustain a “loving” level of intensity. How do we obey this command at all?

In Marcus Borg’s Book, “The Heart of Christianity”, Borg asks:

“What does it mean to love God? We all know that both the Hebrew Bible and Jesus commend and command us ‘to Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your life force, and with all your mind, and with all your strength’ (Dt. 6:5, Mk 12:30, Mt 22:37, Lk 10:27). Indeed it is the ‘greatest commandment.’ But what does it mean to do this? In a word, it means ‘practice.’ Loving God means paying attention to God and to what God loves. The way we do this is through ‘practice.’

... Christianity is a ‘way’, a path, a way of life. Practice is about the living of the Christian way. And ‘practice’ really should be thought of as plural: practice is about practices, the means by which we live the Christian life.”

Sound familiar? Don’t you see piety, study and apostolic action in this excerpt? Worshipping in our home congregations on a regular basis? Coming together in reunion group and Ultreya? When we think about it we realize that Via de Cristo has not created something new. These practices are as old as faith itself. They are tested and they are true and they will keep the flame lit or, when necessary, re-ignite it.

Yes, I too have experienced how, by-in-large, American society has it’s own agenda and could care less about Christianity – seeing it as just another religion with rules to be followed and institutions to be upheld. I’ve seen how so many young people could care less about involvement in any church because they have trouble seeing past the legalists, robots, hypocrites and duty bound persons who have forgotten the basics of being human - the basics of loving one another.

Via de Cristo is a movement of the Holy Spirit giving us a method to be meaningfully about loving God and loving others. It honors great church tradition and encourages practices that the Holy Spirit has provided all through Church history. Borg goes on to say “practice is paying

attention to God... practice is about the formation of Christian identity... practice is about the formation of Christian character... practice is about nourishment... practice is about compassion and justice... .” Also quite descriptive of the Via de Cristo movement and method!

Let’s practice together through group reunion, Ultreya and hey, maybe attending a National meeting in Miami Florida this July!

I’m ready – how about you?

God Loves You and So Do I!
Tracy Schmidlin



2009 NLSAM Registration

WHAT?!?!?!?! You haven’t sent in your registration for the 2009 National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting? You better hurry ... ocean view rooms are almost gone—well, okay, so we don’t have ocean view rooms. But we do have plenty of great rooms...two dorms at our disposal, both with elevators.

Registration is easy. Just download the form from viadecristo.org and send it to the Registrar with your check. Don’t delay—get it done now and avoid the late fee. To give you a little more time, the early registration date is extended to June 15, 2009. But there’s still not much time, so you need to hurry.

And don’t forget to send that travel form too. Our special cadre of transportation experts is being trained to find you at the airport and transport you to the Barry University campus. We just need to know when you are arriving.

The Host Committee has been diligently preparing and making special plans to make your participation in this year’s meeting one that you will not soon forget. The special music and worship in the beautiful Cor Jesu chapel, the renewal of friendships and the making of new friends, informative and interesting discussions, opportunities to learn and grow in your knowledge of Via de Cristo, a chance to buy the next best seller by one of our own, and oh so much more awaits you in beautiful South Florida.

The summer sun is already shining and lighting the way for all of us to be “One in the Son” July 23-26. So come on down—come on down to Florida and be blessed by both the sun and especially by “The Son” . . see you there!

Judy Armbrust Registration Chair Host Committee

NLS Board Minutes — NLS Teleconference Minutes

Tracy opened the meeting with prayer at 7:35 p.m. on April 19, 2009. Conference participants were Tracy Schmidlin, Bob Northrup, Katie Sistar, Dave Erdman, Judy Laabs-Foss, and Nu Helgager.

Tracy reported that the information from Don Armbrust is that all is going well in getting ready for Nationals in July. They understand what needs to be done. Nu is planning to meet with the Host Committee Memorial Day weekend to finalize details.

Judy expressed a need to be in contact with the communication people so she would know who will be in the communication room and that there will be enough people to make it work.

Tracy went over the seminars and possible leaders for them. They are being finalized.

Judy Armbrust has reported 33 registrations so far. It will be helpful for everyone to get their registrations in as soon as possible and for the Host Registration Chair to keep us updated on the number of registrations they have received.

Nu has a list of the tentative rooms for the various uses needed. The Host Committee would like a list of the Seminars and descriptions of them. They are working on a contract for a copier and deciding on chapel things. Nu wants the Board's reports to be sent to her by May 15 so she can take them to the May meeting.

Katie has sent out letters, e-mails and made phone calls to secure the 2008 information about numbers of 2008 weekends and number of new candidates attending. About 10 have not responded yet. Her report will be given with as much information as she has by May 15. Late data will be printed as an addendum to the 2008 Survey report. As of this date we have had a total of 93,355 people go through a weekend.

Dave reported that he is planning a visit to Oregon in June since they seem ready to affiliate. They are sending him a copy of their constitution and are working on a name and logo for their secretariat. He has been in contact with a group in Michigan also. He will make his report by June 15.

Bob has billed all the secretariats for their dues. There are about 14 that haven't responded yet. We have in checking \$11,750 and in Thrivent \$31,250. The financial year ends May 31. Bob will turn his report in June 15.

The Board discussed aiding struggling secretariats with financial aid in attending the National meetings. *Bob moved that the treasurer be authorized to work with secretariats that need financial assistance for delegates to attend the annual meeting. Nu seconded. Motion carried.*

Conference closed at 8:25 p.m. with prayer led by Katie Sistar.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Sistar



2008 Surveys Needed

Every year the NLS secretary requests all the secretariats to send in the data for the past year's weekends or to let us know if they were unable to hold weekends that year. We need to know the number of weekends held and how many lay candidates and clergy candidates made a weekend. This does not include the team members or spiritual directors, just people new to the movement. This information is added each year to the total of all previous years that the secretariats have been holding weekends.

As of May 15, we still have 4 secretariats that have not responded to the survey requesting this information. We need to hear from the following areas as soon as possible: Colorado, Lighthouse in Florida, Kansas, and North Texas. As you read this article, if your secretariat hasn't sent the survey information back yet, please help them get the data to Katie Sistar at wc2ks@verizon.net or call her at 727-512-0450. This information is being sent to the Host Committee to copy and will be added to the booklet of information that is given to all delegates at Nationals.

All secretariats, please be mindful that Lucy Hightower is the Coordinator of the database and Katie Sistar is the NLS Secretary. Both of us need to always have on file current information on the officers in each secretariat. Our addresses can be found on the web and in the Conexiones.

Thank you, to those who have already completed the Survey and updated your information.

√ **CHECK IT OUT!**

Is YOUR secretariat helping to keep our National Database current? If you're wondering, you can take a look for yourself by going to the NLS Web Page at viadecristo.org. When you get there, look for the "Locator" page and click on that. When you see the map, just click on your state and "Voila!" – you're at YOUR state.

Take a look to see if the persons listed there are still in those positions. Also, take a look at the date of the last update - it's in parentheses along with some initials.

If your secretariat has held elections since then, or if you see names that need to be changed, contact the responsible person on your secretariat and ask that he or she send in the latest and greatest information to the NLS database coordinator at bhigh922@aol.com. You'll also find that email address on the Locator page.

Thanks for helping us keep things up-to-date!

National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting 2009
Tentative Basic Schedule

THURSDAY

- 11:00 am Orientation
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Opening Worship with Communion
- 2:30 pm Business Meeting
- 4:00 pm Keynote
- 4:45 pm Region to Region
- 5:00 pm Dinner
- 6:00 pm Small Group Breakouts
- 7:00 pm Region to Region
- 8:15 pm Worship
- "First timers" Photo
- Hospitality to follow



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FRIDAY

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Worship with Communion
- 10:00 am Business Meeting
- 11:30 am Forum
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Seminars 1- 4/Optional Videos
- 2:15 pm Repeat Seminars /Optional Videos
- 3:30 pm Committee Work, S.D. Dialog, L.D. dialog
- Hosting a National Meeting
- 5:00 pm Dinner
- 6:00 pm Small Group Breakout Time
- 7:00 pm Region to Region
- 8:15 pm Worship
- Hospitality to follow in Student Center



SATURDAY

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Worship with Communion
- 10:00 am Business Meeting
- 11:15 am Region to Region
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Repeat Seminars
- 2:15 pm Small Group Breakout Time
- 3:30 pm Business Meeting
- Free Time, committee time &/or 2010 Host meets with Board
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:45 pm Worship and Installation of officers (*offering taken for outreach*)
- Hospitality to follow

SUNDAY

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Worship with Communion
- 10:00 am Board Meeting
- 11:00 am Check out

As of May 17, 2009



Meeting and Registration Form

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 Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida 33161
 Hosted by the Secretariats of Florida

ONE FORM PER PERSON ATTENDING • PLEASE PRINT • PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION			
First Name	Last Name	Circle One Male Female	Name for Nametag
Address		City, State, Zip	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	
Fax	eMail Address		
Home Secretariat		Position, if on Secretariat	
Please check all that apply:	NLS Board Member _____ Lay Delegate _____ Clergy Delegate _____	Speaker _____ Lay Visitor _____ Visiting Clergy _____	Host Committee _____ Other _____
First time attending NLS Annual Meeting? Yes _____ No _____			
If "No", please indicate last year attended _____ Position attended as _____			
____ I require special accommodations for the following: Medical ___ Dietary ___ Physical ___ Please explain:			
____ I will require on-site transportation assistance.		____ I wish to have internet access in my dorm room, if possible.	
Travel to NLS Annual Meeting will be by: Auto _____ Air _____ I will need pick up: Yes _____ No _____ <i>Transportation will be provided to Barry Univ. from Miami International (MIA) and Ft. Lauderdale International (FLL) airports only. You must submit a Travel Information Form to make reservations for airport pick up.</i> What day will you be leaving the annual meeting? Saturday pm _____ Sunday by noon _____ <i>Please contact Judy Armbrust if you need additional assistance with any housing or transportation concerns.</i>			
\$175.00 Registration per person for NLS Annual Meeting 2009			
<i>Registration Fee includes: meals, housing & NLS Annual Meeting materials from Thursday noon thru Sunday 11:00 am.</i>			
\$0.00 Double Rooms - Roommate requested: _____			
\$ _____ Single room requested, additional \$45.00 (\$15.00 per day)			
\$ _____ Extra night on Wednesday - Per Person - Double \$35.00; Single \$50.00 (does not include meals)			
\$ _____ Late fee of \$25.00 assessed for registrations postmarked after June 1, 2009			
\$ _____ Pre-order annual meeting T-Shirt \$15.00 Size: __M__L__XL__1X__2X__3X Color: __Light Blue__Light Green			
\$ _____ TOTAL			
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO --- NLS 2009 FLORIDA			
Refunds (less \$25.00) will only be considered if request is postmarked/e-mailed no later than July 1, 2009			
Seminars Please indicate 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice _____ Seminar 1 Training Panel _____ Seminar 2 Growth, Big Picture _____ Seminar 3 Focus on 4th Day _____ Seminar 4 Corporate Nuts & Bolts		Complete form and mail with check to: NLS Annual Meeting 2009 eMail: JArmbrust1@comcast.net Judy Armbrust Phone: 954.476.9022 (Home) 1845 N.W. 93 Way 954.684.6322 (Cell) Plantation, Florida 33322 Fax: 954.476.9023	
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Spiritual Director's Report

The Caribbean Cove is an indoor water park built on to a Holiday Inn in the Indianapolis area. My wife, Sandi, and I took our children Emily and Joel and went to have a get away for spring break. One of the many challenges of being a pastor is to try and find a way to do something with the family for spring break when it also falls on Holy Week just before Easter!

Anyway, the highlight of my visit was the lazy river. If you have ever visited one of these parks you might have tried this. It is exactly like it sounds. You sit on your inner tube or raft and float. They set up a jet stream that keeps the luke warm water moving and it is very relaxing. I was quite content to leave the fast water tubes alone and let Emily and Joel go at it. Well, the "pressure" mounted and I was encouraged to ascend the great staircase to the water tubes waiting. I was told the green one would be "my speed" and I went for it. Before I knew what was happening, the young man gave me a shove and all of a sudden I am going 90 miles an hour in the rush of speed, darkness and water! It was awful! Finally, almost upside down and twisted, the tunnel gave way to a brilliant light that indicated I would soon be finished. The little life guard almost got to practice her CPR skills as I crash landed in the water and gave up on the tunnels for the rest of our stay!!

Isn't life like this tunnel? Don't we often find ourselves going so fast and at such a furious pace, feeling alone, and dark? And then we remember the "end of the story" and we come again to Easter and the fresh news of the Gospel once again. No matter where we have been, what we have or are going through we are not alone. God is with us in the fast and furious, in the lost and lonely times, and in the light at the end of the tunnel: Jesus Christ.

I am writing this just days before I go to serve our local Via De Cristo weekend. I have much to do and yet at the same time like every time I serve I give thanks and praise to God for our movement. Not only do I go, serve, and "work" I also get refreshed in my spirit. I also get a time of renewal and a reawakening of the joy of grace and the love of Christ. I get to take time out to pray and fall in love with the Lord all over again.

Then I returned to continue to serve my family, my local church, and our movement! Thanks be to God!

With a little encouragement I took on one more tunnel...a yellow one that was light and airy and open! This one took a raft and, of course, I placed my son at the front. But this time, knowing what to expect, I glided back and forth and the ride was enjoyable. We hit the water on the raft and sailed along the top of that water right to the guard. When we know what to expect in life that Christ has defeated death and that Jesus has risen, indeed, the ride is much more enjoyable. Focus on the Lord in your life, on the light at the end of the tunnel and let the ride be a glide...Jesus is Risen, Indeed!

Come and join us for a refreshing of your own spirit in July in Miami. Right now, call and make your reservations and join us! Anyone can come and I'll bet if you do some research you will find a water slide ride!

Peace be with you.
Pastor Doug Givan
pastordoug@comcast.net



N.L.S. Distribution Center:

I had nothing new to share with you so I decided to write something that could help everyone who uses a computer, especially when ordering VDC Materials from me. I'm talking about Anti-Virus Software. Every computer user needs to be more than careful these days, "malware" type software is everywhere. I am offering a list of three anti-virus programs that come in a "Free Version". These three are generally accepted as working well and not causing many problems. If you aren't already protected, I suggest you download and install one of these today.

AVG Anti-Virus Free Edition <http://free.avg.com/>
Avira AntiVir Personal Free Edition <http://www.free-av.com/>
Avast Home Edition http://www.avast.com/eng/avast_4_home.html

I have not used all of them myself, check them out before installing. If you are already protected, please see that updates are done at least weekly. Scan often!

Thank you, John & Carol Bradford



Palanca!!!

Future weekends

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

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- June 2009 - Colorado: **Colorado VDC**, Men #30: June 4-7 and Women #30: June 11-14, Send palanca to: Audrey Hupp-Ellis, 2744 Lavarie Dr. Colorado Springs, Co 80917
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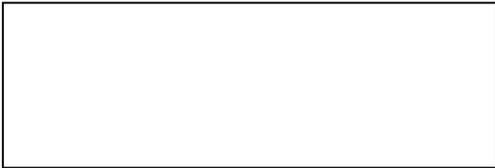


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