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## VdC's Annual Gathering travels to Minnesota in 2020



Via de Cristo's 2019 Annual Gathering in Indianapolis, Indiana was an excellent tribute to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His glory and goodness.

And now, let us set our hearts and prayers forward to our 2020 Annual Gathering hosted by Lutheran Via de Cristo of Minnesota. They have chosen Hamlin University in St. Paul, MN as their meeting

location. The theme verse is '...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' Matthew 22:37 (NRSV)

**Save these Dates:  
July 30 – Aug. 2, 2020**

Until then, please hold MN's Host Committee in faithful prayer.

Annual Gatherings are designed to offer our VdC 4<sup>th</sup> Day community-at-large an opportunity to interact with other Secretariats who aspire

to learn and grow in faithful service to God.

Please know that each and every VdC *Annual Gathering* is the result of significant time and energy from your National Lutheran Secretariat who generously dedicate substantial time and effort into planning this faith filled annual event.

Come & See!!! Why don't you set aside July 30<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2020 to experience God's gift.



*Called to Serve*

After a relatively short stint as the editor of the Conexiones (that is compared to Carol Lang who served from ??? to 2002 and Judy Labb-Foss from 2002 to 2014) I've resigned due to considerable medical concerns within my family that will require all hands-on deck for the foreseeable future.

I am confident that I will be leaving the newsletter in very capable hands. Hollie Jennings, from Ignite Via de Cristo, has the passion and experience to oversee the Conexiones in the days, months and years to come.



*from Carol to Hollie*



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attending  
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Here's a photo of most of the folks who attending VdC's 2019 Annual Gathering in Indianapolis, Indiana.



A few memorable moments from Indiana



### **Palanca Guidelines**

(reprinted from NLS Meeting #9, February 6-8, 1986)

True palanca is intense prayer and sacrifice on the part of the outside community for the community being formed in the Three-Day Weekend. Palanca is a witness to the participants that God is present in the world through groups of people who live His gospel.

Banners, food gifts, trinkets, and friendship letters are nice and fun things that contribute to the good feelings of the weekend, but they are not true palanca. Food items are welcomed and appreciated for the physical well-being of the weekend. Food items, however, are not considered to be “palanca” and should be referred to as “food gifts.”

A good measure of a local ministry is its attitude towards palanca! A community cannot allow the term “palanca” to become misunderstood or abused so that its true meaning is lost. Banners, food gifts, trinkets, and friendship letters are nice and fun things that contribute to the good feelings of the weekend, but they are not true Palanca.

### **~ UPCOMING WEEKENDS IN NEED OF PALANCA ~**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Send mail/email to:</b>
10/31/19	C #28	Indiana/Kentucky VdC	palancainkyvdc@gmail.com
10/31/19	C #28	INKY VdC, IN/KY	Tom Farrar, Palanca@inkyVdC.org
11/07/19	C #3	Sonbeam, FL	Jim & Lynn Ryan, ExtendedPalanca@sonbeamvdc.org
11/7/19	C #1	Ignite VdC, MN	Deb Willert,
11/07/19	C #105	Lutheran VdC of N Texas	lillyston@yahoo.com
11/07/19	M #49	Northern Light VdC Wisconsin/Upper Michigan	Greg Peotter, N9415 County Road J, Iola, WI 54945
11/07/19	W #50	Northern Light VdC Wisconsin/Upper Michigan	Greg Peotter, N9415 County Road J, Iola, WI 54945
1/10/20	M #	Iowa VdC	Lsimington7@gmail.com
1/17/20	W #	Iowa VdC	Lsimington7@gmail.com
2/27/20	M #81	INKY VdC, IN/KY	Tom Farrar, Palanca@inkyVdC.org
2/20/20	#44	VdC Colorado	Audrey Hupp-Ellis, Audrey@diamante-re.com

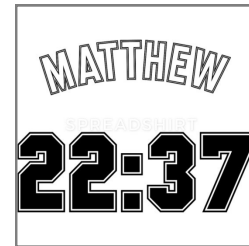


**THIS IS WHERE YOU NEED BE NEXT JULY 30–AUGUST 1, 2020**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your  
soul and with all your mind.  
*Matthew 22:37.*

**God is (the) center.**



**National Lutheran Secretariat  
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*Watch for more information in the coming weeks!*

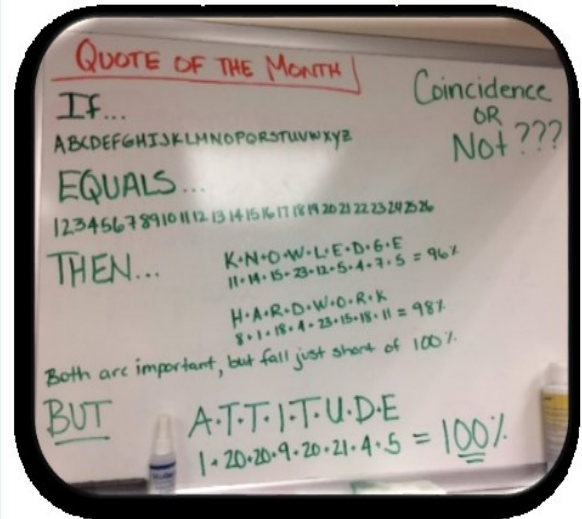


## NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIET HISTORY

The first national meeting was January 11-13, 1981 where 14 local Lutheran Secretariats from throughout the United States came gathered for the common purpose to band together into a National Cursillo Secretariat for Lutherans.

In July of that year this same group gathered again and affirmed their strong desire to hold on tight to the these important understandings: (1) stay focused on the Cursillo Method; (2) have Cursillistas go back to their congregation and be active Christians in their church; (3) actively use our Lutheran Doctrines; (4) share the Cursillo experience with Christians of other denominations, both as candidates and team members; and (5) cooperate with other movements (e.g. Roman Catholic, Episcopalians, Emmaus).

At the third NLS meeting in February of 1982 an Executive Committee was organized and the Cursillo movement was celebrated for providing a valuable method for developing Christian leaders and Christian community. An excerpt from that meeting reads; "... accepts as our norm the content and method of the Cursillo movement as developed by Bishop Juan Hervas, Eduardo Bonnín and their friends. We accept as normative: the Cursillo method of group reunion and Ultreya, the three-day weekend of fifteen talks, and the call to Christians to penetrate the world for Christ."



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