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July 25—28, 2019 NLS/VdC Annual Gathering University of Indianapolis 1400 East Hanna Avenue Indianapolis, Indiana 46227 www.undiy.edu







In a few short months, our national Via de Cristo community will be coming together for the Annual Gathering at the University of Indianapolis. The INKY (AKA Indiana / Kentucky Via de Cristo) community is excited to be hosting this year's Annual Gathering!

We're busy planning the festivities and sincerely hope you will join us! Keep an eye out for your "Save the Date" notice.

In the months to come, you will be receiving more information as well as other ways to stay connected to this event.

Will you be planning on extending your stay? Indianapolis has a lot to see! If you're a sports enthusiast how about a visit to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway—, home to the Indianapolis 500? Do you like museums? Indianapolis has

a numerous museums to see! ? Or, how about visiting the headquarters of the NCAAP?

Plus, did you know that Indianapolis happens to be within a few hours drive from these amazing mid-west cities: Chicago, IL, Louisville, KY and Cincinnati, OH. Just let us know if you need more ideas, your INKY VdC team will be happy to give you more!

Be sure to register early! (insert active registration link)

Stay connected with us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ VdCAnnualGathering/

For more information, please email the Annual Gathering Host Team at nlsannualgathering@gmail.com

Hey guess what! INKY (A.K.A Indiana/Kentucky Via de Cristo) will be hosting our 2019 Annual Gathering for Via de Cristo Secretariats!

Are you thinking, "Okay, what is that?" Well, it's an inspirational gathering of the Lutheran VdC 4th Day community. This event, which is traditionally held over the fourth weekend of July, draws from 175 to 250 people from across the US.

We celebrate daily worship services through music, communion and the Word, receiving powerful messages from inspiring speakers, and enjoy great food! There is even a Saturday night Agape diner and serenade! Does this sound a bit familiar?

What differs from your familiar four day weekend is the number of forums and

breakout sessions chosen from topics brought forward within our VdC communities as well as conducting a Business Meeting.

Similar to most non-profit organizations, our business meetings are constitutionally required as an avenue for affiliated Secretariats to vote on the annual budget and other shared matters at hand.

Business meetings also provide the opportunity for Regional Coordinators to seek news, information and concerns from their Secretariats.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good." ~ Psalm 34:8



Dear Via de Cristo Community,

After significant prayer and contemplation, I am resigning from the Board, effective immediately. I feel I must focus on my surviving grandchildren and my surviving family at this time.

There is never good timing for such things; however, I feel comfort in knowing the strength of the remaining Board.

I want to thank Wendy Showalter and the entire Board for their leadership and the commitment to this ministry.

Although tactics can always be questioned, the motives, love of Christ and this ministry cannot. I consider it a privilege to have served with the current and past members of the Board.

I would like to encourage the community to consider applying for, or running for, a position on the Board.

I will continue to pray for this ministry and the Board.

My love to you all. God is good!

In Christ, Warren (Butch) Seeley Executive Director



The Theme & Verse for 2019's National VdC Annual Gathering

Colossians 3:15 ~ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And to be thankful. (NIV)

Greetings & Blessings from the your 2019 Annual Gathering Host Committee. INKY is very excited to host our bothers and sisters in Christ at the University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana. So much activity is well underway for this national VDC event. We hope you will join us July 25-18, 2019 for a weekend full hugs, friends, fellowship and most of all Christ! The Spirit working in the midst of the planning to make this a wonderful blessing.

We are so thankful for everyone's efforts and contributions to bring us this far. It's wonderful how God always finds a way to provide what we need. In that spirit there is scholarship fund set up to help Secretariats in financial need. If your Secretariat is blessed with some funds, why not pay it forward and donate to the scholarship fund? Is your Secretariat in financial need? Please reach out and ask about scholarship funds.

Keep and eye out for a *save the date* invitation along with more information on the upcoming 2019 VDC Annual Gathering in the months to come! Just in case you are hoping to extend your weekend into a vacation, the INKY VdC team will be more than happy to suggest things to do and places to go in the Indianapolis area!

God Loves You And So Do We!

INKY VdC Team







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~ A Prayer to Keep God First This New Year ~

Dear God, thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead.

We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

Therefore if any man
be in Christ,
he is a new creature:
old things are passed away;
behold, all things
are become new.
2 Corinthians 5:17

We ask that you keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again.

We ask that you provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us, we pray that you would help us to prosper and make every plan that you have birthed in our heart to succeed. Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own. May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed. May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Wendy Showalter, NLS Board President

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Thursday, July 25 through Sunday, July 28, 2019

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ONE FORM PER PERSON ATTENDING					
Name: first last	Male Name for Name tag				
	Female				
Address:	City, State, Zip				
Cell Phone:	E-mail:				
Home Secretariat:	Position on Governing Board				
Attending as: (Please check all that apply)					
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First time attending an NLS Annual Gathering? Yes / No If no, last	year attended? Position attended?				
I require special accommodations for the following—circle all that a	pply: Medical Dietary Physical				
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Registration is Thursday 11 AM through Sunday 11 AM—Includes meals, housing and meetings All dorm housing is based on double tooms with shared bathroom, elevator, laundry facility, bedding package of pillow, sheets, blanket and towels. Free WiFi campus-wide					
Name of Roommate Requested:					
Registration Pricing is per Person	Extra Charges per Person				
\$250 for 1st Time Attendee	Single Room \$25 per Night (\$75)				
\$250 Early Bird Discount by May 1st	Extra Night (Wednesday) Single Rate \$50				
\$265 between May 1st & July 1st	Extra Night (Wednesday) Double Rate \$25				
\$290 after July 1st	Paperless Discount -\$10				
\$100 Local Attendee—Meals and Materials	(Circle Desired Extra Meals Below)				
Additional Donation to Offset Gathering Expenses	Wednesday: Lunch \$8, Dinner \$10—Thursday: Breakfast \$7				
Total Amount Due	Gathering T-shirts \$12 (circle desired items) Men / Women: Small—Medium—XL—2XL—3XL				
Please mail Completed Registration and Travel Forms To: Questions?					
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First Name		Last Name				
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Number of people traveling on this flight:						
Names of people traveling together						
Flight Itinerary						
Date Arriving	Arrival Time	Arriving Airline	Arriving Flight #			
Date Leaving	Departing Time	Departing Airline	Departing Flight #			
Transportation will be provided to our gathering site from Indianapolis International Airport (IND)						

If travel plans change, please text or call Randy Poisel 317-414-0814 or Marcia Poisel 317-289-9156

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SOMETIMES THE MATH DOESN'T ADD UP

Sometimes the math just doesn't add up... consider this example. Three guys were on their way to an Ultreya and decided to share a hotel room for the night. The hotel desk clerk tells them the room will be \$30, so they each give him a \$10 bill, get a key, and go up to their room. A few minutes later the clerk realizes he overcharged the men, so he calls the bellman over; gives him a \$5 bill and tells him to take it to the guys in room 203, and tell them they were overcharged.

On his way to their room, the bellman starts Sure, three days, fifteen talks, and five extra thinking "there's no way I can split a \$5 bill 3- pounds all seem essential, but maybe the most ways" so, instead, he knocks their door, hands important element of a VdC weekend is simply to them three \$1 bills, tells them they were over- insulate 30-50 people for 72 hours and let the Hocharged for the room and "here's the excess back".

So, let's recap what we know; each guy started out spending \$10, then gets a \$1 back, thus each man's net cost for the night is \$9. And the bellman



be a real problem for someone who deals with far.....no way. basic math; something not adding up).

Okay, that's enough about figures (for now), my name is Jim Ryan, I attended Indiana Via de Cristo weekend #39 and sat at the Table of Matthew. This year I am honored and humbled to serve as Treasurer for your National Lutheran Secretariat.

I began working on this article thinking that as your Treasurer I should probably say something about numbers. How things should always add up, or at least make sense. The more I thought about it though, the more I realized that math in God's world, His eternal metrics if you will, isn't But wait - the bellman walked away with \$2 in his logical for those of us who value the concept of two plus two always equals four.

In fact, most times God's math makes no sense at

all. Think about it, the Bible tells us that five loaves and two fish can feed 5,000, the last are actually first, and all workers receive the same wage no matter how long they worked. If that doesn't upend our universe, we learn through VdC that three short days can change the world. I think that's what I love most about VdC; it's being able to grasp that as imperfect as we are in our efforts to make each weekend the most special ever...the more we put a weekend at risk of overlooking the most basic part of God's equation.

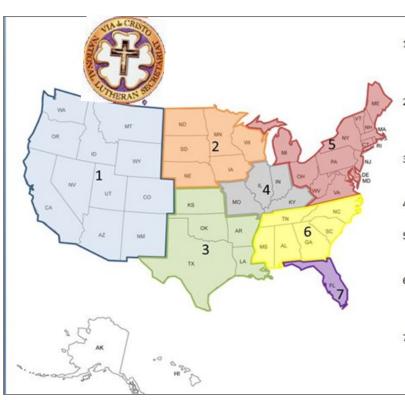
ly Spirit run rampant. How else can you explain spending 72 hours with total strangers and upon going home you've found new brothers and sisters? All I know is that trusting God somehow makes this kind of math work - even when our eyes tell us otherwise.

has the extra \$2. So, think about that a second; For several years I was the treasurer of my Secrethree nines are \$27 and the bellman has the other tariat, and more often than I care to remember, I \$2 in his pocket. And \$27 + \$2 equals \$29, right? found myself wondering how we were going to Somehow we started with \$30 and now we're cover the next month's bills and expenses. There coming up a dollar short. (Don't laugh, this can was no way a dollar could stretch that Then I'd go out to my mailbox and find a donation with a note; someone had received a windfall and wanted to give glory to God for their Via de Cristo weekend.....Once might be coincidence, twice still a long maybe......but over and over......that's a lesson to trust God's math, not man's.

> OK, in closing I have a confession; the opening story is really just a simple lesson in misdirection. Think about it one more time, three nines are \$27 and the clerk gave them back the other \$3, and \$27 plus \$3 is \$30 - right? So it all balances.

pocket and that makes \$32. Now we're two dollars over—Go figure!

> **GLYASDI** Jim Ryan, NLS Treasurer



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Teaching "Essentials 101 in the South Pacific

"Many will travel to hear you speak." Normally, I don't hausen to strengthen and equip the Via de Cristo community in Papua-New Guinea, an island nation just north of Australia.

In 1985, a faithful group of Via de Cristo members from Minnesota traveled to Papua-New Guinea to hold the first VdC weekend in that country. Equipped with that's pretty much what we observed. To encourage the Essentials manual, this small seed grew into three VdC communities. Even though the communities in Lae, Madang, and Garoka received no further training or contact with the larger VdC community they have been holding annual weekends ever since.

That is until Pastor Mark met them on a mission trip in 2015. If you've ever spent time with Pastor Mark, you know how passionate he can get when it comes to sharing the word of the Lord. He must have kindled a big fire on this mission trip because in 2016, the NLS Vice-President for Outreach, Wendy Showalter, was invited to meet with the leaders of the Papua-New Guinea VdC communities. She was delighted to accept communities, Wendy found a renewed spirit within of the faithful in Papa-New Guinea.

Based on their recharged awareness, the members of the communities asked for more in-depth training on the essentials of VdC. At the NLS Annual Gathering, Pastor Marxhausen announced he was looking for someone who could go with him in the fall to provide that training – and by the leading of the Holy Spirit, I accepted that mission.

The task was to conduct three days of training for the Papua-New Guinea community on the essentials, including the Leadership 101 and Leadership 201 courses. Thirty-seven people from the three communities came to the Lutheran AMPO center in Lae to attend

the training on Oct 4-6, some traveling more than six hours on rough roads to reach the training site.

put much stock in fortune cookies, but this time the Each day would start with devotions, followed by infortune would be fulfilled within three days. By the struction from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. In the evening, there grace of God, and the support from the NLS, I flew were devotions and music, followed by Pastor Marxhalfway across the world with Pastor Mark Marx- hausen conducting a Bible study on "What the Cross Still Says."

> Three days. People from different church communities coming together to receive instruction on how to better bring Christ into all their environments. Devotions each day. Sounds a lot like a weekend, doesn't it? And community building and better learning, the participants were broken into table groups. After each topic was presented, they would break into discussion groups to reflect on what they heard and how to apply it in their own settings – much like a Rollo with table discussions. We just didn't do posters. At the end of the three days, each table came up to summarize the most important points they had learned during the training. It sure felt like a Decuria – although they call it a "poster party." Each group radiated excitement and joy as they spoke of the wonderful mission and gift they have in VdC. One man even wrote an original song to celebrate the key theme of the conference.

their invitation to share and cultivate within these It was inspiring to see how faithfully the Papua-New Guinea community has nurtured the gift given them 33 herself as she shared, prayed, and embraced the hearts years ago. They clearly were thirsting to learn more and better understand how VdC is designed to work and how to strengthen their communities. They said this training had given them even more resolve to live the essentials of the VdC. They hope to continue to grow, building VdC communities in other parts of Papua-New Guinea, while remaining faithful to the mission and strategy of the VdC. And Pastor Marxhausen and I were blessed to work with them and see the work of the Holy Spirit continues in this distant land. It was a privilege and a joy to be allowed to participate in this mission – I shall remember this experience for the rest of my life.

~ John Aclin







John Aclin





SONBEAM

VIA DE CRISTO

Training Christian Leaders in West-Central Florida

Sonbeam Via de Cristo is holding a unique Co-Ed Weekend on May 2^{nd} - 5^{th} and NLS would like to help them spread the word.

Along with her husband, the Rectora for the weekend is very active among people in the deaf community. They would like your help to broaden their outreach into this community. They have received a donation to help cover candidate's fees for candidates so covering the cost of a sponsorship might not be an issue.

If you know of someone in their area who is deaf or head of hearing, Sonbeam VdC would greatly appreciate any assistance you could provide to connect with them.

For more information, feel free to contact Tom Henderson at 727-485-3216.

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We look forward to seeing YOU in Indianapolis, Indiana July 25–28 for this year's national Via de Cristo Annual Gathering on the campus of the University of Indianapolis

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