



Be the Sunshine in Someone's Day

As we begin this summer season, relishing in the freedom after being restricted in our movements, use this and every opportunity to bring a ray of sunshine, joy, and hope to those we meet. Remember to rejoice in the gift the Lord has given us in the Holy Spirit and spread that joy and the Love that our Lord has for each of us, to all who come to Love the Lord, to everyone you meet.

During our first in-person Ultreya in 2 years $\frac{1}{2}$, we met in four separate locations to make it easier for people to travel and meet with friends that we may not have the occasion to see during these challenging times. In September of this year, we will gather again at Camp Agape as one body of believers, to share our eagerness to get back to evangelizing our communities to the precious love that God has for us. To share how God has been there in our lives and how we can be there for old and new friends celebrating the gifts we have been blessed to receive.

We have lost so many during this pandemic and many have suffered with this terrible Covid-19 disease. But because the Holy Spirit has motivated and inspired our medical staff and researchers and our first responders, we now have the tools and methods to overcome this terrible affliction. Praise God for his blessings!

Remember the pledge we uttered when we received our crosses at our Clausura ceremonies, "we are counting on Christ, and He is counting on us." God is always faithful and present in the lives of the faithful. Are we doing our part in bringing the Word of God to all in need of His miraculous Love, Healing and Joy? Is God looking into our lives and saying, "I am well pleased with you, good and faithful servant!"

We are looking forward to meeting with you all again soon in our next in-person gatherings.

May the Peace, Love, and Grace of our Lord and Savior always be with you and your family and loved ones.

God Loves you all and So do I.

Terry Park, President ENCVDC Secretariat

News from Outreach

Now that the next weekend has been scheduled (Feb 2023) and a rector announced (Jim Bailey), you might be starting to consider inviting that guest you have been thinking about for some time. In most of our Ultreyas, business meetings and informal discussions in the Via de Cristo community, when the question is asked about why people do not participate in the community after their weekend, the overwhelming response is, "SPONSORSHIP!" Either guests have been invited for the wrong reasons, or they are not prepared by their sponsor, or there is little or no follow up relationship with the sponsor. Sponsorship is serious business and the key to the most meaningful experience for guests. The ENCVDC web page has several resources available to help sponsors. They can be found under Member Resources>ENCVDC Community>Sponsorship Information. Included are: Sponsorship Guidelines, in a presentation format that is suitable for congregations or group discussions; Sponsorship Information, that is a detailed explanation of who should be a sponsor and how to be a great one; and most recently added, a Sponsorship Checklist that helps a sponsor make sure they have done everything needed for both pre-weekend and Fourth Day.

And speaking of presentations to congregations, the Secretariat will be glad to meet with pastors and congregation members to talk about the purpose of Via de Cristo and how it can be a benefit to the ministry of their congregations. Just drop a line if you are interested in discussing a visit.

Peace,

Don Seeber

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News From Fourth Day

Summer is fast approaching and we just had a Grand Ultreya in May 2022. Four different regions held an Ultreya at the same time: Alamance, Greensboro, Raleigh and the Beach. What an exciting time to see Via de Cristo friends after 2 1/2 years of being isolated from friends and family. There were many hugs, laughter, singing, food and fellowship.

Fourth Day is the way in which we live a life of grace. This means we are to walk beside our sisters and brothers in Christ. The best way for us to do this is to use the green card which we received on the second day of our weekend. We are to walk in piety, to study God's Word and to love and help our neighbors. Just sending a note or stopping to talk to someone on your walk. Christ expects us to share to all people. Another way we can walk in God's Grace is to be in a reunion group. Some groups have fallen away due to Covid. If you are still meeting with your group, what a blessing! If you wish to find a reunion group contact your pastor or friend at your church and begin looking. If you have a friend or fellow church member then start your own reunion group. Remember when one or two are gathered, He is in our midst.

GLYASDI, Leslie Aschemeier

Regional Liaisons and Congregation Ambassadors

Greenville Region Liaison - Susan Beck-Frazier
Our Redeemer, Greenville - Susan Beck-Frazier

Wilmington Region Liaison - Don Seeber
Lutheran Church of Reconciliation, Ogden - Leslie Aschemeier and Karen Aune
St. Paul's, Wilmington - Lynda Shell and Betty Huggins
St. Peter, Southport - Susan Collins

Raleigh/Durham Region Liaison - Allan Dickson
St. Philip, Raleigh - Howard Cunningham
Grace, Raleigh - Tim Hess
Good Shepherd, Raleigh - Kris Sloman

Cary/Fuquay-Varina Region Liaison - vacant
Abiding Presence, FV - Debbie Worden
Resurrection, Cary - Lynne Hofmann
Holy Cross, Clayton - Lizy Coleman
St. James, Fayetteville - Tonie Neal

Greensboro/Burlington Region Liaison - vacant
Prince of Peace, Greensboro - Brett Koceja

Charlotte Region Liaison - vacant
Advent, Charlotte - Abby Bostian
Kimball Memorial, Kannapolis - Lindsay Daugherty

If you don't see your church listed here and you are able to serve as a Regional Liaison or Congregation Ambassador, please contact Don Seeber, Lisa Koceja, or Leslie Aschemeier (Outreach and 4th Day).

Message from Jim Bailey
Rector for Mixed 106
Feb 2023

It was Friday April 29 when I received a phone call around 8:30 in the evening. The caller introduced himself as Pastor Dwight Shellaway. He asked me a very simple question. Would I consider serving as rector in February 2023? I nearly feel out of my lazy boy which had become my comfort zone for the past two and half years during the pandemic. After rambling on about how I couldn't believe that I would be considered, I told him I would pray about it and would get back to him in a few days with my decision. Needless to say, I did not sleep well that night. I kept thinking would I be capable of serving? Would I have the time and energy required to serve the team at the capacity necessary to preform all my duties? For the next couple of days I consulted with my family, my Via de Cristo friends at St. Paul's but most importantly I prayed to our Lord and Savior Jesus. It was during a time of prayer that I remembered the pledge I made at the closure of my weekend. I truly believe it was Jesus answering my prayer. It is the pledge that everyone who has ever attended a Via de Cristo weekend says when the Pastor says "Jesus is counting on you" and your response is "and I am counting on Him." Jesus tells us that He will take all our fears away if we will only trust Him. God says in (Isaiah 41:13) "For I am Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you." I returned the call to Pastor Shellaway and told him with Gods help and the love, prayers and support of the Via de Cristo community I would be honored and humbled to serve as rector of Mixed 106 in February 2023.

February 2023 may seem like a long way off but time has away of flying by faster than we would like. It is a very short time to form a team, prepare for the weekend and get ready to serve and welcome the quests. If you have been praying to serve on a weekend, please send in your application as soon as possible. The actual date of the weekend (just confirmed) will be February 16-19, 2023 at camp Agapa. You can find team applications at www.encydc.org. Also, prayerfully consider sponsoring someone. Remember your weekend and how it affected your walk with Jesus.

Brothers and Sisters, God Loves You And So Do I,

Jim Bailey
Rector mixed 106
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Secretariat Dates to Remember

2022

June 16, 2022	Virtual Secretariat Meeting	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
July 16, 2022	Virtual Secretariat Meeting	10:00 am-12:00 pm
August 18, 2022	Virtual Secretariat Meeting	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Upcoming Via de Cristo Weekends

Weekend	Rector	Location	Dates
Mixed #106	Jim Bailey	Camp Agape	Feb 2023
Mixed #108	Bonnie Clinton	Camp Agape	TBD

The logo for Palanca, featuring the word "Palanca" in a colorful, multi-colored font where each letter is a different color (P: orange, a: yellow, l: green, a: blue, n: purple, c: red, a: pink).

Remember in Prayer

- **Those caring for aging family members.**
- **Those who have lost loved ones**
- **Those struggling with chronic illness.**
- **All refugees and families left homeless by war, poverty, or crisis.**
- **Please pray for the Ukraine and all its inhabitants**
- **Everyone who is impacted by Covid-19 in one form or another.**

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2021-2022**

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