



August 2022

## President's Message

We are beginning a new year for the ENCVdC Secretariat. Several people have changed positions and a couple of new people have joined us.

We want to thank John Aclin, Charles Whitehead, and Lisa Kocaja for their dedicated and awesome service as Vice President, Operations, and Outreach chairs respectively. They have been very instrumental in all the new activities here as well as being involved in the development of our new protocols for gathering events. Doug Austin is our new Vice President while he is still our Music Chair. Steve Buck is taking over as the Leaders Chair and John Colin is moving over to Chair the Pre-Weekend slot. John Aclin is now the new President of the National Via de Cristo organization, Charles is going to be close as he assists his wife Heather as our new Operations Chair, and Lisa is taking a well-earned sabbatical while she contemplates a new direction in her life. Congratulations to all and may God's Grace shine fully on you and may the wind always be at your back. We will miss you all (or is it all 'ya'all.)

We also would like to thank Melanie Barker for filling in for a time in the Pre-Weekend position.

We have not found a replacement for Doug as our Music Chair yet, nor have we found a new Outreach Chair. So, if you know someone who you think would like to join us in those positions, pray about it, talk to that someone, and let someone on the Secretariat know.

We are excited about planning for the new gatherings that are planned. The first is the Renewal weekend being planned for 16-18 September 2022 at Camp Agape. Doug Austin will be the Rector for that event and Steve Buck will be his sidekick. Deja Vue everyone! Please check out the flyers in the WEAVE and Face Book for details. The other activity that is being planned is for Mixed #106 being planned for Feb 16-19<sup>th</sup> 2023, at Camp Agape. There is also a flyer in the WEAVE and Face Book for this weekend. Jim Bailey is the Rector and Linda Evans is his Head Cha. It is going to be a great weekend. So come join us in Feb 2023.

So, stay tuned and close by as we embark on our activities to bring our community back together from our long sabbatical, and know that we have missed you all very much and looking forward to gathering with you all again.

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Terry Park, President ENCVDC Secretariat

## From the Health and Welfare Task Force

A lot has changed since we last reported to you: weekends postponed, weekends added, Ultreyas conducted, new CDC guidelines and metrics. It's difficult to be current when we only publish monthly and perhaps meet every two months. But the good news is that things seem to be settling into a more predictable routine even if the COVID virus continues to thrive. Because of the success of vaccines and treatments, *if you are vaccinated and boosted* it is not as scary as it was this time last year. It is still a very real threat for serious illness for the unvaccinated, especially older adults.

So, based on all that, we have updated our expectations of participants on weekends, including the Renewal Weekend in September. We will not be requiring vaccination status, nor will we be doing daily temperature and symptom checks. What we do ask is that, if you are participating in a weekend event, that you take reasonable precautions to avoid exposure to the virus ahead of the weekend, and that you ARRIVE HEALTHY. The Weekend Participation Agreement will soon be posted on the ENCVDC website. It is worded so that teams can adjust to changing levels of concern, based on Centers for Disease Control (CDC) data.

ARRIVE HEALTHY doesn't just apply to COVID infections, but should be a general mantra for all gatherings. Let's take care of each other.

Ultreia y suseia! (Onward and upward!)

*News from Outreach – Join our team!*

POSITION OPEN: Outreach CO-chair for ENCVDC Secretariat.

QUALIFICATIONS: Any individual who has completed a Lutheran Via de Cristo Weekend, or other recognized Cursillo Method Weekend and who, by participation in the activities of this movement, indicates a concern for its objectives and, enjoys communicating one-on-one.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: With other Co-chair, responsible for organizing and assisting with meetings/temple talks at churches to help inform others of the Via de Cristo movement and provide churches and pastors with current information about the movement. Attend monthly meetings of the Secretariat, normally Thursday evenings online and, occasionally, Saturday mornings in person.

OFFICE LOCATION: Work remotely from home.

WORKING HOURS: Self-imposed.

COMPENSATION: Self-realized, with a little help from the Holy Spirit.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Yours truly splits time between Raleigh and Southport. While not a requirement, it would be ideal for someone living in the area from Durham westward to be the other Co-chair. This would facilitate face-to-face meetings in a relevant geographical area. However, if you are “Down East” and interested, we can adjust and share. This is a 2-year enlistment with option to extend another 2-years.

QUESTIONS: Contact Don Seeber at [seeb2974@gmail.com](mailto:seeb2974@gmail.com)

Peace,

Don Seeber

GLYASDI

## Renewal Weekend #4 (September 16-18 @ Camp Agape)

The weekend is less than two months away. The 'mini-team' is in place. Members of our community are working on rollos while others are planning and preparing for our return to Camp Agape. It is hard to believe our last weekend was M#105 in February 2020.

I have had a chance to talk with number of those planning to attend. Everyone has a different COVID story. One thing in common is the desire to get back together. I trust God's hand is in our work.

We are just over 50% full. If you feel called to be part of this weekend, but have questions or concerns, please send me an email or give me a call. If you cannot attend, but want to be part of the weekend, please consider coming to serenade. There will be a social time with attendees and serenaders afterwards.

Please check out details on <https://www.encvdc.org/renewal-weekend-4>. Everyone needs to fill out an application and a participation agreement.

Keep this weekend in your prayers. We hope it is time of renewal as we reconnect and search for where God's is leading us.

GLYASDI,  
Doug

Doug Austin  
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### **Try and stay cool this summer**

The fall is coming and some great, exciting things are going to happen. We have a Renewal weekend coming up next month and it will be at Agape just like it used to be. It will be great. Jim Bailey is working on a weekend in January 2023 for new members at Agape. He is working hard on that and you will get more info as we get it. If you know someone who would like to attend either of these please see your pastor who has applications.

We have new people on the Secretariat board and want to thank the people that have finished their terms for their time and commitment to the Secretariat board. We wish them all the luck in the future and say WELCOME to our new members.

Please stay cool and keep updated with us right here on the WEAVE.

Marcia Driscoll  
Secretary and WEAVE Coordinator

Congratulate Heather when you see her.  
She is taking over Operations for the Secretariat.

Hello, my name is Heather Whitehead. I will be taking over Operations for the ENCVDC Secretariat. I did my weekend on Mixed # 89 - November 16-18, 2014 at Camp Agape. The weekend was the turning point in having a deeper relationship with God. I am ever grateful to my sponsor for knowing what I needed. I am married to Charles Whitehead, previously in charge of Operations, for 29 years. He did his weekend on Mixed #90- April 16-19, 2015 at Camp Agape. We live in Lillington, NC in our recently built dream home with our fur baby, Zoey. We attend Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Fuquay Varina, NC. We are retired (Charles from NC Department of Corrections and Heather from Harnett County Schools) and enjoy camping in our 5th wheel as well as going to the beach.

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## **Remember in Prayer**

- Those caring for aging family members.
- Those who have lost loved ones,
- Those struggling with chronic illness.
- Those living in war-torn parts of the world.
- All refugees and families left homeless by war, poverty, or crisis.
- Victims of natural disasters.
- Victims of the multiple mass shootings in the past year.
- Victims of the War in Ukraine, specifically.
- Everyone who is impacted by Covid-19 in one form or another.
- Anyone impacted by the multiple fires in the west.

## **Secretariat Dates to Remember**

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| Aug 18th  | Virtual Secretariat Meeting        | 7 pm – 8:30 pm |
| Sept 17th | Secretariat Meeting (Location TBD) | 9 am – 12 pm   |
| Oct 20th  | Virtual Secretariat Meeting        | 7 pm – 8:30 pm |
| Nov 19th  | Secretariat Meeting (Location TBD) | 9 am – 12 pm   |



**Eastern North Carolina Via de Cristo Secretariat  
2022-2023**

| <b>Position</b>        | <b>Name</b>             | <b>Cell Phone</b> |
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| President              | Terry Park              | 276-791-1999      |
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