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## CURSILLOS #25, #26 IN ALBERT LEA OCTOBER 17-20, 24-27

United Cursillos #25 and #26 -- Minnesota's first United non-metro weekends -- will be held October 17-20 (Men's) and October 24-27 (Women's) at First Presbyterian Church, 308 Water St. (3-4 blocks SW of downtown), Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007 (phone 507-373-2035).

Sunday morning (5:30 a.m.) and evening (5:30 p.m.) serenades for both weekends are open to all. (NOTE: the Saturday evening agape dinner serenade is not open to the fourth day community.)

United #25 rector is Charlie Crowell (Colonial). United #26 rectora is Judy Nordland (Plymouth Congregational). Charlie and Judy encourage all Cursillistas to travel to Albert Lea and to support the weekends through prayer and palanca. Albert Lea is a two-hour drive south of the Twin Cities -- a perfect opportunity for car pooling.

## 'NEW CHURCH' IS FIRST CONGREGATIONAL/FAIRMONT

The United Cursillo Community of Minnesota will soon welcome another new church to its growing family. Your palanca support of the following couples during Cursillo weekends #25/26 is encouraged:

Rev. Lyle and Charlene Norris  
First Congregational U.C.C./Fairmont

Duane and Shirley Jordison (lay couple)  
First Congregational U.C.C./Fairmont

## UNITED CURSILLO FUTURE DATES

United Cursillo #27 (Men's)  
January 16-19, 1986  
Edina Covenant

United Cursillo #28 (Women's)  
January 23-27, 1986  
Edina Covenant

Deadline for applications: December 3, 1985

United Cursillo #29 (Men's)  
April 24-27, 1986  
Hope Presbyterian/Richfield

United Cursillo #30 (Women's)  
May 1-4, 1986  
Hope Presbyterian/Richfield

United Cursillo #31 (Men's)  
July 10-13, 1986  
Hennepin Avenue Methodist

United Cursillo #32 (Women's)  
July 17-20, 1986  
Hennepin Avenue Methodist

United Cursillo #33 (men's)  
November 6-9, 1986  
First Presbyterian/St. Cloud

United Cursillo #34 (Women's)  
November 13-16, 1986  
First Presbyterian/St. Cloud

NEED PALANCA IDEAS? CALL THESE PEOPLE...

Men's weekend:

Charlie Crowell, rector 920-5216  
John Berge, kitchen rector 944-0999  
Ed Lounsberry, 4th day rector 929-6785

Women's weekend:

Judy Nordland, rectora 448-3165  
Nancy Erstad, kitchen rectora 823-1275  
Mary Lou Carpenter, food palanca\* 925-1798  
Maureen Magnuson, 4th day rectora 944-3317

If you can't make the trip to Albert Lea, please send your palanca with team members or sponsors. The following people are also willing to be your messengers:

Leaving Fri., Oct. 18: Pat and Joe Feyder, 920-0497  
Leaving Sat., Oct. 19: Katie McCullough, 922-4658  
Leaving Fri., Oct. 25: Steve Keefer (Stillwater),  
439-0255  
Bob Zalk (Hopkins or downtown  
Minneapolis), 933-0256  
Leaving Sat. a.m., Oct. 26: Marilyn Gallagher (Edina),  
920-6697  
Sue Wagner (New Brighton),  
786-4679  
Leaving Sat. noon, Oct. 26: Leon Erstad (So. Mpls.),  
823-1275  
Keith Buell (Edina), 452-6684  
Mark Magnuson (Eden Prairie),  
944-3317  
Leaving Sun. a.m., Oct. 27: Pat Stark (Edina), 922-8042

Last minute palanca: Call Ann Bates in Albert Lea (507-377-1030). She has volunteered to arrange for flowers, baked goods, etc., to be sent locally from Albert Lea to First Presbyterian.

\* Mary Lou Carpenter has a list of specific food needs for the women's weekend. Call her for details.

**"BED & BREAKFAST" FOR SATURDAY OVER-NIGHTERS**

Housing and breakfast arrangements have been made for out-of-town sponsors and spouses of team members (and for others, on a limited basis) who want to spend Saturday night in Albert Lea. The effort is being coordinated by Susan Lindvall (First Presbyterian, Albert Lea) for both the men's and the women's weekends. Lodging will be in the homes of Albert Lea Cursillistas. Additional accommodations are available at the Albert Lea Inn.

If you are interested in "over-nighting" (and being on hand for the open serenades Sunday morning), write or call: Susan Lindvall, 913 Abbott, Albert Lea, MN 56007; phone (home) 507-373-5516 or (work) 507-373-8226. Please specify the number in your group or the number of beds required. Susan can arrange both the home and the Albert Lea Inn accommodations.

UNITED CURSILLO COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

The United Cursillo Council meets monthly to carry on the business of the United Cursillo Community of Minnesota. Council members serve three year terms. Contact council members whenever you have questions or concerns about United Cursillo.

Clergy members:

Verda Aegerter	H: 922-1964	Judy Fetterly	H: 926-2214
	O: 871-5303	Joe Feyder	H: 920-0497
Cindy Shepherd	H: 922-3523		O: 926-3065
	O: 870-3632	Carol Flint	H: 473-5585
		Judy Hill	H: 926-1737
		Cliff Johnson	H: 922-4591

Lay members:

Dave Appelhof	H: 831-8592	Steve Keefer	H: 439-0255
	O: 893-9661		O: 482-6632
Nancy Anderson	H: 823-2133	Don Sazama	H: 888-4877
	O: 222-3701		O: 884-5971
Robin Berg	H: 715-386-9457	Pat Stark	H: 922-8042
	O: 593-9444	Beth Tiefenthal	H: 926-5962
Ruth Boehlke	H: 436-1163		O: 932-1621
Bruce Bredeson	H: 938-3915	Rob Youel	H: 755-7283
	O: 937-8599		O: 786-5570

TEAM ROSTER -- UNITED MEN'S #25

Rector:	Charlie Crowell	Kitchen rector:	John Berge
Asst. Rectors:	Peter Glanville	Asst. rector:	John Jurgensen
	Jerry Kamps	Kitchen team:	Cliff Johnson
	Benton Randolph		Carl Rolfs
Spiritual Dir.:	Merle Strohbehn		Ken McCullough
Asst. S. D.:	Elmer Bates		Paul Springer
Music Dir.:	Gene Holderness		Jim Jordan
Rollistas:	Rob Youel		Frank Taylor
	Dick Lee		Dave Williams
	Gene Haman		Dwight Moore
	Leo Gehlhoff		Jerry Blakeslee
	Dick Westurn		Ed Wegener
	Charlie Lloyd		Calvin Nelson
Table leaders:	Jim Balk	Palanca rector:	Paul Marshall
	Jim Williams	Asst. rector:	John Brower
	Fred Hille	Palanca S. D.:	Bill Chadwick
	Jerry Keehr	Palanca team:	Sam Dull
	Bob Lee		Ross Stone
	Jim Bentley		Joe Slapnicher
4th Day rector:	Ed Lounsberry		Vince Gin
Asst. rector:	Dick Polley		Art Link
4th Day team:	John Bangh		Bob Schneider
	Dave Theelke		Warren Sterling
	Doug Jeranson		Doug Dahl
	Kevin Finger		Jim Hartman
	Dan Lowry		Gary Hird
	Keith Buell		
	Mark Stephans		
	Art McCray		

TEAM ROSTER -- UNITED WOMEN'S #26

Rectora: Judy Nordland  
Asst. rectoras: Renee Macomber  
Suzanne Nelson  
Candy Takkunen  
Spiritual Dir.: Duane Sarazin  
Asst. S. D.: Alice Horton  
Music Dir.: Debbie Walker  
Rollistas: Ann-Lee Zalk  
Melba Whitehill  
Katherine Aby  
Nancy Wright  
Amy Stark  
Myrna McInenly  
Table Leaders: Midge Main  
Sandy Clausen  
Elaine Baudoin  
Marcia Giske  
Marg Stuart  
Joyce Larson  
4th Day rectora: Maureen Magnuson  
Asst. rectora: Judy Bangh  
4th Day team: Linda Menzel  
Judy Gentry  
Chris Aden  
Marlene Kundel  
Sue Lincoln  
Barb Hedberg  
Sue Erlandson  
Ginny Wegener  
Kitchen rectora: Nancy Erstad  
Asst. rectora: Mary Lou Carpenter  
Kitchen Team: Sharon Moeller  
Betsy Winger  
Ann Kitchen  
Marie Williams  
Julie Johnston  
Rosemary Buell  
Sharon Keefer  
Sue Swain  
Vivian Pinney  
Valette Finger  
Palanca rectora: Diana Waterbury  
Asst. rectora: Sue Esler  
Palanca S. D.: Reg Penner  
Palanca Team: Kathy Lindall  
Lynn Brummer  
Phyllis Knapp  
Marcia Liesner  
Mary Feldhahn  
Kate Gilbertson  
Barb Westurn  
Donna Jurgensen  
Liz Snow  
Mary Taylor

# Convenor's Notebook

By Joe Feyder

In this space earlier this summer I dealt with a United Cursillo "first" when talking about United Cursillo #24 Single Women's weekend. What a marvelous time it was, and what support and love you all showed as the United Fourth Day Community. Nancy Potter, the rectora, and her entire team are to be congratulated.

That, however, is not the only "first" for our United Cursillo community this year. Our upcoming Cursillos #25 and #26 in Albert Lea are the first United out-of-town weekends that we have ever held. These have been a long time in the planning stages, and as you can imagine, require slightly different team make-up, practice schedules, transportation of supplies, etc.

Our rector, Charlie Crowell, and rectora, Judy Nordland, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have assembled a wonderful mix of Cursillistas from both the metro and outstate areas. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for more information on these weekends this fall.

Having made our Cursillo over seven years ago means, I suppose, that both Pat and I qualify as "Cursillo oldtimers." As most of you know, at that time there were only Episcopal weekends held throughout Minnesota, and if the Cursillo was scheduled for an outstate location, that meant lots of driving.

I mention this because as I look back over seven years of Cursillo, first as a candidate, then having the opportunity to participate on some teams, be in a renewal group, attend countless clausuras and ultreyas, some of my fondest memories are those out-of-town Cursillo weekends. Many of you other "oldtimers" must remember car pooling to a Sunday morning serenade, clausura, or just going to help decorate for an Agape dinner on a Saturday afternoon in places like Duluth, Bemidji, Albert Lea, Rochester, Eau Claire...and who could ever forget Bundy Hall in Menominee, Wisconsin?

I'm sure there are other locations I've forgotten, and if you have been around Cursillo for several years, you've probably got your own "outstate favorite." My point, however, is that all of us have a chance to share in this unique fellowship in Albert Lea this fall. Why not start planning now to set aside the Sunday afternoons of October 20th and 27th and take a drive to First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea for the clausuras? Call some other Fourth Dayers, find someone with a van or other recreational vehicle (maybe you can borrow your church bus), and then hit the road with your songbooks in hand.

Just imagine the look of surprise on the faces of those candidates when they realize that part of your palanca to them was to be there to celebrate with them on Sunday. Our routine usually called for all of us after the clausura to stop at the very first cafe, diner or family restaurant for a Sunday night dinner before returning home. This was a perfect opportunity for

our new Fourth Dayers to meet many of the Cursillistas from our church. Most of the time that special look of surprise was evident on their faces throughout this time of fellowship over our dinner meal.

Are you up for it, brothers and sisters? I know that you will be blessed by the experience. What a powerful example it is, too, that there really is a much larger Fourth Day community just waiting "out there" to welcome each one of these new Cursillistas!

I know that your presence will also be most meaningful to our two teams, and a wonderful way to thank the fine folks at First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea for hosting these Cursillo weekends.

There is one thing I would ask of you, however. Please remember that a Cursillo weekend is first of all for the candidates. This is a time of "looking inward" at themselves and of realizing that the Grace of our Lord is there for each of them. As we all know, the emotions on a Cursillo weekend run the gamut from laughter to tears. Beyond that, a Cursillo weekend begins on Sunday afternoon to involve the larger Fourth Day community.

These are really the only groups of people that should be attending a clausura: candidates, team members and other Fourth Dayers. The tendency may be to think that this would make a wonderful "family trip," but let's all remember that this is something that is meant only for the Cursillo community. Please plan ahead and make your own babysitting arrangements, etc. (This really applies to any Cursillo function, in or out of town.)

Whether you plan to make the trip to Albert Lea or not, be sure to send your palanca notes, cards, etc. along with someone. Remember, too, that your prayers are always a powerful way to be a part of the weekend.

What a great "time of the Spirit" we have ahead of us this fall in Albert Lea! Come and be a part of it! I'll be there, and I'll be looking for YOU!

Your friend in the Spirit,

Joe Feyder  
Convenor

WANTED: NAMES OF "OPEN" RENEWAL GROUPS

Does your renewal group welcome new members? If so, we'd like to publish the name of your group (or contact person) along with your meeting location, time, format, etc., in the next edition of Palanca Press. Many United Cursillistas want to become part of a regular renewal group but for one reason or another have not made a connection. If your group is open, please send me the details.

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Well, I hope you noticed that this is no longer the "to-be-named-some-time-in-the-future" United Cursillo Newsletter. The "future" came in August when council members voted for their favorite of seven suggested names. "Palanca Press" received 46% of the vote; the runnerup name, 25%. The winning name came from Betty Sazama (Hope Presbyterian) who also lettered the front page masthead. Congratulations and thank you, Betty!

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I'm currently enjoying serving on the kitchen team of United #25. I didn't realize when I signed on, however, how early kitchen teams have to rise! At a recent overnight team meeting in Albert Lea, we might just as well have stayed up. Despite the short night, however, the kitchen team prepared one of the all-time great breakfasts. So a it was particularly painful experience for all of us when the three other well-rested teams showed up grumbling and grouching about the food and service. Of course, following the fine example of our kitchen head chefs John Berge and John Jurgenson, we served the teams cheerfully and with a song in our hearts. We are hopeful that the 36 candidates that gather in Albert Lea in October are a more appreciative and responsive group.

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