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Support United Cursillo #71 and #72 at Colonial Church of Edina, Minnesota

The Men's United Cursillo #71 will take place January 24-27. The Sunday morning serenade (5:30 a.m.) is open to the team and sponsors *only*, while the evening serenade (5:30 p.m.) is open to *all* the 4th Day Community. The theme for the weekend is Matthew 6:33 "*But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well*". Palanca requests from the kitchen team are for help in serving food at both Agape dinner settings, washing the dishes between the servings, and help to set up the receptions after the Sunday night serenade. Some food Palanca ideas are: dessert, salad, cawwaba juice, or dinner rolls for the Agape dinner.

The Women's United Cursillo #72 will be held January 31 - February 3. The Sunday morning serenade (5:30 a.m.) is open to the team and sponsors *only* while the evening serenade (5:30 p.m.) is open to *all* the 4th Day Community. Their theme is Psalm 32:7 "*you are my hiding place*". Some food Palanca ideas from the kitchen team are: cawwaba juice, mini bagels, french bread, taco salad shells, regular crescents, soft rolls, and butter flaked rolls.

Special Palanca Note: there is an extra table for the women's weekend resulting in 6 more participants and 2 more silent table leaders. The Rollo Room will have 56 women at the tables plus 7 persons in leadership.

Support New Churches in the United Community

- Rev. Bruce & Judy Ruggles, *Slayton-Lake Wilson United Methodist*
- Roger & Almie Mae Carlson, *Slayton-Lake Wilson United Methodist*
- Rev. Hal & Sandy Spann, *Hazel Park United Methodist*
- Ralph & Nancy Fravel, *Hazel Park United Methodist*

Need Palanca Ideas? Please Call:

Men's weekend

- Gary Dockter (rector) (H) 436-8232 (W) 715+684-3311
- Pete Moy (kitchen rector).....(H) 436-7319 (W) 681-2144
- Barry Naugle (4th day rector)(H) 944-2391 (W) 298-3935
- James Buelow (palanca rector).....(H) 439-7394 (W) 439-7871

Women's weekend

- Linda Dahl (rectora) (H) 454-8127
- Robin Carlson (kitchen rectora) (H) 935-7283
- Patti Ward (4th day rectora) (H) 437-2865
- Betty Selness (palanca rectora) (H) 942-0841

Remember that to palanca time to the teams is always appreciated. Assist the Palanca team on stations of the cross or in chapel coverage. Palanca food or garden flowers or cooking or serving or washing dishes to the Kitchen team. Assist the 4th Day team in set-up for the Agape dinner or music for the Closura or in cleanup afterwards. *However, please contact the appropriate team leader to coordinate this effort.*

Remember to nurture and support all the participants going through on these weekends at your own churches afterwards. Perhaps one of the greatest gifts you can give them is to help them find renewal groups.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! From A-Far

I think all of us were very surprised and moved by all of the palanca that was sent during our own weekend. One of the special things was notes from far-away places. So, if you are reading this from out-state, please give some thought to sending a palanca note for the upcoming week-ends. Another thing, for those who are so inclined, is to send a palanca donation to a food shelf or home-less shelter or charity of your choice. When the week-enders receive so much, it is refreshing for each one of them to share with those less fortunate.

Address your notes or letters to "Men of United Cursillo #__" or "Women of United Cursillo #__". Mail your notes for each United Cursillo week-end to Jean Girardot, 3545 Girard Ave. S., Mpls., MN 55408, and she will see that all notes get to the week-end.

United Men's #71 Team Roster

Rector:

Gary Dockter, *St. Croix Valley UMC*

Assistant Rector:

Roger Gay, *Wayzata Community*
Dick Longsdorf, *Evangelical Covenant - N. Mankato*
Carlie Madison, *Hope Presbyterian*

Spiritual Director:

Gary Downing, *Faith Covenant*
Mike Dyrdal, *Arlington UMC*

Music Director:

Blair Johnson, *St. Croix Valley UMC*
Mark Polson, *Peace Presbyterian*

Rollistas:

Larry Sorenson, *Arlington UMC*
Morris Eisert, *Minnetonka UMC*
Chris Yarger, *Evangelical Covenant - N. Mankato*
Art Lohmann, *Crosstown Covenant*
Ron Goette, *St. Croix Valley UMC*
Ron Legg, *Hopkins UMC*

Table Leaders:

Steve Blazanin, *Hope Presbyterian*
Dick Cox, *Arlington UMC*
Don DEaling, *Rochester Covenant*
George Martens, *St. Croix Valley UMC*
Paul PEderon, *Hobart UMC*
Brian Rodeck, *Colonial Church of Edina*

Palanca Rector:

James Buelow, *St. Lucas Community*

Assistant Rector:

Jim Friedrich, *St. Lucas Community*

Spiritual Director:

Richard Townsend-Anderson, *Faribault UCC*

Palanca Team:

Tom Adam, *St. Rita's Catholic*
Jim Barker, *Riverside Presbyterian - Sartell*

Tom Elowson, *Plymouth Covenant*

Ross Kneen, *Plymouth Covenant*

William Lenz, *Evangelical Covenant - N. Mankato*

Barry Stack, *Trinity Lutheran*

Chuck Stark, *Wayzata Community*

Dave Tellett, *Hennepin Avenue UMC*

Kitchen Rector:

Pete Moy, *St. Croix Valley UMC*

Assistant Rector:

Bruce Bahneman, *Colonial Church of Edina*

Kitchen Team:

Steve Benjamin, *Riverside Presbyterian - Sartell*

Jerry Burton, *St. Croix Valley UMC*

Curt Erickson, *Arlington UMC*

John Estrem, *Wayzata Community*

Joe Mead, *Riverside Presbyterian - Sartell*

Roger Patterson, *Wayzata Community*

Bob Seeger, *Christ Presbyterian*

Herb Strom, *Excelsior*

Brian Teske, *Rochester Covenant*

Wayne Schut, *Rochester Covenant*

4th Day Rector:

Barry Naugle, *Colonial Church of Edina*

Assistant Rector:

Don Krebs, *Christ Presbyterian*

4th Day Team:

Roger King, *Hope Presbyterian*

Paul Rosso, *Rosemount UMC*

Mike Shanley, *St. Lucas Community*

Barry Wilson, *Colonial Church of Edina*

Blair Weimer, *Aldrich Presbyterian - Mpls.*

Kent Erlandson, *First Presbyterian - Albert Lea*

Clark Duffey, *First Presbyterian - Hudson*

Paul Slominski, *First Presbyterian - Hudson*

Dick LaSell, *Aldrich Presbyterian - Mpls.*

United Women's #72 Team Roster

Rectora:

Linda Dahl, *Hope Presbyterian*

Assistant Rectora:

Carol Flint, *Wayzata Free*

Marilyn Lee, *First Presbyterian - St. Cloud*

Susie Prin, *Christ Presbyterian*

Spiritual Director:

Kristen Rouner, *Wayzata Community*

Rick Mylander, *Evangelical Covenant - St. Cloud*

Music Director:

Jan Mattox, *Plymouth Congregational*

Rollistas:

Connie Brown, *Living Waters Church*

Kathy Dyrdaahl, *Arlington UMC*

Brenda Gowan, *Eden Prairie Presbyterian*

Barb Osadcky, *Colonial Church of Edina*

Judy Peterson, *Eagan Covenant*

Carol Vick, *Hope Presbyterian*

Table Leaders:

Leanne Bondhus, *Eagan Covenant*

Sue Bjurlin, *Crosstown Covenant*

Dianne Goette, *Lakeland UMC*

Judy Jordan, *Rochester Evangelical Covenant*

Leslie Rodeck, *Colonial Church of Edina*

Betty Sazama, *Hope Presbyterian*

Lu Tellett, *Hennepin Avenue Methodist*

Nancy Wells, *Rochester Evangelical Covenant*

Palanca Rectora:

Betty Selness, *Hope Presbyterian*

Assistant Rectora:

Ann Pederson, *Hobart UMC*

Spiritual Director:

Bob Springer, *Riverside Presbyterian*

Palanca Team:

Chris Aden, *Peace Reformed*

Pat Allen, *First Presbyterian - St. Cloud*

Merry Kay Bandelin, *Arlington UMC*

Debbie Ducar, *Christ Presbyterian*

Barb Dunn, *Hastings UMC*

Nancy Ervin, *Christ Presbyterian*

Kay Hacklander, *Hobart UMC*

Kathy Jacobson, *Plymouth Covenant*

Carol Myrick, *Hope Presbyterian*

Julie Olson, *Eagan Covenant*

Kitchen Rectora:

Robin Carlson, *Wayzata Community*

Assistant Rectora:

Marcia Trelstad, *Colonial Church of Edina*

Kitchen Team:

Susan Dahlin, *Hope Presbyterian*

Midge Dean, *First Presbyterian - St. Cloud*

Ann Fuller, *Wayzata Free*

Diane Johnstone, *First Presbyterian - St. Cloud*

Tillie Kitzenberg, *Christ Presbyterian*

Jane Knox, *Hobart UMC*

Marjorie Lenz, *North Mankato Covenant*

Faye Lowry, *Hope Presbyterian*

Carol Schones, *Newman Center*

Ginger Trickett, *Wayzata Community*

4th Day Rectora:

Patti Ward, *Hastings UMC*

Assistant Rectora:

Cherie Middleton, *Christ Presbyterian*

4th Day Team:

Nancy Bone, *Grace Church of Edina*

Terri Haveman, *Christ Presbyterian*

Renee Linde, *Hastings UMC*

Dawn Ramstead, *Hennepin Avenue UMC*

Sandy Ross, *First Presbyterian - St. Cloud*

Linda Sarazin, *Hastings UMC*

Donna Slominski, *First Presbyterian - Hudson*

Paula Uvodich, *Oak Grove Presbyterian*

Marrea Wilson, *Colonial Church of Edina*

Charis Update

The Kairos prison ministry continues to need our prayers and palanca. There are also opportunities to serve on the teams for these weekends. Contact Ed Fuller of Charis in Minnesota at 3800 Fairhomes Road, Wayzata, MN 55391 (612+473-2193), for further information.

- Charis #14 at Sandstone Federal prison on February 15-18, 1991

Teens Encounter Christ

For adult and youth team applications, call Mark Opseth (507+373-2910) or Bobo Burns (612+935-3979). For weekender applications call Nancy Bone (612+890-5356) The Sunday afternoon clausuras are open to all Cursillo 4th dayers.

Your prayers and wheat are needed for the following TEC weekends

- TEC #10 at St. Croix Valley UMC on February 7-10.
- TEC #11 at Christ Presbyterian on April 11-14.
- TEC #12 at Hope Presbyterian on August 1-4.

Thank You Note from the Outgoing T.E.C. Convener

(From Robin Berg - September 1990)

The first three years of United T.E.C. are almost completed and since this is our first change of conveners, it is a good time to review our status and also say thanks to some very special people.

The United T.E.C. council was called together at the end of 1987 by the United Cursillo council. Since that start, we have organized and had eight weekends and about 400 teen candidates from a very broad range of churches. There is a strong base of teens to work the weekends and they accept the responsibility to do the work and make things happen safely and in a timely order. The movement is on solid financial ground. We have four weekends and reunions per year and are expanding with a new council in southeastern Minnesota and neighboring Iowa through Mark Opseth's efforts. Bob Fields is looking to find interested people and lead a movement for college age candidates. We have discussed sending teams to starter groups in West Virginia and Boston. I highly endorse all of these efforts.

There are a few people that have developed a special meaning to me and I would like to share some of those experiences with you. There are four youth that were instrumental in founding United T.E.C., and I call them the first Metanoia kids because they caused a T.E.C. turning point. I was greatly impressed in 1979 by Ara Burwell, who set an excellent example of a young Christian. Her parents gave much credit to her attending an Episcopal T.E.C. Second is my son, Tim, who attended an Eau Claire Episcopal T.E.C. in 1981. Our improved communication was something that I wanted all Cursillo parents to have the opportunity to experience. Tim became a Metanoia kid when he drove through a snow storm to a Cursillo council in 1986 and convinced the board to give a high priority to T.E.C. with his wittiness and answering of questions. God has blessed Tim as he has since graduated from the U and M.I.T. and is presently doing his Ph.D. work at Oxford. The third Metanoia kid is Bronwyn Shepard for her contributions to the original council meeting as our first high school member. The fourth Metanoia kid is Ingrid Aasan for being our first Rectora, returning to be an adult table leader and joining in at closings.

There are some adults that have worked hard and I will mention some of the small things that have stuck in my memory. We received a lot of cooperation and openness from both the Episcopal and Lutheran T.E.C.'s and convener Diane Henning of the Lutheran T.E.C. contributed greatly to our first weekend. The abundance of early organizational work got a jump start by Pastor Gary Downing, Kit Schmoker and Mark Opseth in reviewing literature from other T.E.C.'s and suggesting T.E.C. philosophy, weekend agendas, guidelines and setting the job descriptions for T.E.C. Bob Fields always was there making wise purchases, keeping inventory, finding swimming pools, building crosses for the Stations of the Cross and growing the wheat for the table centerpieces. Lee and Mary Edlund started the T.E.C. Times, but their wisdom at the council meeting was an even bigger contribution. Beth Cone was a positive, supportive secretary before she organized our accounting procedures as well as informed us about Cursillo interests. Nancy Gin, Jim Broecker and my wife, Mickey, are from my Hudson church. Nancy had a big job organizing allocations, writing letters to the parents, making application forms and, of course, executing the program for the first two years. Peggy Zender joined us with her optimistic and efficient nature to finalize and type many drafts. Peggy created, published and maintains our blue books. Co-convener Terri Gulliford used her enthusiastic personality to take special interest in each weekend and carried forward when I was traveling. Terri made my job much easier.

Thanks to all of the above for much more than I mentioned and thanks to many others that should be mentioned and to a great many that sent wheat, prayers and/or your children. The T.E.C. board especially thanks the clergy and youth for taking the cause and making our efforts all worthwhile. We thank the Lord for choosing us to help in His work. Those of us that are leaving, wish the very best blessings and God's speed for all that carry this worthy movement forward.

Southern Minnesota T.E.C.

United T.E.C. has branched off into southern Minnesota and northern Iowa so more young people from the area can be impacted by God's grace and love. We are looking for a lot of prayer and a little financial assistance with this ministry. Questions may be directed to Mark Opseth or Joe Johnson {(W) 507+373-2353 (H) 507+373-2542}. Financial gifts (*please make checks payable to T.E.C.*) can be sent to Joe Johnston, 411 Lakeview Blvd., Albert Lea, MN 56007. Thank you!

Singles Cursillo Community

The Singles Community meets for ultreya on the second Saturday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Each ultreya includes floating renewal, the agape meal, the sharing of our Lord in the eucharist, and a faith-centered talk by a lay Cursillista. If you have questions about the Singles Cursillo Community, please call Pat Howell at 789-0869. The next ultreya is February 9 at Vision of Glory Lutheran Church at 13200 Highway #55 in Plymouth (Dallas Harris 448-5289).

United Cursillo #69 & 70 (November 1990 - Christ Presbyterian)

Julie & Paul Anderson, *Evangelical Covenant - N. Mankato*

Grace & Rev. Den Audet, *Riverside Presbyterian - Sartell*

Cheryl & Tom Carlson, *Evangelical Covenant - Eagan*

Mary & Paul Cederberg, *Christ Presbyterian*

Karol & Ken Christie, *Hastings United Methodist*

Joan Countryman, *Oak Grove Presbyterian*

Julie & Rev. John Darlington, *St. Croix Valley UMC - Lakeland*

Ron DeGree, *First Presbyterian - St. Cloud*

Dianne & Doug Erickson, *Colonial Church of Edina*

Lillian & Dave Engblom, *Bethany Covenant - Stillwater*

Rhonda & Jeff Farran, *Wayzata Community Church*

Barbara & Burt Fisher, *Hobart UMC*

Cynthia & Rev. Mike FitzGerald, *Rochester Covenant*

Elizabeth Green, *Hopkins UMC*

Jane & Ernie Gunderson, *Hennepin Ave. UMC*

Cynthia & Scott Hammersley, *Evangel UMC - Rochester*

Sally & Wayne Hill, *Excelsior Covenant - Excelsior*

Jill & John Hornickel, *First Presbyterian - Stillwater*

Gertie & Rev. Doug Hudson, *Parkwood Presbyterian*

Julie & Ken Johnson, *Evangelical Covenant - St. Cloud*

Penni Johnson, *First UMC - Lindstrom*

Rose & Mike Koncar, *Plymouth Covenant - Plymouth*

Ginny & Dave Kypke, *Hope Presbyterian*

Teresa Leick, *Eagan Evangelical Covenant*

Kenn Miller, *First UMC - Lindstrom*

Julie & Blair Mowery, *Christ Presbyterian*

Gayle & Mark Nelson, *Fridley Covenant*

Diane & Bob Niederer, *Normandale Highlands UMC*

Joan Ochs, *Colonial Church of Edina*

Susan & Larry Ojala, *Faith Covenant - Burnsville*

Vicki & Rev. Rick Olson, *Northbrook Alliance - Brooklyn Cntr*

Toni & David Peters, *Golden Valley UMC*

Mary & Jeff Ranta, *St. Michael's Catholic*

Paul Schalekamp, *Oak Grove Presbyterian*

Barbara Schellinger, *Hobart UMC*

Marion Schindler, *Hennepin Avenue UMC*

Judy & Bob Schlekewy, *First Congregational - Cannon Falls*

Dorothy & Bob Sorensen, *Oak Grove Presbyterian*

Jane Souhrada, *Hennepin Avenue UMC*

Helen & Harry Stark, *Wayzata Evangelical Free*

Harriet & Dick Tromanhauser, *Fairmont Evangelical Covenant*

Tamia & Roth Trulson, *First Presbyterian - Hudson*

Harriet & Dean Waibel, *First Presbyterian - St. Cloud*

Lorraine Wallace, *Creek Valley Baptist - Edina*

Eileen Wenninger, *Aldrich Presbyterian - Mpls.*

Christine & Ken Wilson, *Northbrook Alliance - Brooklyn Center*

CURSILLO WEEKEND WATCH

Weekend:	#71 (Men's)	#72 (Women's)	#73 (Men's)	#74 (Women's)
Date (1991):	Jsnn 24-27	Jan 31 - Feb 3	Apr 4-7	Apr 11-14
Location:	Colonial Edina	Colonial Edina	Faith Covenant Burnsville	Faith Covenant Burnsville
Rector(a):	Gary Dockter	Linda Dahl		
Spiritual Dir:	Gary Downing	Kirsten Rouner		
Asst. SD:	Mike Dyrdal	Rick Mylander		
Palanca SD:	R. Townsend-Anderson	Bob Springer		
Application Dates	Nov 13 - Dec 11 (90)	Nov 13 - Dec 11 (90)	Jan 22 - Feb 19 (91)	Jan 22 - Feb 19 (91)
Weekend:	(No weekend scheduled)	#76 (Women's)	#77 (Men's)	#78 (Women's)
Date (1991):		June 20-23	July 18-21	July 25-28
Location:		Normandale-Hylands UMC Bloomington		
Rector(a):				
Spiritual Dir:				
Asst. SD:				
Palanca SD:				
Application Dates		April 9 - May 7(91)	May 7 - June 4 (91)	May 7 - June 4 (91)

Note To Clergy: The Spiritual Director and other clergy positions are the most difficult slots to fill on any Cursillo weekend. If one of these weekends can be worked into your schedule, and you would like to serve, please contact a member of the Minnesota United Council Leadership Development Committee -- Roy Baker, Chairperson (436-5439), Rev. Mary Marcoux (People's UCC - Bayport: H 430-1320), Rev. Brad McNaught (Wallestad Foundation: H 829-0403), or Rev. Jeff Utecht (First UMC - Lindstrom: H 257-5163).

Note To Church Liaisons: All applications for weekenders should be sent to **Sharon Rhodes, 9301 Yukon Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55438 (941-9579).**

Convener's Comments

Our thanks and appreciation to Rosemary Frandeen, Rectora, and Tom Herman, Rector, and the entire teams of United Cursillo weekends #69 & #70. Your willingness to say *yes* and to open yourselves to be used by the Holy Spirit was an enduring gift to the weekenders. And Congratulations to the entire 4th Day Community for your wonderful support in prayer and participation. The turnout for the Clausuras was something to behold.

This past fall, your Council has been wrestling with a number of sensitive issues. As the United Cursillo Community grows in size and diversity, there seem to be more and more instances where past practice has been called into question.

- Can a United Cursillo church sponsor non-members as weekenders?
- Might the requirement for both spouses to attend weekends be waved under certain circumstances?
- Is the number of churches in United Cursillo growing too rapidly?
- Can we staff / support a greater number of weekends each year?
- Are our financial resources able to keep pace with the increasing costs of materials and services for the weekends?

These and other issues are being addressed with sensitivity and much prayer. No doubt we sometimes appear to move at a glacial pace in resolving issues of this type. However, the Council is doing its best to arrive at decisions which will preserve a *proven process* while still retaining the flexibility to enable change. Pray for us!

In His Service
Roy Baker

United Cursillo Team Request Form

If you are interested in *servicing* on a United Cursillo team or would like to *suggest* another 4th Dayer, please fill out this form and mail to:

Sue Silker
5905 Carter Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55343

Your name will be passed on to future rectors/rectoras. This form does not guarantee that you will be asked to serve -- it simply means that your name and information will be passed along to the appropriate team leaders.

Please Identify Request Type: Volunteer 4th Day Suggestion

Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Team preference:

- Table leader Rollo Kitchen team
 4th Day team Palanca team No preference
 Single's Weekend Standard Weekend (Men/Women)

Musical talent _____

Other comments _____

Previous team experience _____

Name/location of your church _____

Future Cursillo Weekend Preferences (Team #'s) _____

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