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SUPPORT UNIDOS EN CRISTO #177 AND #178
EVANGEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2645 NORTH BROADWAY, ROCHESTER, MN
(507) 289-4817

Men's Unidos en Cristo #177 will be November 1 - 4, 2001. The weekend scripture is,
"... come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD." *Isaiah 2:5*

Women's Unidos en Cristo #178 will be November 8 - 11, 2001. The weekend scripture is,
"May the GOD of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may
overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." *Romans:15:13*



The Sunday morning serenade is open to Sponsors only. The Sunday dinner serenades, open to the entire Fourth Day Community, will be at 4:30 p.m. Sponsors please arrive by 4:00 p.m.

Need Palanca Ideas?

You might want to assist the Palanca team with prayer support... offer to help cook, serve, or wash dishes for the Kitchen team... assist the 4th Day team in setup/clean-up before/after the Agape dinner, or after the Sunday morning serenade or the Sunday evening Clausura. ♥ ***Please contact the appropriate team rector/a to coordinate your efforts with their needs.*** ♥

Men's Weekend #177

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| • Ron Legg | (Rector) | 952-938-3387 |
| • Brian Fredrickson | (Kitchen Rector) | 507-373-9616 |
| • Mark Clark | (4th Day Rector) | 507-280-6292 |
| • Dave Bruins | (Palanca Rector) | 651-322-2357 |

The Men's Kitchen Team has requested palanca of 20 bottles of Catawba juice, 13 doz. dinner rolls, 12 doz. cinnamon rolls, 8 doz. muffins, 190 baking potatoes and pork roast for the Agape Dinner. Contact the Kitchen Rector or the Assistant Kitchen Rector, John Dugstad at 507-377-3775.

Women's Weekend #178

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| • Julie Olson | (Rectora) | 952-431-7968 |
| • Jackie Hall | (Kitchen Rectora) | 507-367-2515 |
| • Luanne Jorgenson | (4th Day Rectora) | 507-287-0873 |
| • Vicky Limesand | (Palanca Rectora) | 952-431-1924 |

The Women's Kitchen Team has requested palanca of 20 bottles of Catawba juice, 100 baking potatoes, 12 doz. mini croissants, fresh fruit, and muffins.

Palanca Note

There will be SIX tables (48) at the Men's weekend and the Women's weekend. When sending palanca to the Rollo Room, be sure to include enough for eight at each table, AND eight at the Leadership table. Palanca for the Rollo Room must include enough for all Weekenders and team or it cannot be distributed in the Rollo Room, but will go directly to the Weekender Palanca bags.

Directions

Hwy 94 East to Hwy 52 South into Rochester. Take 2nd exit (41st Street/37th Street) continue on 37th going left across the bridge approximately 2-3 miles to Broadway, turn right onto Broadway, church is 1/4 mile on the right.

Attention 4th Dayers !!

Just think about *how many* people support Unidos en Cristo. Hundreds of letters from prisons and other Christian "walks" around the country and the world arrive for each Weekend! Please prayerfully think about the palanca *you* send for the upcoming Weekends. You might write an encouraging note... honor the Weekenders with a contribution to a food shelf, homeless shelter, or favorite charity... *or*, consider enclosing a check with a palanca note to help cover the weekend expenses. Checks can be made out to Unidos en Cristo #177 or #178.

Address your palanca to: Men of Unidos en Cristo #177 or Women of Unidos en Cristo #178
Mail to: Larry Bennett, 8950 Audubon Road, Chanhassen, MN 55317 email: palanca@unidosencristo.net

Please allow adequate time for mail delivery! Palanca will be delivered in time for each weekend.

UNIDOS EN CRISTO MEN'S #177 TEAM ROSTER

Rector

Ronald Legg, *Peace Presbyterian*

Assistant Rectors

Paul Mullen, *Peace Presbyterian*
Gordy Nagel, *Colonial Church/Heritage Square*
Rick Pavelka, *Faith Presbyterian*

Spiritual Directors

Gary Downing, *Rochester Covenant*
Rick Ormsby, *Evangel UMC*

Music Directors

Jim Hines, *New Life Church*
Brian Nass, *Evangel UMC*

Rollistas

Ralph Carter, *Hopkins UMC*
Don May, *Hastings UMC*
Dick Middleton, *Wooddale*
Jerry Snyder, *Minnetonka UMC*

Table leaders

Charles Anderson, *Hopkins UMC*
Dick Gillis, *Rochester Covenant*
Bouwe Hamersma, *Faith Presbyterian*
Chuck Heubach, *Wooddale*
Jon Kilgore, *Minnetonka UMC*
Duane Malmstrom, *Minnetonka UMC*

Palanca Rector

Dave Bruins, *Rosemount UMC*

Assistant Palanca Rector

Charlie Strey, *Rosemount UMC*

Palanca Spiritual Director

Jef Olson, *Stewartville UMC*

Palanca Music

Charlie Strey, *Rosemount UMC*

Palanca Team

Wayne Applegate, *Albert Lea Assembly of God*
Dave Jorgenson, *Rochester Covenant*
Erik Lien, *Rosemount UMC*
Charlie Pickard, *Faith Presbyterian*
Jay Powell, *Rosemount UMC*
Hans Student, *Rosemount UMC*

Kitchen Rector

Brian Fredrickson, *First Presbyterian*

Assistant Kitchen Rector

John Dugstad, *Albert Lea Assembly of God*

Kitchen Team

Bob Blakesley, *Faith Presbyterian*
Larry Kestila, *Evangel UMC*
Andrew Lucas, *Albert Lea Assembly of God*
Pat Nolan, *Faith Presbyterian*
Tim Vandenneuvel, *Albert Lea Assembly of God*

4th Day Rector

Mark Clark, *Evangel UMC*

Assistant 4th Day Rector

James White, *Evangel UMC*

4th Day Team

Mark Smed, *First Presbyterian*
Jeff Thompson, *Church of the Open Door*



DID YOU KNOW—

- The Team Request Form is in each Palanca Press and on our web site. Please submit a new one each time you wish to be considered for a team.
- Team selection can begin as much as 4 to 6 months prior to the weekend.
- The suggested ratio for teams is 70% new and 30% experienced (not including Leadership).

UNDOS EN CRISTO WOMEN'S #178 TEAM ROSTER

Rectora

Julie Olson, *Eagan Covenant*

Assistant Rectoras

Michelle Damon, *Valley Christian*

Linnea Dietrich, *Eagan Covenant*

Iris Tungseth, *Excelsior Covenant*

Spiritual Directors

Karen Bruins, *Rosemount UMC*

Sandra Tonsing, *First Baptist, Clarks Grove*

Music Director

Lynda Lee, *Eagan Covenant*

Rollistas

Jane Gillis, *Rochester Covenant*

Mary Hacker, *Albert Lea Assembly of God*

Nancy Opel, *Eagan Covenant*

Judy Peterson, *Rochester Covenant*

Linda Schwamb, *Eagan Covenant*

Table Leaders

Libby Carlson, *Minnetonka Lutheran*

Lisa Dugstad, *Albert Lea Assembly of God*

Lorry Lawton, *First UCC, Fairmont*

Jewel Mayer, *Hennepin Avenue UMC*

Rusty Nutting, *Faith UMC, Austin*

Palanca Rectora

Vicky Limesand, *SouthCross Community*

Assistant Palanca Rectora

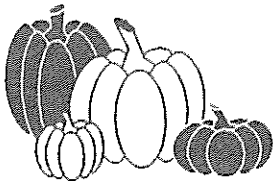
Karen Brohaugh, *First UMC, Lindstrom*

Palanca Spiritual Director

Deanna Woodward, *Evangel UMC*

Palanca Music Director

Karen Tinsley, *Eagan Covenant*



Palanca Team

Constance Anderson, *Evangel UMC*

Gail Hoffman, *Rosemount UMC*

Karen Kaestner, *SouthCross Community*

Patti Nicholson, *SouthCross Community*

Joan Olson, *Rochester Covenant*

Bonnie Snoke, *Bethany Evangelical Free*

Elaine Sommer, *First UMC*

Nancy Speer, *SouthCross Community*

Mary Wood, *Fairmont Covenant*

Kitchen Rectora

Jackie Hall, *Evangel UMC*

Assistant Kitchen Rectora

Carol Vick, *Hope Presbyterian*

Kitchen Team

Jeanette Anderson, *Eagan Covenant*

Beckie Blecker, *First Presbyterian*

Abbie Brooks, *Hope Presbyterian*

Deb Lansdowne, *Evangel UMC*

Ruth Lawrence, *SouthCross Community*

Mary McCoy, *Valley Christian*

RaeAnn McLeod, *Faith UMC, Spring Valley*

Holly Mitchell, *Evangel UMC*

Tammy Schoppers, *Faith UMC, Spring Valley*

Susan Vandenuevel, *Albert Lea Assembly of God*

Fourth Day Rectora

Luanne Jorgenson, *Rochester Covenant*

Assistant Fourth Day Rectora

Rosella Kvermen, *Rochester Covenant*

Fourth Day Team

Barb Evans, *Church of the Open Door*

Jan Hoium, *First Presbyterian, Albert Lea*

Pattie Juarez, *Crosstown Covenant*

Deb Larson, *Faith UMC, Spring Valley*

Kathy Latcham, *Evangel UMC*

Carla Ness, *Faith UMC, Spring Valley*

Sherry Perry, *Evangel UMC*

Sylvia Rolfs, *Evangel UMC*

Ann Teske, *Calvary Evangelical Free*

SueAnn Wood, *Fairmont Covenant*

Singles Ultreyas

The Singles Community meets for renewal and fellowship on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Wear your Cursillo cross and name tag, bring your song book, yellow book and a dish to share. Questions -- call the host listed below. Upcoming Ultreyas are:

November 10 Maple Grove Evangelical Free

December 8 St. Phillip's Lutheran, Fridley

Deb Knox 763-494-9659

Norma Jean Falink 763-574-9407 or 612-242-5837

PARTICIPANT LIST FROM UNIDOS EN CRISTO #175 AND #176
HENNEPIN AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Margo Aakre, *Evangel UMC*
 Teresa Aden, *Peace Church*
 Todd and Kelley Bader, *Colonial Church/Heritage Square*
 Maria Berntson, *Christ Presbyterian*
 Bob and Jean Bloden, *Faith Presbyterian*
 Jane Boss, *First Presbyterian*
 Paul Buelow, *St. Lucas Community Church*
 Craig Byer, *Colonial Church/Heritage Square*
 Jeff Caris, *Woodbridge Church*
 Tim Cimbura, *Church of the Open Door*
 Cindy Clauser, *Hennepin Avenue UMC*
 Steve and Cece Cope, *Hennepin Avenue UMC*
 Jennifer Fisher, *Woodbridge Church*
 Amanda Forstrom, *First Congregational UCC*
 Karl Gensheimer, *Colonial Church of Edina*
 Sharon George, *Aldrich Avenue Presbyterian*
 Cindy Goodrich, *Fairmont Covenant*
 Don and Katherine Granata, *Excelsior Covenant*
 Gene and Judy Hackett, *First Congregational UCC*
 Paula Hart, *Colonial Church of Edina*
 Sherrie Holck, *Rosemount UMC*
 Lowell and Julie Johnson, *Faith Presbyterian*

Jackie Larson, *North Branch UMC*
 Randy and Jamie Larson, *River Church*
 Dianna LaValle, *Church of the Open Door*
 Jerry and Tami Luckhardt, *Rosemount UMC*
 Candy Mattson, *Brooklyn UMC*
 Mary McCoy, *Valley Christian*
 Jean Miller, *Albert Lea Assembly of God*
 Rob and Stephanie Miller, *Valley Christian*
 Russell Moseman, *Colonial Church/Heritage Square*
 Wini Russell, *Brooklyn UMC*
 Bob and Cindy Scruggs, *Arlington Hills UMC*
 Glenn and Denise Sonnee, *Eagan Covenant*
 Larry and Karii Steffensen, *North Branch UMC*
 Carl Sundeen, *Hennepin Avenue UMC*
 Tom and Barbara Sweany, *Brooklyn Park E Free*
 Jennifer Tharaldson, *St. Phillip the Deacon*
 Scott and Coni VerHey, *Albert Lea Assembly of God*
 John and Janet Walters, *Hastings UMC*
 Scott Warren, *Calvary Baptist*
 Frank and J.J. Weiland, *Church of the Open Door*
 Don and Pam Zeller, *Valley Christian*

REGIONAL ULTREYAS PLANNED The Unidos en Cristo Council met on September 25th and agreed to take on the task of organizing Regional Ultreyas around the state of Minnesota so that we might gather in prayer for our nation and to encourage one another to be beacons of light for Christ in these difficult days. Hopefully, everyone has been notified of an Ultreya in their area and will attend. We are all needed for strength, hope and assurance in a "time such as this." At the time of printing, Ultreyas are planned for:

- EAST METRO/RIVER VALLEY area at St. Croix Valley UMC in Lakeland, Saturday, October 27th at 7:30 p.m.
- WEST METRO area at Faith Presbyterian Church in Minnetonka on Sunday, October 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- CENTRAL METRO area at Hennepin Avenue UMC, Minneapolis, on Sunday, October 28th, time to be announced.
- SOUTH OF THE RIVER area at Valley Christian Church in Lakeville, time and date to be announced.
- BUFFALO/ST. CLOUD area at Riverside Presbyterian Church in Sartell on Sunday, October 28th at 4:28 p.m.
- NORTH METRO area at Brooklyn UMC on Friday, November 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.

Letters of invitation will be sent to church liaisons and pastors. Log onto www.unidosencristo.net for the latest information or contact your church liaison, Patti Haaheim (952-432-4408) or any Council member.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25

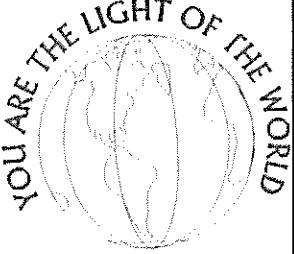


ON THE WEB Check out our web site at www.unidosencristo.net. Effective immediately, the new password is 111111. Please send any feedback to unidosencristo@mn.rr.com.

Under **CONTACT US** the 4th Day community is now able to send email to Council members by clicking on the Council position in the left hand column which will open an email box. Council members for the 2001-02 year have been posted.

Please check out the **PALANCA** button—you can email your commitment of 'prayer for the weekends' to the Palanca Contact for each weekend.

Unidos en Cristo Weekend Watch

Weekend:	#179 (Men)	# 180 (Women)	#181 (Men)	#182 (Women)
Date:	January 24 – 27, 2002 Colonial Church Edina	January 31 – Feb. 3, 2002 Colonial Church Edina	April 18 – 21, 2002 Wayzata Community	April 25 - 28, 2002 Wayzata Community
Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director	Trace James	Jan Shepley		
Application Dates:	November 13 – December 11	November 13 – December 11	February 5 – March 5	February 5 – March 5
Weekend:		#184 (Women)	#185 (Men)	#186 (Women)
Date:		June 6 – 9, 2002 St. Croix Valley UMC Lakeland	August 1 – 4, 2002 Hope Covenant Church St. Cloud	August 8 – 11, 2002 Hope Covenant Church St. Cloud
Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director				
Application Dates:		To be determined	To be determined	To be determined

**Weekender applications should be sent to: Holly Sorenson, P. O. Box 1428, Walker, MN 56484 (218) 547-3378
email: sven@paulbunyan.net**

UTECH

UNITED TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (UTECH) is an opportunity for teenagers (grades 10-12 recommended) to share their faith with other teens in a way patterned after Cursillo/Unidos en Cristo. If you would like to serve as an Adult Leader on a weekend — as a Table Leader (ATL); an Adult Leader for the Kitchen, Wheat (TECH's prayer warriors) or Support (TECH's 4th Day) team, please call:

UTECH Convenor	Rich Lucas	952-492-3288	Oct. 26-28, 2001	TECH #53 Arlington Hills UMC
Weekender Apps	Susan & Terry Lijewski	952-461-3699	Feb 1-3, 2002	TECH #54 Crosstown Covenant
Adult Team Apps	Rich Lucas	952-492-3288	Apr. 12-14, 2002	TECH #55 Wayzata Free
Youth Team Apps	Brad Wing	952-474-0786		

Memorials given in memory of Cursillistas may be sent to the Unidos en Cristo Council Treasurer and will be acknowledged in the Palanca Press. Please send **memorials to: Roger Roth, Treasurer, 7528 Mariner Drive, Maple Grove, MN 55311**. If you know of a Cursillista who has entered his or her *Fifth Day*, please call Sheree Johnson, Communications Editor (952-944-7244) for names to be included in the Palanca Press. Others in the Fourth Day Community may have no other way of knowing special friends in Christ have now entered His glorious presence.

In Loving Memory

We celebrate the lives of our sister and brothers in Christ, Caroline Porter (#68), Fredrick Anderson (#5), Doug Marks (#95), and Dale Nelson (#147), who have entered their *Fifth Day* and are now in our Lord's glorious presence.

Unidos en Cristo has received memorials in memory of Judy Cheeley (#14) and Caroline Porter (#68).

DeColores, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The word for the year – RENEWAL!

As we of Unidos en Cristo, an ecumenical expression of the Cursillo movement in Minnesota, begin our 21st year, our “second generation,” my goal as Council Convenor for this year is growth—yes, but growth from within. I think it’s time for some serious reflection on where we’ve been and where we’re going. I’ve been hearing more and more from people who feel that their communities are somewhat “flagging in zeal” and maybe feeling a little complacent and “stale.” If we are to continue to “Pass it on,” perhaps we need a *RENEWAL* of our own energy and commitment. How can we do that?

As individuals: Serve on teams; offer weekend experiences to others through sponsoring; support the weekends with palanca as well as your prayers, your presence, and your service. Attend clausuras—even when they’re “out of town”—remember, there are team members who may have made that trip to “The Cities” to serve, as well. A little extra time and a few extra miles should not be too much to ask! Consider serving on the Unidos Council. We have just begun our new “season” but in almost no time we will be looking at nominations for next year. Seriously consider whether you or someone you know might be a good candidate for one of those positions!

As a sponsor: Offer the opportunity, support and nurture, and leave the timing to God! Sometimes we become so eager to “put someone through” that we lose sight of whether they may or may not be ready. If someone is strongly resistant to attending a weekend, we need to consider that they might be right! Sometimes a weekend will not be “full”, but maybe that’s the way it’s supposed to be. To paraphrase the Total Security in Your 4th Day rollo—it’s not about us “cranking out Cursillistas”—in fact, it’s not about us at all!

As a community: Encourage and support the formation of renewal groups. (Do you know that it is your responsibility as a sponsor to help your weekender find or start a renewal group?) Volunteer your community as a Palanca partner with another community somewhere in the world to support each other’s weekends with palanca and prayer. Contact the Palanca Coordinator, Larry Bennett (952-448-7980), to arrange a partnership. Plan and hold regular ultreyas. As this is being written, Council members are contacting the various communities in the state to arrange a number of regional ultreyas as a call to prayer and a call to action in response to our national tragedy of September 11th and its ramifications. More information about this effort can be found in this issue.

As a church liaison: Stay in contact with the Allocations coordinator, Holly Sorenson (218-547-3378) to make sure your information is current and accurate. Follow up with those who have completed applications making sure they understand the time commitment involved when they agree to submit the application for a particular weekend. Take time to educate and inform sponsors about their responsibilities and expectations. Keep open lines of communication with your clergy and community.

As clergy: Be supportive of the 4th Day Community in your church; encourage visibility as an antidote to perceived secrecy and exclusivity; serve on teams; consider whether your church could host a set of weekends. If you’re not sure if your church would be a feasible host, call the Site Selections Coordinator, Phyllis Krull (612-861-6489).

Please think about how we can rekindle our own fires, so that we can be that spark that it takes to “Pass it on.” May God bless and keep you!

Carole Snyder, Convenor

Unidos en Cristo Statement of Faith

Unidos en Cristo is a Christian Community whose purpose is to help persons develop a living faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The Unidos en Cristo Community affirms that the living faith in Jesus Christ acknowledges the Bible as the authoritative Word of God, along with the principles of the Christian faith as expressed in the Apostles’ Creed. By being an active member in this movement we affirm our own personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Recognizing our own sinfulness and continuing need for forgiveness, we nevertheless affirm through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we are presently living our lives, to the best of our ability in such a way that it brings no reproach upon the Lord Jesus Christ or His Church.

Adopted by Unidos en Cristo Council on October 27, 1998

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