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SUPPORT UNIDOS EN CRISTO #189 AND #190

BROOKLYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 7200 BROOKLYN BLVD., BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55429
763-561-1684

Men's Unidos en Cristo #189 will be **January 9 - 12, 2003**. The weekend scripture is,
"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." *Proverbs 27:17*

Women's Unidos en Cristo #190 will be **January 16 - 19, 2003**. The weekend scripture is,
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." *Proverbs 3:5-6*



The Sunday morning serenades are 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 #189

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| • Dick Hamblin | (Rector) | 652-949-0779 |
| • Rich Carlson | (Kitchen Rector) | 952-894-2781 |
| • Don Henrich | (4th Day Rector) | 952-922-4918 |
| • Gary Christian | (Palanca Rector) | 715-549-5567 |

Please contact the appropriate team rector to coordinate your palanca with their needs.

Women's Weekend #190

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| • Cathy Colman | (Rectora) | 715-381-2864 |
| • Karol Allen | (Kitchen Rectora) | 952-935-0347 |
| • Ruth Nasseff | (4th Day Rectora) | 651-436-5149 |
| • Kory Everson | (Palanca Rectora) | 612-866-7606 |

The Kitchen Team is requesting palanca of monetary contributions for 30 lbs. of pork loin and 20 lbs. of pre-cooked chicken; and food (or monetary) contributions of 20 lbs. of sausage links; 15 lbs. lean ground beef; 20 lbs. Granny Smith apples and 22 bottles of white Catawba juice. Contact Kathleen Winters (763-476-1169) by January 8 to coordinate your monetary/food palanca. The Palanca Team is requesting palanca of an hour of prayer during the course of the weekend. You can sign up with Karen Howard by calling 952-432-1743 or do it on line by logging on to www.unidosencristo.net, click on PALANCA, scroll down to PRAYER VIGIL and follow the prompts.

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 weekenders palanca bags.

DIRECTIONS Brooklyn UMC is located on Brooklyn Boulevard one mile north of I-694 (Brooklyn Blvd exit). Fourth Day parking is across the street from the church on Brooklyn Blvd. and Noble. There is also parking available in the north parking lot.

Attention 4th Day Community

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 could send for the upcoming weekends. You might write an encouraging note, honor the weekenders with a contribution to a food shelf, homeless shelter, or a favorite charity. . .or consider enclosing a check with a palanca note to help cover the weekend expenses. Checks should be made out to Unidos en Cristo #189 or #190.

Address your palanca to: Men of Unidos en Cristo #189 or Women of Unidos en Cristo #190
Mail to: John Maddio, 4280 Hawksbury Circle, Eagan, MN 55123
email: palanca@unidosencristo.net

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

Unidos en Cristo #189 Men's Team Roster

RECTOR

DICK HAMBLIN, *Colonial Church at Heritage Square*

ASSISTANT RECTORS

GORDY NAGEL, *Colonial Church at Heritage Square*
RICH SCHMID, *Colonial Church at Heritage Square*
DAVID STEVENS, *Eden Prairie Presbyterian*

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JIM ROSS, *Minnesota Annual Conference*
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LYLE JENSEN, *Colonial Church of Edina*

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— ARCHIE MACPHEE, *Hope Presbyterian* ✓
JOHN MITCHELL, *Excelsior Covenant*
ALAN PLOETZ, *Colonial Church at Heritage Square*

TABLE LEADERS

CHUCK BARTLETT, *Trinity Evangelical Free*
SCOTT JENSEN, *St. Lucas Community*
DON MAY, *Hastings UMC*
JAMES OWENS, *Eagan Covenant (Bridgepoint)*
BRIAN RODECK, *Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free*
SCOTT SAUTER, *Rosemount UMC*
BRIAN ZEGLEN, *Minnewashta Congregational*

PALANCA RECTOR

GARY CHRISTIAN, *St. Croix Valley UMC*

ASSISTANT PALANCA RECTOR

MIKE REICHMAN, *St. Croix Valley UMC* ✓

PALANCA SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

GORDON GATHRIGHT, *Hastings UMC* *next week*

PALANCA MUSIC DIRECTOR

NICK FOLWICK, *Minnewashta Congregational*

PALANCA TEAM

MEL BAUCK, *Wayzata Evangelical Free*
LARRY GEISLER, *Brooklyn UMC*
BRIAN GRUIDL, *Plymouth Covenant*
TODD PETERS, *St. Croix Valley UMC*
NEAL POWELL, *St. Lucas Community*
— PETER PYTLAK, *Hope Presbyterian*
GARY SCHULTZ, *Colonial Church at Heritage Square*
BOB SCRUGGS, *Arlington Hills UMC* ✓
HOWARD STONE, *Fridley Covenant*

KITCHEN RECTOR

RICH CARLSON, *Glendale UMC*

ASSISTANT KITCHEN RECTOR

MIKE SHULTZ, *Glendale UMC*

KITCHEN TEAM

JIM ADSEM, *Excelsior Covenant* ✓
RICH BRANHAM
BRETT BRISBOIS, *Wyoming UMC*
DANO COCHRAN, *Wyoming UMC*
GLENN DOWD, *Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka*
RICHARD HERTEL, *Brooklyn UMC*
PAUL LIBRA, *Glendale UMC*
LARRY MUELLER, *Wyoming UMC* ✓
GORDY PIETRUSZEWSKI, *Wyoming UMC*
JOHN TITUS, *Glendale UMC*

4TH DAY RECTOR

MIKE ROGNESS, *First Presbyterian, Albert Lea*

ASSISTANT 4TH DAY RECTOR

DON HENRICH, *Colonial Church of Edina*

4TH DAY TEAM

PETER BENJAMIN, *Colonial Church at Heritage Square*
GREGG COLLINS, *Asbury UMC*
JERRY CONE, *Excelsior Covenant*
DOUG EDSON, *Brooklyn UMC*
DAVID GEIS, *Wayzata Evangelical Free*
JEFF JOHNSON, *Excelsior Covenant*
LOWELL KEGLEY, *Faith Covenant*
BILL MARTIN, *Colonial Church at Heritage Square*
RON NITZ, *Brooklyn UMC*
TERRY VEREIDE, *Brooklyn UMC*

Unidos en Cristo #190 Women's Team Roster

RECTORA

CATHY COLMAN, *Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran*

ASSISTANT RECTORAS

LINDA HEUBACH, *Wooddale*

KATHY MESSERLI, *Plymouth Covenant*

JILL REED, *Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka*

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MARY SCHULTZ, *Summit Assembly of God*

MUSIC DIRECTORS

JUDY FALLAT, *Minnetonka UMC*

SHELLY WALKER, *St. Louis Park Evangelical Free*

ROLLISTAS

CATHY ECKART, *Wooddale*

ELMA HAMERSMA, *Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka*

CHERIE MIDDLETON, *Wooddale*

SUSAN STEVENS, *Eden Prairie Presbyterian*

DOROTHY WILLIAMS, *Hopkins UMC*

TABLE LEADERS

CASSIE ALBINSON, *Plymouth Covenant*

DIANE CLARNO, *Wayzata Evangelical Free*

SUSAN DUFFEY, *St. Croix Valley UMC*

MILLIE JOSLIN, *Stillwater Evangelical Free*

JEANNE MATASOVSKY, *Wayzata Evangelical Free*

DARLENE TIBBETTS, *St. Croix Valley UMC*

MARIE WILSON, *Normandale Hylands UMC*

PALANCA RECTORA

KORY EVERSON, *Hope Presbyterian*

ASSISTANT PALANCA RECTORA

PATTIE JUAREZ, *Crosstown Covenant*

PALANCA SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

DON ESLINGER, *Normandale Hylands UMC*

PALANCA MUSIC DIRECTOR

STEFFANIE MITTELSTADT, *Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free*

PALANCA TEAM

JUDY ARGETSINGER, *Hilltop UMC*

ADA BEH, *Brooklyn UMC*

KAREN HOWARD, *Grace Lutheran*

JENNIFER KALENBORN, *Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free*

ANGIE MUELLER, *Wyoming UMC*

MERRILEE OLSON, *Hope Presbyterian*

REBECCA PETERSON, *Crosstown Covenant*

DFB SCHAFFRAN, *Normandale Hylands UMC*

ELLIE SLACK, *Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka*

KITCHEN RECTORA

KAROL ALLEN, *Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka*

ASSISTANT KITCHEN RECTORA

RHONDA PAVELKA, *Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka*

KITCHEN TEAM

SHARON BAUCK, *Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free*

ANN BLIEN, *Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka*

JAHNIE DIEDRICH, *Evergreen Community*

SANA EAKINS, *Brooklyn UMC*

DENISE ENGBERG, *Bereen Baptist*

PRISCILLA LUPINO, *Plymouth Covenant*

SANDY MCELHOSE, *Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free*

SUE REZAC, *Brooklyn UMC*

NANCY STALOGH, *Hope Presbyterian*

SHIRLEY STANN, *Normandale Hylands UMC*

MARY WEST, *Wayzata Community*

KATHLEEN WINTERS, *Wayzata Evangelical Free*

FOURTH DAY RECTORA

RUTH NASSEFF, *St. Croix Valley UMC*

ASSISTANT FOURTH DAY RECTORA

SUE RIELANDER, *St. Croix Valley UMC*

FOURTH DAY TEAM

DANITA FISHER, *Delano UMC*

MARY FOSTER, *St. Croix Valley UMC*

ERICA GRUIDL, *Plymouth Covenant*

KARRIE HAMILTON, *Hastings UMC*

TERRIE JOHNSON, *Delano UMC*

SHERRIE MCDANIEL, *Christ Presbyterian*

MARY MOFFITT, *Rosemount UMC*

KATHY NITZ, *Brooklyn UMC*

DIANA PENNINGTON, *Brooklyn UMC*

DAWN VEREIDE, *Brooklyn UMC*

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 songbook, yellow book and a dish to share. Questions -- call the host listed below. Upcoming Ultreyas are:

December 14

St. Phillip's Lutheran, Fridley

Norma Jean Falink 763-574-9407

January 11

Bethlehem Lutheran in St. Paul's Midway

Mary Armdahl 651-698-6441

PARTICIPANT LIST FROM UNIDOS EN CRISTO #187 AND #188

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STILLWATER

LEE ALWIN, <i>Hennepin Avenue UMC</i>	JIM & JEANNE KIRKPATRICK, <i>Stillwater Evangelical Free</i>
ETHEL ANDREWS, <i>First UMC, Lindstrom</i>	RICH & MARGE LARSON, <i>Wyoming UMC</i>
CHRISTINE BARROWS, <i>Roseville Lutheran</i>	WARREN LARSON, <i>North Branch UMC</i>
BARB BARTH, <i>Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka</i>	MOLLEE LUDTKE, <i>First Lutheran, Albert Lea</i>
JIM BAUMAN, <i>Eagan Covenant</i>	DICK & GLORIA MCNEILL, <i>Wayzata Evangelical Free</i>
KRIS BOWDITCH, <i>St. Andrews, Mahtomedi</i>	MIKE & MARILYN MODAK, <i>First Presbyterian, Stillwater</i>
RICH & LANA BRANHAM, <i>Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free</i>	SKIP NELSON, <i>Eagan Covenant</i>
JOHN & JONI DOYLE, <i>Wayzata Evangelical Free</i>	TODD PETERSON, <i>Hastings UMC</i>
PAM FIELD, <i>Holy Name Catholic</i>	MARIE SCHUSTER, <i>Eagan Covenant</i>
LYNNE GRANANDER, <i>Homestead UMC, Rochester</i>	STEVE & MARIANNE SCOTT, <i>St. Croix Valley UMC</i>
JIM & GOLDIE HEIL, <i>St. Croix Valley UMC</i>	ROSEMARY STAFFORD, <i>First Presbyterian, Stillwater</i>
JACKIE HUBENETTE, <i>Stillwater Evangelical Free</i>	TOM & SUE STUDENSKI, <i>Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka</i>
PRESTON HURD, <i>Church of the Open Door</i>	TOM TUFT, <i>First Presbyterian, Stillwater</i>
JONATHAN & SUZIE INGALLS, <i>Wayzata Evangelical Free</i>	JOHN & JULIE WASSER, <i>Stillwater Evangelical Free</i>
EDDIE JOHNSON, <i>First Presbyterian, Stillwater</i>	GALE ZEISE
BRIAN & SUSAN JOHNSON, <i>Wayzata Evangelical Free</i>	GERT ZIEBELL, <i>First Presbyterian, Stillwater</i>
JIM & DONNA KIRCHGATTER, <i>Stanchfield Baptist</i>	

PALANCA PRESS ON THE WEB: The Palanca Press is being posted to the 4th Day area of the web page www.unidosencristo.net. Currently, we mail 4,200+ Palanca Presses five times a year. Even using the Non-Profit Bulk Rate, this is a costly process. If you are trying to reduce the amount of paper in your house and would like to receive an email notification each time a new Palanca Press is available—and read it online—please send an email to unidosencristo@mn.rr.com, providing your email address.

The new password for the 4th DAY area of the Unidos en Cristo web site is "111111".

4th DAY COMMUNITY REMINDERS: Via de Cristo is offering to add any interested 4th Dayer to their 4th Day Reminders email distribution list. These 4th Day reminders include information of interest to 4th Dayers such as upcoming weekends, specific prayer requests, specific palanca needs, etc. If interested in receiving these emails, contact Ron Wagenknecht at reminders@mnviadecristo.org.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)

TEC is an opportunity for teenagers (grades 10-12 recommended) to share their faith with other teens in a manner patterned after Cursillo/Unidos en Cristo. Contact the Team Apps individual listed below if you would like to serve as an Adult Leader on a weekend—as a Table Leader (ATL); or as an Adult Leader for the Kitchen, Wheat (TEC's prayer warriors) or Support (TEC's 4th Day) team.

UNITED TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (UTEC)	www.unitedtec.org
Convenor	Brad Wing 952-474-0786
Weekender Apps	Susan & Terry Lijewski 952-461-3699
Adult Team Apps	Jenni Widdifield 612-825-5784
Youth Team Apps	Terri Eggleston 763-421-4368

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA TEC	www.southerntec.org
Convenor	Rod Johnson 507-373-3266
Weekender Apps	Leon Gregg 507-288-2347
Team Apps	Chris Barber 507-346-2965

Upcoming Weekends
Jan. 30 – Feb. 2
TEC #58 Colonial Church of Edina
Apr. 24 – 27
TEC #59 Wayzata Community

Upcoming Weekends
January 23 – 26
TEC #50 Our Savior's Lutheran, Faribault
April (dates to be determined)
TEC #51 First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

Unidos en Cristo Weekend Watch

Weekend:	# 191 (Men)	#192 (Women)	# 193 (Men)	# 194 (Women)
Date:	April 24 - 27, 2003 First Presbyterian Albert Lea	May 1 - 4, 2003 First Presbyterian Albert Lea	July 17 - 20, 2003 Hope Presbyterian Richfield	July 24 - 27, 2003 Hope Presbyterian Richfield
Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director	Jim Balk Dwight Netzer Jerry Merkouris Lee Freshour	Cathie Gladfelter		
Weekender Application Dates:	Feb. 11 - Mar. 11*	Feb. 11 - Mar. 11*	May 6 - June 3*	May 6 - June 3*
Weekend:	# 195 (Men)	# 196 (Women)	# 197 (Men)	# 198 (Women)
Date:	Nov. 6 - 9, 2003 Rochester Evangel UMC Rochester	Nov. 13 - 16, 2003 Rochester Evangel UMC Rochester	to be determined	to be determined
Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director				
Weekender Application Dates:	Aug. 26 - Sept. 23*	Aug. 26 - Sept. 23*		

* Preference will be given to applications received during this time frame; however, applications will be accepted after these dates if the weekend hasn't filled. If you find that you have a candidate that could attend an upcoming weekend after the printed applications dates, the church liaison should contact Mary Hacker to determine if there are still spaces available.

WEEKENDER APPLICATIONS should be sent to Mary Hacker, 1130 Shore Acres Drive, Albert Lea, MN 56007, 507-377-0704, email: allocations@unidosencristo.net. Reminder: **Application fees** are now \$30. Need updated application forms for your church? You can print a master from the Unidos en Cristo web site—you'll find the application form in the 4th DAY area.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A TEAM? Teams are formed 3-4 months prior to a weekend. Now is the time to submit a Team Request Form if you're interested in serving on the April team. The Team Request Form is included in every Palanca Press—or you can print one from the Unidos en Cristo web site via the 4th DAY area—www.unidosencristo.net

CLERGY are needed for the April and July weekends. Please call Patti Haaheim, 952-432-4408, if you are able to serve.

IN LOVING MEMORY

We celebrate the life of our sisters in Christ, Lucile Lindahl (#104) and Julie Smythe (#170), who have entered their *Fifth Day* and are now in our LORD'S glorious presence.

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: Rick Pavelka, 254 Holly Road, Hopkins, MN 55343.** If you know of a Cursillista who has entered his or her *Fifth Day*, please email or call Sheree Johnson, Communications Editor, for names to be included in the Palanca Press. Email her at palanca_press@unidosencristo.net or telephone 952-944-7244. Others in the Fourth Day Community may have no other way of knowing special friends in Christ have now entered His glorious presence.

DeColores, Friends!

It was great to see so many of you at the Clausuras in October at First Presbyterian in Stillwater. Every time I attend a Clausura, I feel like I'm at my own weekend all over again—what an awesome feeling!!! It was wonderful to hear the testimonies of the new cursillistas.

Last year when we held our Regional Ultreyas, a friend of mine said that we should give the “gift” of an Unidos en Cristo weekend to all of those we love. I've been going through my own list of friends and family that I care for, and I have started to ask them. I'd like to address the topic of sponsorship—I had more questions about this than any other when I was the Allocations Coordinator. First of all: Who can sponsor? Anyone who has attended a Cursillo-type weekend. Secondly: Whom can I sponsor? Someone who is an active participant or member of an Unidos en Cristo church. (The Unidos en Cristo church community is needed for follow-up, renewal and support.) The sponsor form needs to be signed by the pastor. If the church no longer has an Unidos en Cristo pastor, the church liaison may sign applications until a new pastor has gone through Unidos en Cristo. Unidos en Cristo policy is that a husband and wife both attend. Space is available on each weekend for two new churches to attend using the guideline of requiring one pastor and spouse and one lay couple per church to participate. Once you decide to sponsor someone, we have a list of guidelines for you.

DUTIES OF A SPONSOR

1. If you don't know the person you are sponsoring, try to arrange a time to get to know that person prior to the weekend.
2. Pray for your candidate prior to and during the weekend.
3. Call your candidate at least a week prior to the weekend to make transportation arrangements. Provide transportation for your candidate to and from the weekend.
4. Provide a personal cup or mug for your candidate. The cup will be a nice memory and will help cut costs on styrofoam cups.
5. Instruct your candidate that cell phones, laptops, palm pilots, etc., are NOT allowed.
6. Check with your candidate a day or two before the weekend to answer any last minute questions and to give encouragement. If there is a pressing concern with respect to your candidate, please be sure that you or another cursillista try to alleviate that concern.
7. Participate in the Sunday morning and the Sunday evening serenades.
8. Be sensitive to your candidate's needs during the Clausura and the reception after the Clausura.
9. Please send palanca—church group palanca, cards and letters, prayers, food, banners, flowers. Be sure to address the palanca to the group, not individuals.
10. Contact your candidate during the week following the weekend; in person, if possible.
11. Most Important: Stay in close personal contact with your candidate until he/she is in a renewal group or some alternative form of renewal, even if this is for an extended period of time. Remember, you as a sponsor are to be in a renewal group of your own
12. Ask the Lord for guidance and help to enable you to carry out your responsibilities as a sponsor.

If you have any questions about sponsoring, feel free to contact me.

I pray that during this Christmas season each of you will renew your walk with Christ in a powerful way. Remember that Jesus IS the reason for the season.

In His Service,
Jackie Hall, Convenor
507-367-2515

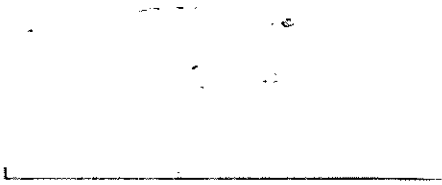
NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL: The Council is pleased to announce that Dwight Netzer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Albert Lea, has agreed to serve as a clergy representative on the Unidos en Cristo Council.

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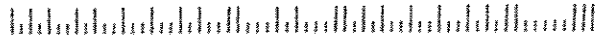
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Bloomington, MN 55438-1740
or call:
952- 835-0301
or email:
database_admin@unidosencristo.net

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