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Support Unidos en Cristo #197 and #198

COLONIAL CHURCH OF EDINA, 6200 COLONIAL WAY, EDINA 55436
(952) 925-2711

Men's Unidos en Cristo #197 will be **January 22 – 25, 2004**. The weekend scripture is, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you ask whatever you wish and it will be given you." John 15:7

Women's Unidos en Cristo #198 will be **January 29 – February 1, 2004**. The weekend scripture is, "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1



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 #197

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| • Mark Heysse | Rector | 320-251-0031 |
| • Steve Schirmers | Kitchen Rector | 320-252-8908 |
| • Jim Fisher | 4th Day Rector | 952-884-2641 |
| • Warren Porter | Palanca Rector | 612-827-1289 |

Women's Weekend #197

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| • Marie Wilson | Rectora | 952-835-0301 |
| • Kathy Messerli | Kitchen Rectora | 763-557-7114 |
| • Gaye Sykes | 4th Day Rectora | 952-988-9931 |
| • Darla O'Flanagan | Palanca Rectora | 763-682-1322 |

The Men's weekend needs 10 Cheesecakes (160 slices) and egg bake for Sunday morning. Any cash donations for the weekend would be deeply appreciated. Please contact Steve Schirmers, Kitchen Rector. The Women's weekend needs 10 lbs of regular and 10 lbs of decaf coffee, 130 chicken breasts, 100 pork chops, 26 bottles of white Catabwa juice and sub sandwiches. Please contact Jane Harris at 952-470-0476.

PALANCA NOTE: There will be **SIX** tables (48) at the Men's weekend and **SIX** tables (48) at the Women's weekend. When sending palanca to the Rollo Room, include a total of **56** items for the men's weekend and **56** for the women's weekend.

DIRECTIONS: Crosstown (62) to Tracy (West of Hwy 100). North on Tracy. Left onto Colonial Way (just past the fire station).

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 #197 or #198.

Address your palanca to: Men of Unidos en Cristo #197 or Women of Unidos en Cristo #198
Mail to: John Maddio, 4280 Hawksbury Circle, Eagan, MN 55123
Email: palanca@unidosencristo.net

*Please mail your palanca **one week prior to the weekend** so that it is received in time to be delivered to each weekend.*

Unidos en Cristo #197 Men's Team Roster

RECTOR

MARK HEYSSE, Hope Covenant

ASSISTANT RECTORS

GARY BLOSBERG, Brooklyn UMC
JAY HENSLEY, First Presbyterian Shakopee
HAM MATHEWS, Glendale UMC

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BOB KANDELS, Litchfield UMC

MUSIC DIRECTOR

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ROGER PICKERING, Crossroads Evangelical
TIM POWELL, St, Lucas Community

TABLE LEADERS

MARK ALT, Brooklyn UMC
CRAIG BURD, Eden Prairie Assembly of God
THAD EARLY, Church of the Open Door
ERIC JOHNSON, Fairmont Covenant
DON SANKEY, Hope Covenant
MIKE SHULTZ, Glendale UMC
ROB WESTPHAL, Glendale UMC

PALANCA RECTOR

WARREN PORTER, Hennepin Ave UMC

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PALANCA SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

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PALANCA MUSIC DIRECTOR

KAREN LEWIS, Crosstown Covenant
REG TULK, Rosemount UMC

PALANCA TEAM

GREG KUZNEKOFF, Grace Church
THANE LEWIS, Crosstown Covenant
PAUL LIBRA, Glendale UMC
JIM LINDSEY, Colonial Church of Edina
DOUG NESS, Hennepin Ave UMC
ALAN PLOETZ, Homestead Church
WOODY SANKEY, Crossroads Church
MARTIN UNDERWOOD, First Pres Shakopee

KITCHEN RECTOR

STEVE SCHIRMERS, Hope Covenant

ASSISTANT KITCHEN RECTOR

PETE WELCH, Colonial Church of Edina

KITCHEN TEAM

GREG CARLSON, Hope Covenant
JOHN DOYLE, Wayzata Ev Free
NATE GORDY, Homestead Church
ROB GOTZ, Cross Roads Covenant
TOM GRIFFITH, Faith Covenant
GORDY NAGEL, Homestead Church
CHAD OLINGER
JOHN TITUS, Glendale UMC

4TH DAY RECTOR

JIM FISHER, Colonial Church of Edina

ASSISTANT 4TH DAY RECTOR

STAN GREENWALD, Colonial Church of Edina

4TH DAY TEAM

DOUG DAHL, Hope Presbyterian
DON DRAAYER, Faith Presbyterian
MARION FREED, Union Congregational
ED GRINVALDS, Plymouth Covenant
GARY HEMPHILL, Faith Presbyterian
DAVE HIGGINS, Litchfield UMC
PHIFER NICHOLSON, Wayzata Ev Free
RON NITZ, Brooklyn UMC
STEVE ROBIE, Messiah UMC
CHRIS STONE, Brooklyn UMC

Unidos en Cristo #198 Women's Team Roster

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MARIE WILSON, Normandale Hylands UMC

ASSISTANT RECTORAS

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CATHY ECKART, Wooddale Church
DEB SCHAFFRAN, Normandale Hylands UMC

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MUSIC DIRECTORS

COLLEEN BOCCHI, Woodridge Church
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ROLLISTAS

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LYNN JAMES, Wooddale Church
JUDY MCGOVERN, First Presbyterian, Shakopee
AUDREY MONDELLI, Normandale Hylands UMC
CAROL PETERSON, Church of Peace UMC

TABLE LEADERS

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MARY LOU MOTZ, UMC Church of Peace
ERIKA OWENS, BridgePointe Covenant
LINDA SCHWAMB, BridgePointe Covenant
MARILYN MORLOCK, Hastings UMC

PALANCA RECTORA

GAYE SYKES, Wayzata Evangelical Free

ASSISTANT PALANCA RECTORA

JOANNE SKINNER, Wayzata Evangelical Free

PALANCA SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

DON ESLINGER, Normandale Hylands UMC

PALANCA MUSIC DIRECTOR

NORA BENGTON, Deerwood-Cascade UMC

PALANCA TEAM

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EDIE COOK, First Presbyterian, Shakopee

PAT HAMBLIN, Homestead Church, Chanhassen
ELMA HAMERSMA, First Presbyterian, Minnetonka
MARILYN MULLEN, Peace Presbyterian, SLP
CAROL OLINGER, Faith Covenant, Burnsville
MARY PRECHEL, Colonial Church
TAMMY SHADE, Wayzata Evangelical Free
WENDY YOUNG, Wayzata Evangelical Free

KITCHEN RECTORA

KATHY MESSERLI, Plymouth Covenant

ASSISTANT KITCHEN RECTORA

JILL REED, Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka

KITCHEN TEAM

PATTI CHRISTIE, Faith Covenant, Burnsville
SHERRY ELLIOTT, Faith Covenant, Burnsville
DIANNE GOETTE, St Croix Valley UMC
SUE HAMPSON, Plymouth Covenant
JANE HARRIS, Colonial Church
JANE IVERSON, Crosstown Covenant
HELEN KERR, Hope Presbyterian
BETSIE MILLS, DEB PAULSON, Christ Presbyterian
SUE PAYNE, Christ Presbyterian
JOLEEN SYLVESTER, Plymouth Covenant
BARB TENNEY, Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka

FOURTH DAY RECTORA

DARLA O'FLANAGAN, Buffalo UMC

ASSISTANT FOURTH DAY RECTORA

SHERYL BAKKE, Church of the Open Door

FOURTH DAY TEAM

MICHELE BENYO, Normandale Hylands UMC
TRACY DALEIDEN, Buffalo UMC
KORY EVERSON, Hope Presbyterian
CAROL FEDORA-MYRICK, Lord of Life Lutheran,
Farmington
MARY FISHER, Colonial Church
CARLA LORENZ, Church of the Open Door
HEIDE WALKER, Homestead Church, Chanhassen
KATHLEEN WINTERS, Wayzata Evangelical Free
SUSIE WULF, Buffalo UMC
DAWN ZIEGLER, Faith Covenant, Burnsville

South of the River Ultreya: On Sunday April 18, 2004 from 12:30 – 3:30 there will be an Ultreya for all folks living south of the river. More details in the next Palanca Press. Liaisons/pastors please contact Diane Martin at DSMartin007.msn.com with approximate counts, if possible.

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. Please access www.mnviadecristo.org/news/ for further details.

PARTICIPANT LIST FROM UNIDOS EN CRISTO #195 AND #196

EVANGEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ROCHESTER

Chris Anderson, First UMC Lindstrom
Bob Anderson, St. Peter Catholic
Cecilia Beato, Homestead UMC Rochester
Miles Bennett, Evangel UMC
Charlie and Ruth Buffington, Faith UMC
Bob Colvin and Mary Malone-Colvin, Christ Pres
Julie DuLac, Faith Covenant
Louis and Jill Durenberger, Faith Covenant
Greg and Vicki Dvorak, Faith Covenant
Stuart Edeal, BridgePointe
Lee Foyte, Hastings UMC
Dean and Margo Halverson, Faith Presbyterian
Gene Harper, Hastings UMC
Bob and Diane Hawkins, Rosemount UMC
Derek and Nicole Herzog, 4th Ave UMC
Duane and Cheryl Hettver, Riverside
Ken and Sandra Hokanson, Brooklyn E Free
David and Bonnie Jensen, 1st Pres Albert Lea
Joy Kallastumus, Christ Presbyterian
John Kosimiro and Yuniya Lisok, Sudanese
Community Covenant
Adina Kuester, Holy Cross Lutheran
John and Lynda Kuplic, Faith Covenant
Elinor Lamb, Homestead UMC Rochester
June Larson, 1st Pres Albert Lea
Linda Lund, All Saints Catholic

Helen Madden, Litchfield UMC
Aaron Malcolm, Centenary UMC
Keith Mercer, Sumner
John and Sue Modry, Evangel UMC
Tom and Linda Montgomery, Rosemount UMC
Wayne and Renee Nation, 1st Baptist
Clayton and Jill Petersen, 1st Pres Albert Lea
Mark Rieke, Evangel UMC
Mike and Nancy Roach, Brooklyn Park E Free
Mel Rozeboom, Riverside
Dave and Deb Serrano, Stewartville UMC
Pam Shaw, Pine Island UMC
Loren Shriver, Evangelical Covenant Fairmont
Kent Smith, St. Peter Catholic
Christine Stepan, Hastings UMC
Leon and Kathy terSteege, Faith Presbyterian
Nancy Toenniges, Pilgrim UMC
Joe Trahan and Chris Ramaker, Evangel UMC
Greg and Kris Ulsh, Evangel UMC
Mark and Barbara Ungs, Faith Presbyterian
Don and Margie VanderMeeden, Plymouth
Covenant
Udbi Wallin, Rochester Covenant
Ryan Weas
Louis and April Zitnay, Evangel UMC

UNIDOS EN CRISTO WEB SITE: In April, the web site will change to **UnidosenCristo.com**.

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 four 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. Please be assured that your email address will only be used for Unidos en Cristo communications. The Palanca Press is being posted to the 4th Day area of the web page. **The password for the 4th DAY area of the Unidos en Cristo web site is “111111”.**

TEAM COVENANT: To assure that all team members read and sign the team covenant, a new procedure has been adopted. At the first team meeting for each weekend, team members will be asked to read and sign a copy of the covenant.

UNIDOS EN CRISTO TEAM COVENANT

As a team member I enter into a covenant with other team members to provide a grace-filled experience of Jesus Christ for the participating weekenders. Therefore, I pledge to the best of my ability and with God's help:

- To model a Christian lifestyle, using God's word as my guide. (PIETY/STUDY)
- To maintain a team spirit, and (ACTION)
- To prayerfully support the leadership of the Rector/Rectora and Spiritual Directors during the months of preparation and the weekend itself. (ACTION)

I understand that the focus of Unidos en Cristo weekends must be on the weekenders so I am willing to set aside my individual preferences for the good of the team and for a weekend that gives glory to God.

Unidos en Cristo Weekend Watch

Weekend:	# 199 (Men)	#200 (Women)	# 201 (Men)	# 202 (Women)
Date:	April 22 – 25, 2004 Arlington Hill UMC, Maplewood	April 29 – May 2, 2004 Arlington Hill UMC, Maplewood	July 29 – Aug. 1, 2004 Faith Presbyterian Minnetonka	August 5 – 8, 2004 Faith Presbyterian Minnetonka
Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director	Dave Anderson			
Weekender Application Dates:	February 10 – March 9*	February 10 – March 9*	May 18 – June 15*	May 18 – June 15*
Weekend:	# 203 (Men)	# 204 (Women)		
Date:	October 28 – 31, 2004 Rosemount UMC, Rosemount	November 4 – 7, 2004 Rosemount UMC, Rosemount		
Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director				
Weekender Application Dates:	August 17 – Sept. 14*	August 17 – Sept. 14*		

* **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 weekender 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. Reminder: **application fees** are now **\$30**.

WEEKENDER APPLICATIONS should be sent to Mary Hacker, 1130 Shore Acres Drive, Albert Lea, MN 56007, 507-377-0704.

ATTENTION LEGAL AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS: The Council is looking for legal and medical professionals who would be willing to lend their expertise as we develop new policies and guidelines. If you can help, call Glen Karlgaard at 952-431-1814.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (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

UNITED TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (UTECH) www.unitedtec.org	SOUTHERN MINNESOTA TEC www.southerntec.org
Convenor Kurt Kroening 952.920.8207	Convenor Rod Johnson 507-373-3266
Weekender Allocations Terry Lijweski 952-461-3699	Weekender Apps Leon Gregg 507-288-2347
Adult Allocations Jenni Widdifield 612-825-5784	Team Apps Chris Barber 507-346-2965
Student Team Allocations Terri Eggleston 763-421-4368	

TEC #62 at Rosemount UMC, Rosemount, January 30 – Feb. 1
TEC #63 at Faith Covenant, Burnsville, April 30 – May 2

TEC #54 at First Lutheran, Blooming Prairie, Jan. 22-25
TEC #55 at First Lutheran, Albert Lea, April 22-25

I recently received an email from a dear friend telling of his many-year struggle with shyness, pride, busy-ness, misplaced priorities and the "go-it-alone" way of life. He shared that he has seen God really use the Christian community to help him through the tough times and the good times of life.

My friend is absolutely right. To help us with grief, sadness, fear and loss, God sends people into our lives – usually through small groups of Christian brothers and sisters. God uses these wonderful people to help us with the heavy lifting that none of us can handle well. Whether it's death, cancer, physical ailments/disability, job loss, money problems, emotional distress or spiritual crisis, God adds comfort and richness to our lives with a spiritual family that really cares about us. It's the people we see every week – they're the ones who are our Christian community! We see and experience that great community on our Cursillo weekends; it's exactly what we need to take back with us and develop in our home churches. Christian community will enrich our spiritual lives!

COUNCIL UPDATE – The Council is working on a number of projects that will help prepare Unidos en Cristo for the future. Included are:

- Rewriting/updating Allocations policies/procedures
- Rewriting/updating Church Liaison policies/procedures
- Writing a UEC "Communicable Diseases" Policy
- Establishing a permanent Long Range Planning Committee

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS – Elsewhere in this issue is a nomination form for those interested in serving on the Unidos en Cristo Council. The criteria for serving are listed on the form, and all nominations should be submitted no later than April 15.

JANUARY WEEKENDS – Don't forget to keep the weekenders, team and leaders in your prayers! See you at the Clausuras!

May God bless you richly,
Glen Karlgaard, Convenor

SUNDAY MORNING SERENADE: At the April meeting the UEC Council revised the policy on the Sunday morning serenade. The revised policy states that "Both sexes are allowed to enter the sleeping area for the Sunday morning serenade. The Palanca Team is to remind everyone that opposite sex sponsors will be allowed into the sleeping areas, but not until invited to do so. Weekenders should be given opportunity to be "suitably covered" and then any opposite sex sponsors may enter."



TO ALL MUSICIANS: If you are interested in helping with Clausura music, please meet at the host church by 3:30 p.m. on Sunday to tune instruments and to receive the play list and instructions from the lead musician.

In Loving Memory - We celebrate the lives of our brothers in Christ, Leo E. Herman (#37), Jim Meyer (#93) and Leon "Jake" Jacobson (#125) 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 Don Henrich, Communications Editor, for names to be included in the Palanca Press. Email him at palanca_press@unidosencristo.net or telephone 952-922-4918. Others in the Fourth Day Community may have no other way of knowing special friends in Christ have now entered His glorious presence.

FROM: Unidos en Cristo Council

TO: Fourth Day Community

Your help is needed in soliciting nominations for the 2004-2005 Unidos en Cristo Council. Serving on the council is another way to see God's wonderful grace working in and through this lay-led renewal movement. The criteria for a prospective candidate include:

- Has attended a Cursillo/Unidos en Cristo weekend
- Has Unidos/Cursillo team experience as part of leadership
- Enjoys active support of the 4th Day Community
- Is a member in good standing of an Unidos en Cristo church
- Is an active participant in the life of his/her home church
- Can commit to monthly meetings - September through June - plus the duties of the position for a three-year term.

We ask the support of the entire Fourth Day Community as we work to select a council from a wide range of Unidos en Cristo churches. Please prayerfully consider whether you, or someone you know, should be considered for a council position. Questions may be addressed to Glen Karlgaard at 952-736-0525 or email: lutefisklover@netzero.net. For consideration, all nomination forms should be submitted no later than April 15.

Please send your nominations to: Glen Karlgaard, Convenor
13800 Fernando Ave.
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Church _____

Unidos/Cursillo weekend attended _____

Unidos/Cursillo team experience _____

Nomination submitted by _____ Phone _____

(Please make additional copies of this form as needed)

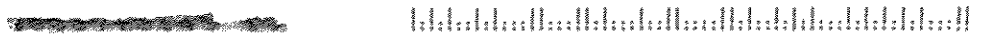
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CORRECT AND CURRENT INFORMATION NEEDED

SEND CORRECTION FORM TO:

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Marie D. Wilson
9709 Colorado Road
Bloomington, MN 55438-1740
or call:
952-835-0301
or email:
database@unidosencristo.net

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