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Support Unidos en Cristo #211 and #212

EVANGEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2645 NORTH BROADWAY, ROCHESTER
507-289-4817

Men's Unidos en Cristo #211 will be **November 3 – 6, 2005**. The weekend scripture is:
"I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'" Psalm 91:2

Women's Unidos en Cristo #212 will be **November 10 – 13, 2005**. The weekend scripture is:
"As high as the sky is above the earth, so great is his love for those who honor him." Psalm 103:11

Please note! These weekends remain in jeopardy.

They will be canceled if a minimum number of applications are not received by Tuesday, October 25.
If you are sponsoring a weekender, thank you! If cancelled, you will receive a letter soon after October 25.
If you plan to attend the Clausuras, please confirm they will be held; see the UEC website or your church liaison.



Sunday morning serenades are open to Sponsors only. 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.

DIRECTIONS: From the Twin Cities: Go south on Hwy 52 to the Rochester exit for 41st and 37th St. Stay in right lane as you go straight (across 41st) to 37th; turn left onto 37th/ CR 22. Go 2.3 miles to Broadway/US 63. Turn right and go .4 mile; Evangel is on right. From South & Southwest: Go east on I-90 to US 63 at Stewartville. Go north on 63 about 15 miles** (thru Rochester); 63 becomes N Broadway. (**You can avoid 'Rochester' but you'll hit road construction: go north on US 63 only 4.7 miles; go north on US 52 13 miles; go east on 37th St. 2.2 miles, back to US 63/Broadway. Turn right/south and go .4 mile; Evangel is on right.)

♥ Please contact the appropriate person to coordinate your palanca with their needs. ♥

Offer to help cook, serve, or wash dishes for Kitchen Teams.

Join the Palanca Teams' Prayer Vigil; see box on next page for web site sign-up info.

Help 4th Day Teams Thursday afternoon, before or after the Agapé dinner, or on Sunday morning or evening.

Men's Weekend #211

• Mark Johansen	Rector	320-253-0786
• Rann Lopnow	Kitchen Rector**	507-753-2065
• Bill Frank	4th Day Rector	507-252-8147
• Richard Gillis	Palanca Rector	507-282-8701

Women's Weekend #212

• Colleen Bocchi	Rectora	952-546-3923
• Carrie Frank	Kitchen Rectora**	507-252-8147
• Barb Paul	4th Day Rectora	507-346-7123
• Deb Schaffran	Palanca Rectora	952-888-9633

** The Men's weekend contact is Mark Clark (507-280-6292 or clarkmg@us.ibm.com). They request: lasagna; ground beef patties; bratwurst; breakfast muffins; pasta salad; potato salad. Cash donations welcome.

**The Women's weekend contact is Kathy Merkle (507-289-8832). Requested items: fresh fruits and vegetables; 10 angel food cakes; reg. and decaf coffee; hazelnut decaf coffee; cash contributions for 20# ground beef, 10# diced ham, 20# turkey breasts, 10 doz. chicken breasts, 10# American cheese.

PALANCA NOTE: We anticipate **SIX** tables at each weekend. Please include **56** items when sending palanca for distribution in the Rollo Room.

Attention 4th Day Community – Hundreds of letters from prisons and other Christian “walks” around the country and the world arrive for each UEC Weekend! Please prayerfully consider the palanca you could send: write an encouraging note, honor the weekenders with a contribution to a food shelf, shelter, or a favorite charity, or send a note with a check (made out to Unidos en Cristo #211 or #212) to help cover expenses.

Address your palanca to: Men of Unidos en Cristo #211 or Women of Unidos en Cristo #212

Mail to: Tod Paulson, 1206 Riverview Court, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-1000

email: paulson@unidosencristo.com

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

Join the UEC Weekend Prayer Vigil. Click the Palanca button on the left side of our website home page to choose the weekend and time you would like to pray (weekends through 2006 are posted). Prayer tips are available; you will be notified (usually by email) of special concerns. We all know how critical prayer is. This is a way for those who cannot physically be present to offer hands-on support. Encourage your fellow 4th Dayers to utilize this option because prayer support may be offered from wherever they are.

Unidos en Cristo #211 Men's Team Roster

RECTOR

MARK JOHANSEN, Riverside Presbyterian, Sartell

ASSISTANT RECTORS

DAN EVERSON, Hope Presbyterian, Richfield

PAUL LIBRA, Glendale UMC, Savage

MIKE MEIER, Spring Valley UMC

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LEE FRESHOUR, Albert Lea Assembly of God

DWIGHT NETZER, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

MUSIC DIRECTORS

— RUTH LAWRENCE, SouthCross Community, Burnsville

RORY MATTSO, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

WAYNE PETERSON, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

ROLLISTAS

RICH CARLSON, Glendale UMC, Savage

TIM MORGAN, Evangel UMC, Rochester

RICK PAVELKA, Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka

SCOTT STAMP, Riverside Presbyterian, Sartell

STEVE TWISS, Valley Christian, Apple Valley

TABLE LEADERS

ROBERT BLACK, Glendale UMC, Savage

DAVE CLAWSON, Excelsior Covenant

DOUG DeLEEUEW, Cross Winds UMC, Maple Grove

RON SCHMIDT, Dodge Center UMC

BRAD STAMP, Redeeming Love, Maple Grove

PALANCA RECTOR

RICHARD GILLIS, Rochester Covenant

ASSISTANT PALANCA RECTOR

DAVID JORGENSON, Rochester Covenant

PALANCA SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

ROBERT SPRINGER, Riverside Presbyterian, Sartell

PALANCA MUSIC DIRECTOR

PALANCA TEAM

CLARK DUFFEY, St. Croix Valley UMC, Lakeland

BOUWE HAMERSMA, Faith Presbyterian, Mtka

— DON HENRICH, Colonial Church, Edina

JERRY MATULA, Hastings UMC

DON MAY, Hastings UMC

TOD PAULSON, Riverside Presbyterian, Sartell

JOHN PETERSON, Rochester Covenant

MARK SKAJ, St. Francis Xavier Catholic, St. Cloud

MARK UNGS, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mtka

KITCHEN RECTOR

RANN LOPPNOW, Lake City UMC

ASSISTANT KITCHEN RECTOR

MARK CLARK, Evangel UMC, Rochester

KITCHEN TEAM

BRIAN BIMBERG, Normandale Hylands UMC, Blmgtm

JAY JUUSOLA, Delano UMC

KEITH MERCER, Summer Center UMC, Racine

CHRIS NELSON, Hastings UMC

ROGER PAHL, Our Savior Lutheran, Pine Island

TODD SIEWERT, Lake City UMC

TED SWABACK, Hastings UMC

FRED TOENNIGES, Pilgrim UMC

4TH DAY RECTOR

BILL FRANK, Evangel UMC, Rochester

ASSISTANT 4TH DAY RECTOR

GORDY HALL, Evangel UMC, Rochester

4TH DAY TEAM

LARRY KESTILA, Evangel UMC, Rochester

KEITH KOLTES, St. Wendelins, Luxemburg

DAVID LEMBKE, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

JOHN MODRY, Evangel UMC, Rochester

DAVID SERRANO, Stewartville UMC

— HANS STUDENT, Rosemount UMC

Unidos en Cristo #212 Women's Team Roster

RECTORA

COLLEEN BOCCHI, Woodridge Church, Medina

ASSISTANT RECTORAS

KAY KERRICK, Hopkins UMC
KATHY SCHMID, Christ Community, Excelsior
ROBIN THEIS, Westwood Lutheran, St. Louis Park

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

VICTORIA ASHLEY, Summer Center UMC, Racine
SR. EMILIE BORMANN, Chaplain at Federal Medical Center, Rochester

MUSIC DIRECTORS

ARLA BERRY, Calvary Baptist, Minneapolis
NAN PERRY, Evergreen Community, Burnsville

ROLLISTAS

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AUDREY MONDELLI, Normandale Hylands UMC, Blmgt
LAURA RICKER, Holy Name Catholic, Medina
BARBARA SWEANY, Brooklyn Park EFC
SONYA WORNER, Church of the Open Door, Mpl Grv

TABLE LEADERS

VIRGINIA CARTER, Hopkins UMC
BAMBI JOHNSON, Faith Presbyterian, Mtka
EILEEN QUAM, Harbor Church, Hastings
LYNN QUAM, Faith Covenant, Burnsville
DIANE SWABACK, Hastings UMC
JENNIFER THEIS, Long Lake Community
TERESA VanBATAVIA, Hopkins UMC

PALANCA RECTORA

DEB SCHAFFRAN, Normandale Hylands UMC, Blmgt

ASSISTANT PALANCA RECTORA

JANE FRANKE, Excelsior Covenant

PALANCA SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

JANICE KNIGHT, Church of the Open Door, Mpl Grv

PALANCA MUSIC DIRECTOR

DARCY NETZER, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

PALANCA TEAM

ANDREA BEUKELMAN, Faith Covenant, Burnsville
JESSICA BIMBERG, Normandale Hylands UMC, Blmgt
BONNIE CLAWSON, Excelsior Covenant
JOAN DILLINER, Hopkins UMC
—KARRIE HAMILTON, Hastings UMC
DOROTHY MILLER, Albert Lea Assembly of God
MARY JO SAVAGE, Normandale Hylands UMC, Blmgt
BONNIE SORBY, Faith Covenant, Burnsville
SHERYL STRAIN, Spring Valley UMC

KITCHEN RECTORA

CARRIE FRANK, Evangel UMC, Rochester

ASSISTANT KITCHEN RECTORA

RHONDA PAVELKA, Faith Presbyterian, Mtka

KITCHEN TEAM

KATHRYN BARTZ, Dodge Center UMC
LINDA BLAKESLEY, Faith Presbyterian, Mtka
MILLIE ENGBORG, Living Word, (Brooklyn Park?)
—TRUDI GREAVES, Rosemount UMC
LORI KESTILA, Evangel UMC, Rochester
KATHY MERKLE, Evangel UMC, Rochester
MARY JO OLSON, Stewartville UMC
DEB SERRANO, Stewartville UMC
SUE STUDENSKI, Faith Presbyterian, Mtka

FOURTH DAY RECTORA

BARB PAUL, Spring Valley UMC

ASSISTANT FOURTH DAY RECTORA

CATHY RADIL, Dodge Center UMC

FOURTH DAY TEAM

CAROLYN AITCHISON, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea
NAN BEARD, Wayzata Community
KATHY CASADY, Spring Valley UMC
CAROLYN FEIGAL, Evangel UMC, Rochester
KATHY JORDAHL, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea
KATHY LUCAS, Spring Valley UMC
NANCY PETERSON, Evangel UMC, Rochester
MELANIE SCHAAL, Fairmont Evangelical Free
JEAN VRIEZE, Evangel UMC, Rochester

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

(John 15:12-17)

Jesus is counting on us. Let us do as he commanded, let us love one another.

Let us strive to be good leaders, doing the work that God prepared for us,
the work that we have been equipped to do. Let us share UEC with friends and neighbors.

Dear God, help us celebrate the gifts you give by sharing them quickly, generously, and openly. Let our giving startle the people of the world so that they "May see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven." In the name of Jesus Christ, the one who showed us the greatest love. Amen.

(adapted from a 2006 devotional guide for congregation councils)

WELCOME TO THE 4TH DAY!
PARTICIPANT LIST FROM UNIDOS EN CRISTO #209 AND #210
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER

Larry and Debbie Bell, Hope Presbyterian, Richfld
Jon and Pat Bjork, First UMC, Lindstrom
Barb Bricher, Wyoming UMC
Dianne Carroll, Christ Community, Excelsior
Carol Chase, Church of the Open Door, Mpl Grv
Nancy Crider, St. Lucas Community, Lake Elmo
Doug and Jackie Dean, St. Croix Valley UMC,
Lakeland
Mike and Andrea Dronen, First UMC, Lindstrom
Joni Feig, Colonial Church, Edina
Jesse Figueroa, First UMC, Lindstrom
Susan Florman, Faith Presbyterian, Mtka
Nancy Grossman, First UMC, Lindstrom
Dee Heezen, Fourth Ave UMC, Faribault
Jonathan and Jennifer Hobbs, Colonial Ch, Edina
Rachel Holmes, Colonial Church, Edina
Dianna Johnson, Fourth Ave UMC, Faribault
Mary Kitchell, Dodge Center UMC

Ruth Lehmann, First Presbyterian, Stillwater
Tammy McCaskey, First UMC, Lindstrom
Andrew Magembe, St. Croix Valley UMC,
Lakeland
Brendon Maness, SouthCross Community, Brnsvl
John Moeller, Fairmont Evangelical Covenant
Mary Neary, First Presbyterian, Stillwater
Chris and Kim Nelson, Hastings UMC
Larry Parkos, Fourth Ave UMC, Faribault
Shari Peterson, Summit Ave Assembly of God
Marj Provo, Hennepin Ave UMC
John and Patty Russ, St. Croix Valley UMC,
Lakeland
Ken and Ann Stenger, North Branch UMC
Darrell and Joanna Von Bergen, Summit Ave AOG
Bill and Hildegard Wilson, Stillwater EFC
Matthew Wyatt, Christ Community, Excelsior

What we heard at their Clausuras:

- † This was like the sacraments – a physical demonstration of God's love and grace.
- † What happens to you matters to me.
- † You prayed for us by name. It means a lot.
- † Satan can turn out the lights, but he can't stop the party.
- † I don't cry. I carry these (tissues) for everybody.
- † I prayed I wouldn't be with anyone 'way out there.' She prayed the same thing. We're both way out there yet we share a deep friendship, and that shows the possibilities.
- † Christ is counting on us. We are the plan.

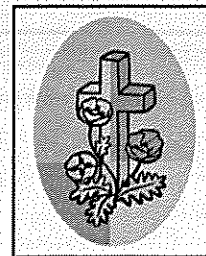
In Loving Memory

There is beauty in both the beginning and end of life
because God fills each person with purpose and splendor.

Our journey begins with love and grace, and when it ends
we are ushered into the glory of God's presence.

We joyfully celebrate the life and resurrection
of our sisters-in-Christ who have entered the 5th Day.

Pam Cooper (UEC # 62, Hope Presbyterian, Richfield)
Bea McClanahan (UEC #146, Norwood / Mayer UMC)



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: Bill Scarff, 3489 Fairway Dr. Mtka, MN 55345. If you know of a Cursillista who has entered his or her Fifth Day, please email the Palanca Press Editor (sundeen@unidosencristo.com) with names to be included in the newsletter. Others in the Fourth Day Community may have no other way of knowing that their friends-in-Christ have entered His presence.

Unidos en Cristo Weekend Watch

Weekend:	# 213 (Men)	# 214 (Women)	# 215 (Men)	# 216 (Women)
Date:	January 19-22, 2006 Colonial Church of Edina	January 26-29, 2006 Colonial Church of Edina	May 11-14, 2006 Brooklyn UMC Brooklyn Center	May 18-21, 2006 Brooklyn UMC Brooklyn Center
Rector(a):	Gordy Nagel	Kerry Manthei		
Application Dates: Team Member Weekender	Aug 15 – Sept 15, '05 Nov 8 – Dec 6, '05*	Aug 15 – Sept 15, '05 Nov 8 – Dec 6, '05*	Nov 10 – Dec 10, '05 (Mar – early April)*	Nov 10 – Dec 10, '05 (Mar – early April)*
Weekend:	# 217 (Men)	# 218 (Women)	# 219 (Men)	# 220 (Women)
Date:	August 10-13, 2006 Normandale Hylands UMC, Bloomington	August 17-20, 2006 Normandale Hylands UMC, Bloomington	October 19-22, 2006 First Presbyterian Albert Lea	October 26-29, 2006 First Presbyterian Albert Lea
Application Dates: Team Member Weekender	(Mar 10 – April 10)	(Mar 10 – April 10)	(May 15 – June 15)	(May 15 – June 15)

* **Preference will be given to applications received in this time frame; applications will be accepted after these dates if the weekend hasn't filled.** If you have a weekender that could attend an upcoming weekend after the printed application dates, the Church Liaison should contact Don Henrich (henrich@unidosencristo.com) to determine if space is still available. Note: Weekender applications should be sent by Church Liaisons to: Don Henrich, Allocations

4113 W. 45th Street
Edina, MN 55424

The Weekender application fee is \$30.

****** NOTICE TO SPONSORS, LIAISONS, AND FUTURE TEAM MEMBERS ******

ALL UEC PAPERWORK OPTIONS are available on our web site! These forms will occasionally appear in the Palanca Press, but it isn't feasible to include them in every issue. Church Liaisons should have copies available for Cursillistas who don't have access to the web yet want to sponsor a weekender or serve on a team. When various forms do appear in the PPress, you may wish to save unused copies in your 4th Day file.

WEEKENDER APPLICATION forms are available on the 4th Day and *Weekends* pages.

They should be sent to Don Henrich by the Church Liaison.

LAY/CLERGY SPONSOR forms and **TEAM REQUEST** forms are available on the 4th Day page.

****** REMEMBER THE ON-LINE PRAYER VIGIL ******

"Always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:15-18)

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." (Theodore Roosevelt)

No matter where you are, you can be in prayer for the weekenders and team members.

May they be bound in love, comforting, encouraging and celebrating one another, seeing the face of God in each other, recognizing a little bit of heaven-on-earth, and witnessing miracles.

Let the team know that you will be praying for them at a certain time; let them notify you of special concerns.

See the box at top of page two to sign up for the Prayer Vigil.

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 Application individual listed below if you would like to serve as an Adult Leader on a weekend.

UNITED TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (UTEC) www.unitedtec.org
 Convenor Susan Lijweski 952-461-3699
 Weekender Allocations Mark/Emily Pahl 952-403-6390
 Adult Allocations Kevin Meyer 651-436-5161
 Student Team Apps Wendy/Mark Stahnke 715-386-6240

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA TEC www.southernntec.org
 Convenor Greg Schimek 507-553-8934
 Weekender Apps Leon Gregg 507-288-2347
 Team Apps Chris Barber 507-346-2965

UTEC #69 at Arlington Hills, Maplewood

(October)

TEC #61 at Gloria Dei Lutheran, Rochester Oct 21-23

TEC #62 at Trinity Lutheran, Blue Earth Jan 27-29

YOUR UNIDOS EN CRISTO COUNCIL -- 2005-2006

These Cursillistas gather the fourth Tuesday of each month September through June. If you have questions or concerns regarding the Unidos en Cristo community, you may contact any one of them for information and representation. To email any voting member: (last name)@unidosencristo.com

Convenor, Leadership Development	Clark Duffey	715-386-2543	St. Croix Valley UMC
Co-Convenor, Leadership Training	Dick Hamblin	952-949-0779	Christ Community
Secretary	Carla Lorenz	763-425-2003	Church of the Open Door
Treasurer	Bill Scarff	952-939-0304	Faith Presbyterian
Allocations	Don Henrich	952-922-4918	Colonial Church of Edina
Leadership Development	Lee Peterson	651-423-3718	Faith Covenant
Leadership Training	Kory Everson	612-866-7606	Hope Presbyterian
	Susan Stevens	952-937-0483	Eden Prairie Assembly of God
Liaison Coordinator	Leanne Bondhus	952-423-4088	BridgePointe Covenant
New Churches	Deb Johansen	320-253-0786	Riverside Presbyterian
Palanca	Tod Paulson	320-252-7210	Riverside Presbyterian
P Press Editor/Communications	Nancy Sundeen	612-798-1681	Hennepin Avenue UMC
Site Selection	Kathy Nelson	952-937-2016	Faith Presbyterian
Supplies	Bob Fallat	952-938-3903	Minnetonka UMC
Clergy	Bruce Bjork	507-665-3981	Le Sueur UMC
	Lee Freshour	507-373-8989	Albert Lea Assembly of God
	(one clergy position remains open)		

Supporting Non-voting Council Members

Bulk Mailing/Labels	Roger Wilson	952-835-0301	Normandale Hylands UMC
Database Manager/Manuals	Marie Wilson	952-835-0301	Normandale Hylands UMC
Historian	Carole Snyder	763-559-1989	Delano UMC
Kitchen Resources	Brian Rodeck	763-428-3002	Brooklyn Park EVFree
Music Liaison	Gail Karlgaard	952-431-1814	Hosanna Lutheran
Technical Database Support	Reuben Finstrom	952-830-0085	Normandale Hylands UMC
TEC Liaison	Brad Wing	952-474-0786	Church of the Open Door
Webmaster	Tim Cimbura	763-420-7083	Church of the Open Door

**** READ THIS ONLINE! ****

When does your Palanca Press arrive via the US Mail? Is it after the weekends have started? Do you feel it's too late to send a palanca note? Do you wish you'd had a reminder to sign up for the prayer vigil? Let us know that you want an email notification, and you'll get a message 7-10 days BEFORE the US bulk mailing goes out. You can read it immediately on the 4th Day area of our web page: www.unidosencristo.com. Simply email database@unidosencristo.com, providing your email address, to request this change in delivery. Be assured that your email address will only be used for UEC communications.

A password is necessary to access the 4th Day area of our website. It allows us to distribute the Palanca Press electronically while protecting private information that is in it. **The current password is "1010101".**

Have you had any kind of change in your Antivirus or Firewall that has perhaps BLOCKED emails from UEC? If you have the option to do so, please add unidosencristo@mn.rr.com to your 'approved', 'buddy', 'safe' or 'trusted sender' list to prevent your ISP's filter from interpreting future email messages from UEC as SPAM.

**** TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS ****

Consider making a year-end tax-deductible gift to UEC. Send monies to support weekends and the repair or replacement of supplies to Bill Scarff, UEC Treasurer; 3489 Fairway Dr. Mtka, MN 55345. Or designate on a 501-C-3 form (see your employer) that your United Way contribution go to UEC; specify "Unidos en Cristo - 9709 Colorado Rd, Bloomington, MN 55438. Please remember that a direct contribution is more beneficial to the 4th Day Community because the United Way keeps a percentage of gifts for administrative purposes.

CONVENOR'S CORNER

DeColores, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Following Glen Karlgaard as convenor is a humbling challenge, but Glen was a good mentor to me as his co-convenor and leadership trainer. Unidos became a personal passion after attending life-changing weekend #49 in 1988 and even more so after serving on teams. We're blessed with a dedicated Council and I look forward to working with them -- and you -- this year.

What will be the Unidos Council's primary activities in the coming year?

While Council members make a myriad of policy decisions on behalf of the UEC movement during monthly Council meetings, each person is also responsible for specific tasks in order to keep our movement moving and on-track. Key individual and/or committee assignments include: selecting churches to host weekends; choosing the rector, rectora and clergy for weekends; then training them and the leadership team thus recruited; managing supplies, finances, the database of 4th Day addresses and manual modifications; weekend palanca; communications with church liaisons and the 4th Day Community, and much more.

There are a number of overall goals for the coming year, including:

- 1) Increasing weekend attendance. Weekends aren't about quantity [*numbers*], but quality – experiencing God's grace through this short course in Christian living. That said, to be good stewards of the time and money invested in these "best ever" weekends, we must have a reasonable number of participants.

You hopefully read the "**WANTED: Sponsors**" postcard recently mailed to the five-state 4th Day Community. This was a reminder that, "Christ is counting on you" to share these potentially life-changing weekends with others. It was specifically sent because we needed applications for the November weekends.

If you, yourself, are not comfortable inviting someone to become a weekender, ask someone in your community who is, saying that you will be happy to be the sponsor, if that person or couple says, "Yes." Conversely, my wife and I have invited people to attend, even though we were unable to personally be their sponsor. We simply promised to link them up with a sponsor, then did. Another method that works when one is unsure about being a sponsor is to be co-sponsors with an experienced sponsor.

Church liaisons, the Palanca Press and "you" are our links with your church's community. Liaisons typically distribute weekender and sponsor application forms, remind us when applications are due or additional openings become available, then they submit the properly processed applications. But liaisons "retire," move away or simply change email addresses with the result that their church, your 4th Day Community and the Unidos Council are often unaware that they are no longer in the loop.

We ask you to help keep YOUR 4th Day Community in contact with us as well as become a sponsor.

- 2) Maintaining focus. While denominations and churches are becoming embroiled in a number of social issues, it is the core mission of UEC to remain focused on who unites us, Jesus Christ.
- 3) Exploring future potentials. An independent Long Range Committee of dedicated Cursillistas will make recommendations as to possible new directions and/or improvements for Unidos.

We pray you will continue to grow in your faith and reflect His love to others.

In His service together,
Clark Duffey, Convenor
715-386-2543 cduffey@presenter.com

Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

(Hebrews 13:16)

Consider special Palanca ideas to enable others to serve or sponsor:

- † Invite a sponsor to spend Saturday night at your home so a road trip on Sunday morning doesn't sound so awful.
- † Create "Visitation Teams" and a "Lay Leader Sunday" so your pastor can take time to serve and be rewarded.

Heard an excuse? Have a solution? Share your ideas! Send them to sundeen@unidosencristo.com

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Bloomington, MN 55438-1740

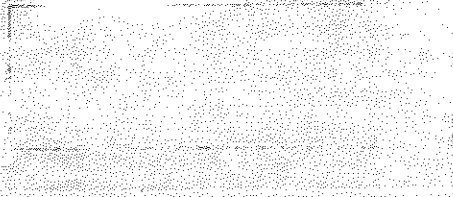
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CORRECT AND CURRENT INFORMATION NEEDED

SEND CORRECTION FORM TO:

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

Name _____

Old Address _____

Old Phone # _____

New Address _____

New Phone # _____

Present Church Membership _____

Date new info will be in effect _____

Signature _____