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Support Unidos en Cristo #219 and #220

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
308 WATER STREET, ALBERT LEA 56007 507-373-2035

Men's Unidos en Cristo #219 will be **October 19-22**. The weekend scripture is:
"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Women's Unidos en Cristo #220 will be **October 26-29**. The weekend scripture is:
"Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,
or with the breadth of His hand marked off the heavens?" Isaiah 40:12



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: Go south on I-35 to exit #12 / US-65. Go about 3.5 miles (US-65 becomes Main St. as you enter Albert Lea) and turn right onto Washington Ave. Turn left onto Water St.; our host church is on the right.

It's fall. Consider how you live in the harvest season.

Give thanks for the abundant blessings you have known. Remember Christ's words: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:37-38) Promise your first fruits to God, and invite others to experience the abundance of love.

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

Sign up on the Weekend Prayer Vigil (www.unidosencristo.com); pray for God's will, and for the weekenders, team, sponsors, and 4th Day supporters. Offer to help cook, serve, or wash dishes for Kitchen Teams. Help 4th Day Teams Thursday afternoon, before or after the Agapé dinner, or on Sunday morning or evening.

Men's Weekend #219

• Mark Turgeon	Rector	952-891-1248
• Larry Lawrence	Kitchen Rector**	952-994-2724 or 952-432-1971
• Dave Holland	4th Day Rector	507-533-8891
• Bill Radil	Palanca Rector	507-527-2293

Women's Weekend #220

• Jane Franke	Rectora	952-473-2422
• Becky Johnson	Kitchen Rectora**	507-377-3812
• Carolyn Aitchison	4th Day Rectora	507-377-7047
• Bonnie Clawson	Palanca Rectora	952-316-0188

** **The Men's weekend** requests: Catawba juice, wild rice, cheesecake, chicken cordon bleu and Salisbury steaks. Please contact Larry by phone (above) or at llawrence@rhsrealty.com.

****The Women's weekend** requests: Catawba juice; Agapé dinner dessert; bottled water and juices; fresh fruits and vegetables; coffee; and cash contributions for hamburger and chicken breasts. Please contact Linda Hope at Maury.Linda@mchsi.com or 515-965-1060.

PALANCA NOTE: We anticipate **FIVE** tables at the men's weekend and **SIX** at the women's. When sending Palanca for distribution in the Rollo Room, please include 48 items for the men and **56** items for the women.

Paper Palanca: Hundreds of letters arrive for each UEC weekend from Christian walks around the country and the world! 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 #219 or #220) to help cover expenses.

Address your palanca to: Men of Unidos en Cristo #219 or Women of Unidos en Cristo #220

Mail to: Gordy Nagel, 514 Del Rio Dr. Chanhassen, MN 55317

Email: nagel@unidosencristo.com

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

Prayer Palanca: We all know how critical prayer is. Those who cannot physically support the weekend are encouraged to pray wherever they are. Brief 'arrow' prayers may be made whenever God brings the weekend to mind. If you can, join the **UEC Weekend Prayer Vigil**. Click the Palanca button on the left side of our website home page (www.unidosencristo.com) and choose the time you prefer. Prayer tips are also available.

Unidos en Cristo #219 Men's Team Roster

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BARB WESTURN, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

Church Liaison Meeting

Sunday, October 29, 3:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

Ask others how their communities invite weekenders and nurture fellow cursillistas. Share ideas that can strengthen your church family. Explore the possibilities. This will be a terrific Q and A opportunity. As the Bible says, "For everyone who asks receives." (Luke 11:9)

Leanne Bondhus, UEC Church Liaison Coordinator, knows that some churches do not have a designated liaison. If you are interested in possibly being your CL, please visit with her and the others. You do not make a commitment by revealing an interest.

A New UEC Logo Really Is Coming, Just Not Yet

Yes, it was right here in the last issue of the Palanca Press that you were invited to submit designs for a new UEC logo. You were also told that the winning design and all artists would be recognized in this issue. Oops. The choice hasn't been made yet. Those who struggle with the decision thank each person who submitted artwork.

Oh, Thank You, God for the joy of an abundant life!

WELCOME TO THE 4TH DAY!
PARTICIPANT LIST FROM UNIDOS EN CRISTO #217 AND #218
NORMANDALE HYLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BLOOMINGTON

Lori Alexander, Hope Presbyterian, Richfield
Harry and Darlene Andre, Normandale Hylands UMC
Nancy Ballard, Plymouth Covenant
Chris Bloomer, Hosanna! Lutheran, Lakeville
Brad and Julie Brunet, North Branch UMC
Clarence and Bonnie Byersdorfer,
Normandale Hylands UMC, Blmgtn
Mary Carroll, North Branch UMC
Jeff and Julia Clark, East Immanuel Lutheran, St. Pl
Kari Clark, Colonial Church of Edina
John and Karyn Cobb, Riverside Reformed, Blmgtn
Laura Collins, Ch of the Open Door, Maple Grove
Mark and Ruth Enge, East Immanuel Lutheran, St. Pl
Wes and Teresa Erbstoesser, Braham Covenant
Holly Frye, Pilgrim UMC, Plymouth
Francine Gamble, Normandale Hylands UMC, Blmgtn
Paul and Deb Garrett, Christ Community, Excelsior
Shannon Glassel, SouthCross Community, Brnsvl
Jeannette Harrington, Rosemount UMC
Rich and Karla Iverson, Hosanna! Lutheran, Lakeville
Ann Jensen, Christ Presbyterian, Edina

Mike and Cindi Johnson, People of Hope, Rochester
Sharon Kephart, Brooklyn Park UMC
Jon Lewis, Normandale Hylands UMC, Blmgtn
Amber Lines, Fourth Ave UMC, Faribault
Jan Maruska, Hope Presbyterian, Richfield
Tim and Tracey McCoy, First Baptist, Grove City
David and Tammy Myles, Brooklyn Park EFC
Diane Penman, First Presbyterian, Hudson
Robby and Terri Powell, St. Lucas Community,
Lake Elmo
Dick and Joyce Reinke, Normandale Hylands UMC
Pamela Stuemke, Hosanna! Lutheran, Lakeville
Steve and Lorna Tall, Cedar Valley, Bloomington
Sarah Toepke, Normandale Hylands UMC, Blmgtn
Marvin and Joan Trulsen, East Immanuel Lutheran,
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Lisa Tschetter, Christ Presbyterian, Edina
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Minnetonka
Kevin and Kris Zanker, Faith Covenant, Brnsvl

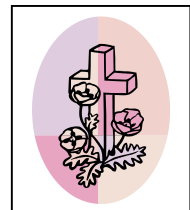
Clausura comments of these weekenders included:

- † Lord, you're off the hook... I had the Lord way underrated and myself way overrated.
- † I am not alone, and I am loved more than I ever thought possible.
- † I'm big on details... it shows continual, unconditional love in so many details.
- † My entire engine was rebuilt and rewired.
- † To the world I am one person, but to one person I am the world.
- † It was the best retreat because it reminds us we have something to do after it.
- † Guy things weren't making me happy... God loves me. I'm happy.
- † He is so real I can see Him in faces. Caring and grace is seen in everyone's eyes.
- † We're all called to be sacraments of God's grace. Let us be called by God to speak and live out God's love.

In Loving Memory

We joyfully celebrate the life and resurrection of each friend-in-Christ who has entered the 5th Day.

Don Bennett: UEC #31, Hennepin Ave UMC, Mpls (Florence)
Paul Eslinger: UEC #91, Rosemount UMC (Violet)
Carol Gay: UEC #30, Wayzata Community (Roger)
DeLora Sulander: VDC #272 (Emil)



A memorial has been received to honor the life of DeLora Sulander.

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. Mtna, 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:	# 221 (Men)	# 222 (Women)	# 223 (Men)	# 224 (Women)
Date:	March 15-18, 2007 Rosemount UMC	March 22-25, 2007 Rosemount UMC	June 14-17, 2007 Faith Presbyterian Minnetonka	June 21-24, 2007 Faith Presbyterian Minnetonka
Rector/Rectora: Spiritual Directors:				
Application Dates* Team Member Weekender	Oct 16 – Nov 17 Jan 11 – Feb 6	Oct 16 – Nov 17 Jan 11 – Feb 6	Jan 15 – Feb 16 April 12 – May 8	Jan 15 – Feb 16 April 12 – May 8
Weekend:	# 225 (Men)	# 226 (Women)		
Date:	Nov. 8-11, 2007 St. Croix Valley UMC Lakeland	Nov. 15-18, 2007 St. Croix Valley UMC Lakeland		
Application Dates* Team Member Weekender	June 4 – July 6 Sept 6 – Oct 2	June 4 – July 6 Sept 6 – Oct 2		

*** 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 application dates posted above, the Church Liaison should contact Don Henrich (henrich@unidosencristo.com) to determine if space is available.

Please 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.

ALL UEC PAPERWORK is available on our web site! Your Church Liaison should have copies available if you 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 Palanca Press, you may wish to save unused copies in your 4th Day file.

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

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

READ THIS ONLINE! Send an email to database@unidosencristo.com, thereby providing your address, to request an email notification whenever the latest issue of the Palanca Press is available on-line. Be assured that your address will only be used for UEC communications.

GET IN WITH ACTION! A password is necessary to access the 4th Day area of our website; it allows electronic distribution of the Palanca Press while protecting private information found within it. We have established the long-term password "action" to ensure your immediate and hassle-free access to restricted areas of the site. A hint ("The password is the third leg of the stool, i.e., piety, study, _ _ _ _ _.") appears on the website to help you, and the hint will change when it is necessary to update the word.

Have you had any kind of change in your Antivirus or Firewall that may block 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.

SINGLES' ULTREYAS are opportunities for singles of the 4th Day Community to meet for renewal and fellowship. Join others at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Visit www.mnviadecristo.org/news for more info.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) is an opportunity for teenagers (grades 10-12 suggested) 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 (UTECH) www.unitedtec.org		SOUTHERN MINNESOTA TEC www.southerntec.org	
Convenor	Susan Lijweski 952-461-3699	Convenor	Greg Schimek 507-553-8934
Weekender Allocations	Mark/Emily Pahl 952-403-6390	Weekender Apps	Leon Gregg 507-288-2347
Adult Allocations	Kevin Meyer 651-436-5161	Team Apps	Chris Barber 507-346-2965
Student Team Apps	Wendy/Mark Stahnke 715-386-6240	TEC #65 in Faribault	Oct. 20-22
		TEC #66 in Rochester	Jan. 26-28

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.

Convenor	Clark Duffey	715-386-2543	St. Croix Valley UMC
Co-Convenor, Leader Development	Dick Hamblin	952-949-0779	Christ Community
Secretary	Kathy Walker	952-891-4660	Hosanna! Lutheran
Treasurer	Bill Scarff	952-932-0074	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
	Tod Paulson	320-252-7210	Riverside Church
	Susan Stevens	952-937-0483	Eden Prairie Assembly of God
Liaison Coordinator	Leanne Bondhus	612-382-9112	BridgePointe Covenant
New Churches	Darla O'Flanagan	763-675-3960	Buffalo UMC
Palanca	Gordy Nagel	952-934-2033	Christ Community
P Press Editor/Communications	Nancy Sundeen	612-798-1681	In transition
Site Selection	Kathy Nelson	952-937-2016	Faith Presbyterian
Supplies	Brian LaLuzerne	952-440-3794	Faith Covenant
Clergy	Don Eslinger	952-896-1136	Normandale Hylands UMC
	Pam Jensen	952-937-2024	First Congregational
	Kent Slavik	952-448-5500	Resurrection Life

Thank
You!

Please join these Council members in expressing sincere appreciation to: Bruce Bjork, Bob Fallat, Lee Freshour, Deb Johansen, and Carla Lorenz. Their ministries to our community have been many, and their summer commitments have ensured a smooth transition for new leadership.

Council members also wish to recognize and thank the following Cursillistas whose ministries have supported and continue to support UEC teams and our Fourth Day community.

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			
Kitchen Resources	Brian Rodeck	763-428-3002	Brooklyn Park EFC
Music Liaison	Gail Karlgaard	952-431-1814	Bethlehem Baptist
Technical Database Support	Reuben Finstrom	952-830-0085	Normandale Hylands UMC
TEC Liaison			
Webmaster	Tim Cimbura	763-420-7083	Church of the Open Door

Please note that Carole Snyder (Delano UMC) and Brad Wing (Church of the Open Door) have recently 'retired' from their supportive roles; if you are interested in serving the UEC community as our Historian or TEC Liaison, please contact a Council member.

Let's Keep in Touch!

The post office will not forward Third Class mail. If you are away for the winter, please contact Marie Wilson at database@unidosencristo.com or 952-835-0301. Since returned newsletters raise our mailing expenses, please remember that you are removed from the *Palanca Press* mailing list after two (2) returns. If you wish to be re-activated, please advise Marie, including all of your old and new contact information.

Where are the sponsors?

As I write this, the Council and I are concerned about the relatively few sponsors who've filled out the forms to sponsor a weekender or couple for the upcoming weekends. Super teams are assembled and have been preparing for "best ever" weekends in an excellent church facility long accustomed to accommodating UEC weekends. (I fondly remember my weekend, #49, spent at First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea.) And these fall weekends aren't conflicting with hunting season. So where are the weekenders?

We're reminded that there isn't the waiting list that we once had, and we're asked what happened to the zeal that dominated our renewal movement in the past. Has the movement been forgotten, lost something, or changed dramatically?

The answer is complex, but by listening to weekenders and team members who've participated in recent weekends, we're convinced that weekends still have their life-changing impact. They were "best ever" weekends for those who experienced them. So, what has changed?

We know that changing UEC policy to add a table on women's weekends -- not restricting the number of women to the number of men sponsored -- has significantly helped more women attend, reducing their waiting time. But that's only part of the explanation.

A recurring comment is that our churches have changed. Where once UEC was THE primary effort outside normal church worship and study activities, there are now a number of programs competing for the time of the participants and leaders.

Many churches have embraced *"The Purpose Driven Church"* and embarked upon special *"40 Days of Purpose"* programs. Churches have also begun running Alpha programs to reach seekers. Plus, formalized small group study/social groups have been encouraged at many churches. And there are other programs as well.

Cursillistas are quite often involved in the leadership of these programs within their churches and they lament that their time is now so fractioned that they just don't have time to do everything. Pastors also indicate that due to these programs they have placed less emphasis on the "Cursillo" weekends. We're told that this is true for the other "Cursillo" movements as well.

What is the message in all this? The dedicated, independent Long Range Task Force reported that we, as individuals of the 4th Day Community and the Council, have to be less passive, more active in promoting the movement, to lift the veil of secrecy and to better communicate what UEC is so that more prospective weekenders will want to attend, and feel comfortable

attending. How do we do this?

Personal witness. We simply tell friends and church members about our weekend, what it was like, what it meant to us, and we invite them to experience it. That doesn't mean revealing the surprises, but talking about hearing and discussing interesting, relevant talks; singing special music; meeting people from a broad range of churches, who have become special friends; discovering or renewing your faith, and gaining insights into more fully living and sharing your faith. Or, whatever you found special. And, it's certainly appropriate to tell them that you had fun, that it was a great getaway, an excellent experience, a true gift.

Projects in the works include a video and brochure to help you tell the story of UEC. This can help, but don't wait. Your testimony as a trusted friend or church member is the best incentive for someone to attend a weekend. Make it a point to invite others to this three day experience.

As my pastor said, *"we are called to be fishers of people, not keepers of the aquarium."* It's about sharing the Good News with people, rekindling and renewing their faith. Remember, *"Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!"* *"Christ is counting on you."* Christ is counting on all of us.

Serving Him together,

Clark Duffey, Convenor
duffy@unidosencristo.com

What Has Encouraged You to Sponsor?

Council members would like to learn from you. Please let one of them know what "works" (or doesn't work) so that UEC resources are used wisely. Again, please let us know. Thanks!

- † My weekend.
- † My sponsor.
- † My renewal group.
- † Friends who've shared their sponsor stories.
- † A brochure I found in my palanca bag.
- † A postcard reminder.
- † An email request.
- † A phone call.
- † Prayer.
- † A nudge from God.
- † My church's Ultreya.
- † The enthusiasm of recent weekenders.
- † Attending a Rollo send-off/thanksgiving.
- † Attending a Clausura.

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Remember the October Weekends! The next ones are in March.

Celebrate Twenty-Five Years of UEC!

Sunday, January 28, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Church of the Open Door, Maple Grove

Celebration verse: “For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver.” Psalm 66:10

From a Rollo on leaders: A silversmith described his craft’s process to a woman who wanted to understand why Christ was compared to a refiner of silver. He ended by saying, “the only way that he knows when he’s done is when he sees his own image reflected in the silver.”

From a Rollo on grace: A connection with God produces a purifying fire, rooted in the soul.

From the UEC songbook:

Have you ever stood in the family,
with the Lord there in your midst?
Seen the face of Christ on each other?
Then I say, you’ve seen Jesus, my Lord.”

You are invited to a very special Ultreya!

Remember your weekend, the friends you have sponsored, and the teams on which you’ve served. UEC leaders are creating a mini-weekend for this three hour event, and you may be surprised how much fun will fit into just “this much time.” Then again, maybe not...Cursillistas learn early about surprises, and the grace and power of God. Hear testimonies, raise your voice in prayer and song, share communion and abrazos with your friends-in-Christ. Share a potluck supper.

You are invited to serve.

Teams are now forming for this mini-weekend. You may choose to serve on the Rollo Room, Kitchen, Palanca, 4th Day, or Music Team. Spiritual Directors are also needed. Please contact Paul or Carla Lorenz at lorenz@unidosencristo.com.

Come, feel God’s love, and see the face of Christ.