

Unidos en Cristo

Christ is Counting on You

News of Unidos en Cristo Minnesota

Special Sponsorship Issue, August 2007

Dear UEC Brothers and Sisters,

This special *Sponsorship* issue of the Palanca Press is a resource to help you

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ

Remember:

Take a moment and reflect on your first UEC experience. Relive in your mind and soul the impact it had on your life. Recognize the changes you have made in yourself, your family, your friends and your community as a result of that weekend. Revive the desire you had at the end of your weekend to 'share it with everyone you know'!

Pray:

Now, pray. Thank God for your UEC experience. Ask, "Who do I know that You want to experience Your grace in this way — through UEC?" Be still. Listen. Write down the names of the people who God lays on your heart in the place provided inside this newsletter!

Invite:

Obtain a weekend application and the [NEW UEC DVD](#). Make plans to get together with the first person or couple on your list. Read this special issue of the Palanca Press, taking note of ideas and resources that may be helpful to you when inviting someone to UEC. Most of the resources are available at the UEC web site.

Sponsor:

We often hear from those who have been involved with UEC for many years that their weekend was wonderful, but sponsorship and team experiences are even better. It's true. Seeing someone experience God's grace in a fresh and real way is as overwhelmingly joyful as experiencing it for yourself.

Share:

Remember that sponsorship does not have to be accomplished alone, but it is our privilege together as a community. Co-sponsorship is definitely encouraged and fun!

Please remember that you can contact us at any time with your questions, as well as your ideas and suggestions.

Peace to You!

The Unidos en Cristo Council

"... so that the **Grace**
that is **Reaching** more and more people
may cause **Thanksgiving** to overflow
to the **Glory** of God!"

2 Corinthians 4:15 NIV

Why to Invite

Reasons

- UEC extends God's grace in a fresh and different way.
- UEC renews one's personal relationship with Christ.
- UEC works to inspire Christ-centered living.
- UEC provides rare and unique Christian fellowship, friendship and community.
- It is an opportunity to extend Palanca by providing child care or other needs for the one attending UEC.
- Sponsorship will keep UEC alive and active.
- UEC encourages service in the local church.
- Interdenominational connections renew unity in God's church at large.
- UEC gently motivates Christian people to become Christian leaders.
- UEC offers the gift of three days without time restrictions, away from one's busy life, often bringing clarity and peace.
- While sponsorship is a self-less gift to another, it is also a way to experience God's grace.
- Because your UEC "was the best ever"!
- Because ...

*Christ is counting on you
to share grace with
those you know.*

How to Invite

The Individual Invitation

Try co-sponsoring with a friend. It's fun!

Initiate a casual conversation at a baseball game, on a fishing trip, walking the dogs. Tell about your weekend and offer to sponsor.

Invite a friend for a light lunch. Watch the DVD together.

Send a formal invitation to attend UEC. Follow up with a phone call inviting interested people to view the DVD.

The Group Invitation

Host a "Curious about Cursillo?" luncheon after a Sunday morning service at your church.

Invite a few people to your home to view the DVD. Give a UEC brochure and application. Follow up with a phone call offering sponsorship.

The Community Invitation

Show the DVD during a church service. Be available as a community to give brochures and answer questions!

Put together a list of people in your community willing to sponsor as well as a list of people in your church who might enjoy UEC. Match sponsors with people. Be creative with the invitation process ... have a DVD/popcorn party or a mystery dinner. Work together!

Who to Invite

Pray

Who does God want you to invite to UEC?

Make a Friend

Inviting someone you may not know is an opportunity to "Make a Friend"!

Basic Policies

- Those you invite must be active in a UEC church.
- Those you invite must be at least 21 years old.
- A married couple must attend together.

For more information about allocations, contact your Church Liaison or Council member Don Henrich.

Keep This in Mind

Remember that the mission of Unidos en Cristo is *"To revive and strengthen Christian commitment and community in the local church."* UEC is not meant to replace the services of pastoral or psychological counseling or be a place of rehabilitation.

Invite people of all ages! Those in their 20s and 30s are the future of UEC. Those 40+ are the wisdom of UEC.

Remember God's timing. We've all heard testimonies of those who waited 2-3 years to attend. Once they did, it was clear that God's timing was perfect!

What to Say

Tell about Your UEC!

Tell people what your weekend meant to you and how it has changed the way you live. Answer questions honestly.

Common Q & A

What about the 'secrets'?

Palanca, Stations of the Cross, the Agape Dinner.

These are NOT secrets ... They ARE surprises!

A secret is a detail withheld for the benefit of the withholder. A surprise is a detail withheld for the benefit of the receiver, such as a Christmas gift or the ending of a great movie!

What about the accommodations?

If someone is concerned about sleeping on the floor, explain that mattresses are provided and roll away beds can be obtained for special needs. If lack of showers is a concern, explain that a swim break is scheduled which includes a time to shower. If they have been told the food is scarce and this is a concern, explain that the food is fine and abundant.

What about doctrine?

UEC is ecumenical. Any doctrine that is discussed is common to all Christian denominations. The focus is on Jesus and the working of God's grace in our lives. UEC's official faith statement can be viewed on the UEC web site.

What Motivates You to Sponsor?

There is only one way to pass on the gift of UEC. That is by sponsoring. Enclosed, please find the "UEC Sponsorship Survey 07". We want to hear what you have to say about UEC sponsorship. Is the process clear to you? Have you sponsored? What was your experience like? If you haven't, why? What would motivate you to sponsor more often? Please take a few moments, right now, complete the survey and send it back to us. This feedback will be used to make improvements and increase sponsorship. Thank you!

People I Want to Sponsor

*"This weekend was Amazing ...
the reality of God's Kingdom here on earth."
"I'm renewed, revived and ready to rock for Jesus!"
"This has been a life-changing experience."
"I see the world completely differently now."
"I came just to be part of a group ... I had no idea."*

Resources Available at www.unidosencristo.com

Here is a partial list of the resources available to you at the web site:

- Sponsor Packets, Brochures and DVDs
 - Weekend and Team Applications
 - Prayer Vigil Sign Up
 - Links to UEC Churches and many Christian web sites
 - Links to UEC Council members
- MUCH, MUCH MORE!

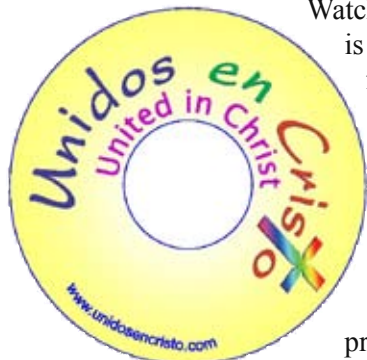
Watch for a new web site this fall.

No access to the internet? Call Kathy Walker at 952-891-4660.

NEW! - Unidos en Cristo DVD

Need a little help explaining what UEC is all about? Well, help is here! Watch a 5-minute presentation with a brief explanation of what UEC is followed by 3-4 minutes of personal testimony. Or watch the full, 25 minute version. There are testimonies by lay people and clergy expressing what UEC has meant in their lives and in their churches. While the DVD is not meant to replace your personal invitation to UEC, it is a wonderful resource in helping to explain this encounter with grace.

The DVD is FREE. When you get one at a future Clausura, we invite you to donate, if you wish, to help cover the cost of production. If you order from the web site, we will ask for \$2.00 to cover the cost of mailing materials and postage.



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Calendar

Dear Church Liaisons:

*We want to take this opportunity to say
Thank You!*

*You have agreed to be the liaison between
your 4th Day Community and the UEC
Council because you love Unidos en Cristo.*

*Thank you for
communicating with your group,
encouraging sponsorship,
making UEC materials available,
praying, getting everyone together,
and for all the work you do to keep your
4th Day Community alive!*

*If your church does not have a liaison,
and you would like to fill this need,
please contact Kory Everson at
612-866-7606 or
everson@unidosencristo.com.*

Coordinate your sponsorship efforts with the scheduled weekends below. Consider letting prospective weekenders choose a weekend.

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| September 25 | UEC Council Meeting |
| October 23 | UEC Council Meeting |
| November 8-11 | #225 - St. Croix Valley UMC |
| November 15-18 | #226 - St. Croix Valley UMC |
| November 27 | UEC Council Meeting |

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| January 22 | UEC Council Meeting |
| February 21-24 | #227 - Colonial Church, Edina |
| February 26 | UEC Council Meeting |
| February 28-March 2 | #228 - Colonial Church, Edina |
| March 25 | UEC Council Meeting |
| April 22 | UEC Council Meeting |
| May 27 | UEC Council Meeting |
| June 24 | UEC Council Meeting |
| July 24-27 | #229 - Hope Presbyterian |
| July 31-August 3 | #230 - Hope Presbyterian |
| November | Weekends To Be Announced |