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Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church — Bloomington, MN
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Men's UEC #255
June 7-10, 2012

Women's UEC #256
June 14-17, 2012

"The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble." Psalms 9:9

"I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known throughout all generations." Psalms 89:1

Rector: Brad Ziegler 952-846-4773
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4th Day: Dale Swanson 952-941-8300
Palanca: Don May 651-437-6905

Rectora: Jennifer Lee 952-829-7839
Kitchen: Stacy Lundquist 612-308-5071
4th Day: Barb Laidlaw 320-221-3778
Palanca: Julie Dulac 612-866-1947

Directions / Schedules

Directions: Normandale Hylands UMC

NHUMC is located on Normandale Blvd. (Hwy. 100 south of Hwy. 494), on the west side of the street, between 98th Str. and 102nd Str. (S. of 494 and N. of Old Shakopee Rd and 98th Str.)

As always, watch for the "4th Day" signs.

Serenades

Agape Dinner: Open to 4th Day and Kitchen Team members and their guests only.

Sunday Morning: Open to Sponsors only.

Sunday Dinner: Open to the 4th Day Community.
4:30 p.m. - Sponsors, please arrive at 4:00 p.m.

Clausura

Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Bring your song book!

Liaison Meetings:

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm before Women's Clausuras. Network for ideas. Inquire and learn about being Liaison. All are welcome.

Paper Palanca

Send Palanca, at least one week in advance to:
Men of UEC #255 or Women of UEC #256
c/o David Webb, Palanca Coordinator
4737 County Road 101, #218
Minnetonka, MN 55345
webb@unidosencristo.com or 612-385-1441.

Helping Hands Palanca:

Unable to serve on team? 4th Day & Kitchen Teams are happy for your help throughout the weekend. Call ahead to learn times of particular need when you might be able to give a couple hours of your time.

All About Palanca

How many items should I provide?

When sending Palanca for distribution in the Rollo Room, please send 64 items for each weekend.

Food Palanca Requests - Men & Women

The "common" list below are items most often needed on weekends. Contact those listed for details. UEC weekends are NUT-FREE. Please — no nuts, nut butters, nut flavored coffee creamers, etc.

Common Food Palanca List

regular/decaf coffee, asst tea bags, asst juice, asst fresh fruit, eggs, asst bagels/cream cheese, asst boxed cereal, milk, bacon, breakfast sausage, asst individual yogurt, lunchmeat, sliced cheese, white bread, whole wheat bread, asst individual chips, tossed salad mix, asst salad dressing, baking potatoes, ground beef, chicken breasts, hot dogs, hamburger buns, hot dog buns, tortilla chips, salsa, cheesecake, catawba juice

Men's Weekend:

Also need: baby red potatoes, taco meat, boneless ham, pancake mix, coffee creamer. Contact: Jim Boldenow at 952-894-4590 or by email at jboldenow@graco.com.

Women's Weekend:

Also need: ham, chicken, italian sausage, french rolls, and angel food cakes. Contact: Judy Odegaard at 763-559-8916 or by email at jcodegaard@msn.com.

Weekend Prayer Vigil

Prayer is critical. Please sign up to pray during these weekends at www.unidosencristo.com (click on "4th Day" and then "Prayer Vigil").

UEC #255 - Men's Team Roster

Brad Ziegler (#14) Faith Covenant
 Brian Lee (#9) Grace, Eden Prairie
 Chuck Odegaard (#3) Plymouth Covenant
 David Webb (#13) Church of the Open Door
 Robert Boller (#4, 7) Church of All Nations
 Don Eslinger (#2, 12) Normandale Hylands UMC
 Wallace "Duke" Lunden Colonial Church of Edina
 Mark Magnuson Colonial Church of Edina

Jason Mau Fairmont Evangelical Covenant

Dave Carlson (#8) Faith Covenant, Burnsville
 Dave Kitchel (#5) Rosemount UMC
 Len Mathe (#11) Hosanna!
 Don Sinnwell (#1) Rosemount UMC
 Dana Widstrom (#6) Christ Presbyterian
 Jonathan Lewis Normandale Hylands UMC
 Rodney Schaffran Normandale Hylands UMC
 Paul Schwamb Bridgepoint Covenant
 Paul Snyder Hope Presbyterian
 Ken Vogel Excelsior Covenant
 Frank Wells Hope Lutheran
 Shannon Woods Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka

Dan May Hastings UMC
 Mark Heimkes Faith Covenant, Burnsville
 Trace James Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka

Donnie Borchers Plymouth Covenant
 Dave Eckart Brookwood Community
 Chinh Huynh Christ Presbyterian
 Richard Perry Shiloh Temple
 Mark Rindels Excelsior Covenant
 Tom Scheidegger Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free
 Mark Scott Salvation Army
 Jeremy Snell Horizons Community
 Glenn Sonnee South Suburban Evangelical Free

Dan Ryan Normandale Hylands UMC
 Jim Boldenow Faith Covenant, Burnsville
 Clarence Byersdorfer Normandale Hylands UMC
 Al Edeker Faith Covenant, Burnsville
 Darrel Lalim Normandale Hylands UMC
 Dave Nelson Normandale Hylands UMC
 Mark Odegaard Plymouth Covenant
 Bob Pike Hope Presbyterian
 Marshal Puls Hope Presbyterian
 Dave Rempher Faith Covenant, Burnsville

Dale Swanson SouthCross Community
 Bob Guinn Normandale Hylands UMC
 Brian Bimberg Normandale Hylands UMC
 Bob Eddy Litchfield UMC
 Harlan Halbersma Litchfield UMC
 Leighton Johnson First Baptist, Grove City
 Paul Lohse Faith UMC, Spring Valley
 Dwayne Lowman Colonial Church of Edina
 Gary Malacek Normandale Hylands UMC
 Aaron Malcolm Oakwood UMC
 Jim Nelson River of Life

Rector/a
Assistant Rector/a

Spiritual Directors

Music Directors

Technical Assistant

Rollistas

Table Leaders

Palanca Rector/a
Asst. Palanca Rector/a
Palanca Spiritual Dir.
Palanca Music Dir.
Palanca Team

Kitchen Rector/a
Asst. Kitchen Rector/a
Kitchen Team

4th Day Rector/a
Asst. 4th Day Rector/a
4th Day Team



UEC #256 - Women's Team Roster

Jennifer Lee (#14) Grace, Eden Prairie
 Laurie Fosburgh (#8) Rosemount UMC
 Cindi Johnson (#13) People of Hope
 Diane Swaback (#5) Hastings UMC
 Linda Bergeon (#2, 10) First Baptist, Gibbons, NE

Carole May Hastings UMC
 Marilyn Morlock Hastings UMC

Julie Nybakken Faith Covenant, Burnsville

Jen Bowe (#6) Grace, Eden Prairie
 Cherie DeYoung (#3) Harris Covenant
 Beth Pukal (#11) Church of the Open Door
 Lynn Quam (#9) Bethlehem Baptist
 Susan Weestrand (#1) Woodridge
 Judy Holston Hosanna!
 Andee Matter Rochester Covenant
 Teri Seymour Real Life
 Merilee Puls Hope Presbyterian
 Dori Woodburn Faith Covenant, Burnsville

Julie Dulac Faith Covenant, Burnsville
 Beth Henrich Colonial Church of Edina

Jessica Bimberg Normandale Hylands UMC
 Pat Bowe Grace, Eden Prairie
 Jennifer Geisinger Calvary, White Bear Lake
 Jill Michael Brooklyn UMC
 Terri Morgan-Johnson Emmaus Road
 Tami Nelson River of Life
 Deb Schaffran Brooklyn UMC
 Mona Sjoblom St. Paul's Lutheran
 Sara Vanderbent Bridge Bible

Stacy Lundquist Church of the Open Door
 Jahnne Anderson Church of the Open Door
 Edith Johnson Rejoice Lutheran
 Liz Lalim Normandale Hylands UMC
 Kathy Laurent Plymouth Covenant
 Kelly Lewis Normandale Hylands UMC
 Diane Martin Grace UMC
 Judy Odegaard Plymouth Covenant
 Barb Suapaia Colonial Church of Edina
 Kathy Walker SouthCross Community
 Wendy Wildenberg True North Church

Barb Laidlaw First Baptist, Grove City
 Susie Westbrook Who's Next
 Sheryl Bakke Church of the Open Door
 Bonnie Clawson Faith Covenant
 Trisha Dahlheimer River of Life
 Pat Hamblin Christ Community
 Janet Kolb Rosemount UMC
 Carla Lorenz Church of the Open Door
 Linnea Powers Berean Baptist
 Mary Jo Savage Normandale Hylands UMC
 Kathy Schmid Christ Community
 Heidi Walker Hosanna!

UEC Friends

The Council Convening Team met with leaders of the various Cursillo organizations in Minnesota. Together, we shared HOW and WHY each organization does Cursillo in the ways that we do. A spirit of unity was present — by supporting each other, we can reach more people with God’s grace. A brochure is being developed to be given to TEC parents that will invite them to participate in a weekend for adults similar to the weekend their teen is attending and will give the contact information of all MN Cursillo organizations so that they can choose the one that might be the best match for them. It will also assure them that the TEC weekend their teen is attending is legitimately Christian and “good.” The group will meet again in May. Support the Cursillo organizations in MN:

- MN Catholic Cursillo:** www.tc-cursillo.org
- Via de Cristo (MN):** www.mnviadecristo.org
- Tres Dias:** www.tresdias.org
- Walk to Emmaus:** www.mnemmaus.org
- Charis (Prison):** www.charismn.com
- Teens Encounter Christ (TEC - Youth):**
www.unitedtec.org (Metro)
www.southerntec.org. (Southern MN)

Sponsor Training CANCELLED

In previous Palanca Press issues and in the “Ministry of a Sponsor” sheet attached to Weekender Registration forms, we ask Sponsors to attend a “Sponsor Training” meeting, intended to be held before the Men’s Clausura of each set of weekends. Due to lack of response, we will no longer hold these meetings. When you sponsor, please continue to follow guidelines on the “Ministry of a Sponsor” sheet. Thank you.

Recently, Dori Woodburn, an active member of the UEC 4th Day Community approached the UEC Council regarding taking UEC to Columbia. Dori has served as a missionary for many years, spending some of her time in Columbia. Some of her contacts are interested in beginning a Cursillo organization there. One of the women of the interested group will be visiting a UEC weekend here, possibly UEC 256 in June, 2012.

UEC Council is open to this opportunity. We anticipate taking a team to Columbia in 2014, if not earlier. This will require the support of the 4th Day Community in a variety of ways. Prayer, translating, administration, financial and participation on the team. Columbia is a poor country, so the UEC Community will need to fund much of the project.

If this announcement has touched your heart, you have questions regarding this project or would like to participate in some way, please contact Dori Woodburn at 612-418-5278 or by email at holadori@yahoo.com.

If you would like to designate a financial gift for this project, please contact Julie Dulac, UEC Treasurer, at 612-866-1947 or by email at treasurer@unidosencristo.com.



Weekend Watch

Upcoming UEC Weekends are listed in the table below. Weekend and Team Applications are available from your Church Liaison, online at www.unidosencristo.com on the *Resources / Forms* page, or at any UEC Weekend Clausura.

WEEKEND REGISTRATIONS will be accepted at any time for any weekend if the weekend hasn’t filled. If you wish to submit a Weekend Registration form within two weeks of an upcoming weekend, contact Cheryl Lecy, Allocations Coordinator to determine if space is available. *As of the publishing of this newsletter, there are still spots open for Weekenders for the June weekends.* Send Weekend Registration forms to:

Cheryl Lecy, UEC Allocations • 22603 W. Martin Lake Dr. • Stacy, MN 55079 • lecy@unidosencristo.com

The weekend registration fee of \$40.00 per Weekender should accompany the Weekend Registration form.

TEAM APPLICATIONS may be submitted at any time for any weekend. Submission of a team application does not guarantee placement on a team. You may contact Don May, Leadership Training at 651-437-6905 or dongmay@comcast.net to determine if there are still team openings.

Weekend dates for 2013 are almost set. Watch the website for more information!

Weekend	Date	Host Church	Rector/a	SDs
#257 Men	October 4-7, 2012	First Presbyterian, Albert Lea, MN	TBA	TBA
#258 Women	October 11-14, 2012	First Presbyterian, Albert Lea, MN	TBA	TBA

Fifth Day

In Loving Memory

We joyfully celebrate the life and resurrection of each friend in Christ who has entered the Fifth Day:

Bob Bolden, UEC 175, Faith Presbyterian Minnetonka (Jean)
Joel Ellringer, UEC 191, Homestead UMC (Jill)
Beverly Holland, UEC 128, Watertown Evangelical Free
Marilyn Olson, UEC 40 Wyoming UMC
Lillie Preston, UEC 204, Wyoming UMC (John)
Joel Stangeland, UEC 119, Eaglebrook Church (Mariana)
Jan Westberg, UEC 230, Plymouth Covenant

If you know of a Cursillista who has entered his or her 5th Day, please e-mail information to the Palanca Press editor (walker@unidosenristo.com) for inclusion in the newsletter. Others in the 4th Day Community may have no other way of knowing that their friends in Christ have entered His presence. If you provide the name and address of family, a sympathy card will also be mailed to the family. Memorials given in memory of Cursillistas will be acknowledged in the Palanca Press, unless otherwise requested. Send them to the Unidos en Cristo Council Treasurer: Julie Dulac, 5108 W 74th Str., P.O. Box 390122 Edina, MN 55439.

Weekender Reviews

"It's going to take awhile to come down from the ultimate Holy Spirit high. I can't wait to see what doors are going to open."

"I plan to live a new life that does not squander the sacrifice that God made for me."

"The healing is not done, but the emergency surgery was successful."

"Things have happened in my life that caused me to close my heart. This weekend, I opened my heart again."

"I've known about Cursillo for 40 years. I've never been able to grasp the concept that I am loved. For the first time, I feel that I am accepted into the beloved."

"I didn't know what grace is. Now I do. I grew up Christian, but I've never experienced a true Christian environment before this weekend."

Fourth Day

Welcome to the 4th Day!

Participant List from UEC #253 & #254 — Rosemount United Methodist Church

Russell Anthony, Rosemount UMC
Dave and Terry Arola, North Branch UMC
Byron and Beth Bailey, South Metro Vineyard
Yas Bakshian, Emmaus Road
Steve Carley, Excelsior Covenant
Tom and Chris Evans, Normandale Lutheran
Dan and Angie Fox, True North
Ann Fuller, Faith and All Saints
Pam Goodchild, Rosemount UMC
Troy and Melanie Graham, Grace, Eden Prairie
Alberta Grey, Rosemount UMC
Guy and Debi Grover, North Branch UMC
Jeff Halverson, Christ Community
Tee Henning, St. Lucas Community
Greg and Kim Hickcox, Eaglebrook
Jenna Hohenstein, St. Joseph
Zach Howland and Brit Parsons, Faith Covenant

Chinh Huynh, Christ Presbyterian
John Kapustka, Hosanna!
Mabel Koroma, Rosemount UMC
Barb LaGow, Cross of Christ
Ron Larsen, Peace Reformed
Deb Lenz, Christ the King
Daniel and Christa Leonard, Plymouth Cov
Gaylen and Vicky Livingston, First Baptist
Jerry Madsen, Rochester Covenant
Jane McQuillan, North Branch UMC
Darryl Mockobee, Open Door World Ministries
Jim and Tami Nelson, River of Life
Gloria Olson, Emmaus Road
Brian and Donalee Olson, Substance
Darin and Lori Pankratz, First Baptist
Aaron and Gina Penn, Rosemount UMC
Larry and Robin Plucker, True North

Mark Power, Grace, Eden Prairie
James and Annie Pratt, Rosemount UMC
Emily Prin, Christ Presbyterian
Allan Rasmussen, North Branch UMC
Jeffrey and Kristina Riley, Christ Church Int'l
Martha Robinson, Rekindling the Mission
Jamie Schanus, Hastings UMC
Mark Scott, Salvation Army
Kutrice Silva, Living Word
Karla Snider, New Day
Jessica Standefer, Wyoming UMC
Marsha Stoltzmann, Rekindling the Mission
Mike Tapanila, no church listed
Adam and Tirzah Treece, Faith Pres Mtka
Daryl Wilkes, Shiloh Temple
Shannon Woods, Faith Pres Mtka



A Note About the “Back to the Basics” series:

Our purpose in presenting the “Back to the Basics” series of articles was not to cause concern, as some have expressed, that we intend to change the weekend. It is, in fact, to help you become aware that we have already changed the weekend significantly, and this has not always been for the better. It is to lend understanding that the Holy Spirit does not need the “fluff” that has developed over the years and that it is not always the best thing for the well-being of the team or for the Weekender.

Most of the “fluff” that we have cited is not currently in our team manuals, but has been added by tradition. We are now asking the teams to “stick to the manuals, specifically to leave out the extras that are not in the manuals.” We do not want the Weekenders to be distracted by things that are not necessary to the purpose of the Weekend. We want the Weekenders to be aware of what God is doing in their heart as a result of the grace and love that is the focus of the weekend.

Unidos en Cristo — Back to the Basics Part 4 — Palanca

Submitted by Mary Marcoux, UEC Clergy Coordinator

Through the years, many things have “snowballed” in UEC. This is the fourth in a series of articles to help us re-examine our UEC roots and focus on the basics. We have looked at the Sunday morning serenade, the Agape Dinner and our handling of theology. In this issue, we take a look at Palanca.

Today, a common answer to the question, “What is Palanca?” might be “all the stuff we receive from others during the weekend!” Snacks, candy, tissues, plastic cup chickens, bumper stickers, bookmarks, photocopies of poems or prayers, post-it notes, pens, pencils, lotion, bubbles, magnets, chip clips, plastic hearts, stickers, window clings—the list can go on and on. Ironically, nothing, I repeat, NOTHING, could be further from the original intention of Palanca than giving things of a material nature. In the origins of Cursillo, material gifts of any kind were not allowed.

Original Intention: In Spanish, the word “Palanca” means a “lever” or a “wedge” — something that lifts or elevates. We “lift” the Weekenders in prayer. In some traditions, people also fasted and did small sacrifices (i.e. “I’m giving up chocolate for a month”).

On my Cursillo weekend back in the ‘70’s, “Palanca” was introduced by defining the word. Then a clergy member would read a note written to the Weekenders by an individual, then one from the larger community, then national, then international. Weekenders were told that each was being lifted in prayer throughout the entire weekend. Then, team members entered the room carrying cafeteria trays. Each tray contained 8 plain, brown paper lunch bags with the name of each Weekender on it. Inside each bag were notecards hand-written and personally addressed to each Weekender by members of the Cursillo community. Every note or card I received—between 35 to 45 inside my bag—began with “Dear Mary.” The next 15 minutes were totally quiet, except for the occasional snuffle, as every Weekender read these wonderful notes of all the things that people were doing in their honor in hopes that they would feel God’s love throughout the weekend. Weekenders were not “stifled” by an overwhelming abundance of “stuff,” but by an overwhelming presence of love. It was quiet and contemplative. I couldn’t believe the names I recognized of people I knew. Even more so, I couldn’t believe all the people I had never even met who were praying for me. The Weekenders were profoundly touched as they intently read these true “Palanca.”

The Palanca Team also served in a different capacity—their only role was to pray, provide the send-off and thanksgiving for each Rollista, and keep track of the Palanca “lunch bags” until they were distributed. And pray we did! We kept a 24 hour vigil throughout the weekend, waking each other up during the night to cover the next hour. There were no snacks or treats provided for the community, no decoration for the Palanca chapel. There were notecards and paper. 4th Dayers would drop in, look at the bags, notice those that seemed “low” and write to those individuals so that all would have a similar amount of cards. They would often sit with us and pray or sing for awhile. No one cleaned toilets or worried about a skit to introduce ourselves. Stations of the Cross were simply read from the back of the weekenders’ chapel. No live models, no icons, no walking through the church, just the opportunity to listen and reflect in a candle lit chapel. We simply “lifted” weekenders in prayer. At that time if you asked someone what “Palanca” meant, people would easily have responded, “Prayer.”

Challenge: To believe in and rely upon the powerful gifts of prayer and grace and love, rather than the gift of “things” to Palanca or to “lift” our Weekenders to God.



If your cursillo affiliation is with an organization outside of Minnesota, we would love to exchange Paper Palanca with you. We hang Paper Palanca from all over the world on a wall seen by the Weekenders throughout their weekend. It is a profound moment when one realizes there have been people from all around the world praying for them. Please contact our UEC Palanca Coordinator, Dave Webb at 612-385-1441 or by email at webb@unidosencristo.com

Council Quarters

Convenor's Corner

Soon, we will be celebrating Memorial Day — a day to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country's freedoms, the laying down of their lives. It is right and good that we do this. Scripture says "This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends." (John 15:13 The Message). Those we honor on Memorial Day have demonstrated this. There is much we can learn from their sacrifice, their honor, the commitment with which they carried out their duties.

Even as there is much we can learn from those who have served our country, there is One greater than these we should emulate. Early in April, we remembered the day called "Good" where Jesus gave himself willingly to pay the debt we owe. It is a "Good" Friday because Jesus took our place to ransom us from the grip of death. Unlike the soldiers who gave their lives, there was more to the story of Jesus' death. As Tony Campolo is known to say, "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming!" Jesus completed his work on Sunday. Rising from the dead he gave us a great hope in life everlasting. Our story does not end on the day called "Good". We are Sunday people.

The resurrection continues to give hope and life to all who hear of it today. Because of Easter Sunday, we now live in a place of victory. Jesus' sacrifice allows us to experience and live in God's grace each day, just as the sacrifice of our Vets allows us to live in freedom in the United States.

My question for us is while, on one day each year, we may honor our Vets and their great sacrifice, how are living every day in honor of Christ and the grace we have been given? We easily share stories of sacrifice we know of our Vets; do we just as easily share of the greatest sacrifice of Christ?

We all can share our personal journey. One way is to give the experience of a UEC weekend. I have found it a great way to share God's grace – a new way to live in recognition each day of Christ's sacrifice for us. Never forget we are Sunday people!

Grace and Peace Janice Knight, Convenor

Church Lady Law MN

In 2011, the State of MN adopted what is being referred to as "The Church Lady Law" as a way of regulating the safety of food at church pot-luck and similar events. It requires that, for meals being served to a group of people, at least one person present has received training and is responsible for the safety of the food being served. The required training teaches the importance and how-tos of regulating temperature, foods allowed and unallowed, food allergies, etc. UEC is subject to this law. Over the next year, you may notice changes on our weekends and at Clausura receptions with regards to food handling. Please understand that we have and are continuing to take steps to follow this law, not only because we have to, but because it will make our Weekends and events safer for all involved. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Inspiration

Morning Motivation

*When I woke up this morning lying in bed,
I was asking myself;
What are some of the secrets of success in life?
I found the answer right there, in my very room.*

The Fan said ... Be cool.

The Roof said ... Aim high.

The Window said ... See the world.

The Clock said ... Every Minute is Precious.

The Mirror said ... Reflect before you react.

The Calendar said ... Be up-to-date.

The Door said ... Push hard for your goals.

**AND NOT TO FORGET, THE CARPET SAID...
KNEEL DOWN AND PRAY.**

Tech Assistants Needed

In 2011, UEC Council approved a new team position — Rollo Room Tech Assistant — to ensure that our technology is not a distraction to the Weekenders or team. That position is now well-established. We need only to expand our list of people able to serve in this capacity. We are looking for willing people with the following experience:

- Proficient with Microsoft Power Point and it's use with projection equipment
- Proficient with set-up of a PC and projector
- Proficient with set-up and operation of sound equipment
- A servant's heart

We have a list of Musicians. We have a list of Spiritual Directors. Likewise, we are compiling a list of Tech Assistants. This list will be provided to Weekend Rectors and Rectoras for their use in recruiting team members for their team. If you are interested, please contact Brian LaLuzerne at laluzerne@unidosenristo.com.

Banners / Banner Coordinator

UEC Council is seeking a Banner Coordinator. We have a Linens Coordinator who cleans the Agape Dinner linens. We have a Kitchen Consumables Coordinator who inventories and supplies kitchen perishables that cannot be kept on the trailer.

Banners wear quickly when not inventoried and properly cleaned and stored. If you feel that you have knowledge and skills for helping UEC to properly inventory, clean and store our banners between weekends, please contact Kathy Walker at 612-483-6151 or by email at walker@unidosenristo.com.

We are missing many banners. If you have any UEC banners in your possession, we would ask that you please arrange to return them to us at this time. Thank you.

Leadership Development — Part of the Progression in Cursillo

“Leadership Development” — the new buzz word around UEC? Or, a forgotten concept? If you were at a Clausura in February, you heard a Council member talk about leadership development. The truth is that leadership development is part of a progression in Cursillo.

On a UEC weekend, there are many progressions. The simplicity of Thursday evening develops into the richness of the Clausura on Sunday afternoon. Empty flower pots on the tables in the Rollo Room become beautiful flowers by the end of the weekend. Roses in the chapel begin as rosebuds on Friday and open up to full bloom by Sunday. Placemats in the dining room start out very plain and by Sunday, sport elaborate designs. A Weekender arrives closed and perhaps quiet on Thursday and hopefully feels accepted by all and closer to God by Sunday.

The Cursillo journey is also full of progression. Without even knowing it, through the process of sponsoring, serving on team, leading a team and perhaps eventually leading a weekend, a Cursillista grows, deepens their faith, and begins leading others on the same journey.

One of the reasons that Cursillo is so successful for people is that these progressions do not just happen. They are planned and calculated, part of well-established process.

Before being considered eligible to serve as Rector/a or Assistant Rector/a, one must have experience in other team positions. This is to ensure that the leadership has a solid understanding of the Cursillo method, the manuals and their importance and knows what is expected characteristically as a leader. In other words, they must have “progressed” along the Cursillo journey in experience, in character and in understanding.

Recently, we have realized that we need to do a better job in the important area of leadership development. We are not referring to the “training” of our leaders or the “choosing” of our Rector/a as is done by our Leadership Training and Leadership Development Council Coordinators. Rather, this is about imparting an understanding of the Cursillo method and the development of leaders in our 4th Day Community. We often say regarding Sponsoring ... “without Sponsors, there are no Weekenders and without Weekenders, there are no weekends.” We can come at the livelihood of Cursillo from the opposite direction as well. Without Leaders, there is no organization and there are no teams and without teams there are no weekends. “The best weekend ever” begins with the leadership of the weekend. Developing our leaders of the course of their Cursillo journey is about building character and understanding and deep relationship with God. This happens when we serve a variety of events and experiences.

What should you DO with this information? Be conscious and aware when making decisions about who to recruit for your team or when deciding whether to serve on a team or in a position where you have already served. Are you serving on the 4th Day team again because you feel comfortable or because you really really believe God has asked you to? Why not see what blessing lies behind the door labeled Palanca Team or Musician? Let God stretch you and develop you for broadened service.

It might be fun!



Coming in September — Fishers of Men

Perhaps you noticed that this issue of the Palanca Press is pink and flowery. To equalize this, the editor is planning a “fishing” issue for September.

Men — Will you please submit your answer to this question:

What does it mean to be a ‘fisher of men’?

Your answers may be published. Submit to Kathy Walker by calling her at 612-483-6151 or submit by email to walker@unidosencristo.com.

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