



Annual Report 2015-2016

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“But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his Grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.”

I Corinthians 15:10

De Colores Unidos en Cristo 4th Day Community!

We meet in Christian fellowship. We eat. We pray. And we make decisions and take action on how the Unidos en Cristo expression in Minnesota continues to reach out and serve Christian community. This happens nine months out of the year when your UEC council meets on most 4th Tuesdays of the month at Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina.

In the 2015-2016 year, the council experienced some challenges but I believe we were able to work through those challenges by trusting in the Lord for guidance and expressing His never ending and amazing grace to those around us.

On task for the 2016-2017 year will be a renewed effort to enhance the Unidos en Cristo database in an effort to make the task of reaching people easier and more efficient. Also we are looking to bring the Rector/a mentor program into focus, with the goal of understanding what the mentors role is. These along with other items are on our list of action items.

In Christ's service,

Tim Powell, Convenor



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”
Matthew 11:28-29

Mission & Faith Statements

Mission Statement

“To revive and strengthen Christian commitment and community in the local church.”

Faith Statement

“Unidos en Cristo is an inter-denominational and lay led community whose purpose is to help persons deepen a personal living faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

The UEC Community emphasizes the essentials of our Christian faith, which includes the triune nature of God, the absolute authority of the Word of God, the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus, and our common adoption into the body of Christ.

UEC equips Christian servants for action through a practical and personal demonstration of God’s grace and by encouraging the extension of this grace to the local church and community.

We believe a living faith in Jesus Christ and Christian action will change our world.”



“But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God. “

Acts 20:24

UEC Voting Council 2015-2016

Name	Position
Tim Powell*	Convenor
Kathy Messerli*	Co-convenor
Craig Stockel *,**	<i>Convenor Advisor</i>
Julie Dulac*	Treasurer
Shelley Schuenke*,**	Secretary
Rev. Greg Bestland	Clergy Coordinator
Rev. Phil Schmidt	Clergy Coordinator
Rev. Mary Syrja	Clergy Coordinator
Del Van Batavia	Allocations Coordinator
Lisa Boldenow **	Communications Coordinator
Norma Lund	Leadership Development
Steve Staloch	Leadership Development
Diane Martin **	Site Selection
Bonnie Clawson	Leadership Training
Terri Eggleston**	Leadership Training
Steve Wilson	Leadership Training
Sara Vanderbent	Liaison Coordinator
Sandy Dunleavy	Palanca Coordinator
Rich Carlson **	Trailer Supplies Coordinator
Cathy Colman	Council-at-large
Sue Ganzer	Council-at-large

*Current Executive Committee

**Council members retiring as of Sept. 1, 2016

To e-mail any member of the UEC Voting Council, send to [last name]@unidosencristo.com



“I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD;
they are plans for peace, not disaster,
to give you a future filled with hope.

Jer. 29:11

UEC Support Council 2015-2016

Name	Position
Joy Bueltel	Linens Coordinator
Tim Cimbura	Website host
Bonnie Clawson	Historian
Kory Everson	Prayer Coordinator/ Leadership Training Assist.
Kenny Frank	Database host
Andrew Hagen	Website Design
Deb Johansen	Music Liaison
Lynette Johnson	Database team
Jeri Slinger	Kitchen Consumables Coordinator
Barb Laidlaw	Palanca Press editor / Facebook
Deen Hubin	Technical Supplies
Kathy Messerli	Leadership Training Assistant
Beth Pukal	Database Lead
Bev Rasmussen	Banner Coordinator
Teresa Van Batavia	Facebook & Website updates
Steve Wilson	Leadership Training Assistant



“The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous run to it and are safe.”
Proverbs 18:10

Convening Team Report

Tim Powell, Kathy Messerli, Craig Stockel

We have all experienced the love and grace of the Lord through an Unidos en Cristo weekend and many have served on a UEC team. Being a part of the convening team I feel is simply an extension of that service. Our primary focus is to follow the Lords leading with the goal of bringing other to a more complete understanding of His amazing love and grace.

As the convening team (Craig Stockel, advisor; Tim Powell, convenor; and Kathy Messerli, co-convenor), it is our role to constantly review how well the inner workings of Unidos En Cristo strive to achieve the mission statement of UEC: “to revive and strengthen Christian commitment and community in the local church.”

This is done primarily through our monthly meetings as the UEC council gathers to discuss, plan, and address potential issues that may impact the weekend experience. Our hope is that we are able to seek and find the Lords guidance in all things. We continue to face challenges in the continually changing landscape of this world in which we live but desire to focus on and hold to the mission statement of Unidos en Cristo, “To revive and strengthen Christian commitment and community in the local church.”

Unidos en Cristo continues to be a great example of how the body of Christ can come together, from multiple denominations and focus on the things that draws us together. *“The UEC Community emphasizes the essentials of our Christian faith, which includes the triune nature of God, the absolute authority of the Word of God, the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus, and our common adoption into the body of Christ.”* (From the UEC Faith Statement)

We thank all of you who have held the Council, and especially the convening team, in prayer during the past year.

On behalf of the convening team,
Tim Powell



“When I go to prepare a place for you,
I will return and take you to be with me
so that where I am you will be too.”

John 14:3

Treasurer's Report and 2014 - 2015 Recap

Julie Du Lac

In 2015 our income was slightly down from 2014, but our expenses were also down due to the change in how we distribute the Palanca Press. As a result, our net income for 2015 was almost \$2,200 versus a small loss in 2014.

Our food costs are also down from 2013 (\$12,732) – great job done by all the Kitchen Rectors/Rectoras!

This year is my final year on Council so we are currently looking for a new bookkeeper/Accountant to take over the role of Council Treasurer for the 2017-2018 council year. If you know of someone or are interested yourself, please contact me either via email at treasurer@unidosencristo.com or by phone at 651-238-2121 or you could contact any other council member. The hope is to have someone nominated and voted onto council by late spring to allow for a smooth transition.

As always, I'd like to ask the teams to continue to watch their budgets carefully and remember that we're the stewards of God's money. Every penny is His and needs to be used for His glory.

Budget Recap 2014 – 2015

	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 15</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
43400 · Direct Public Support		
43420 · DONATIONS	9,493.33	2,373.05
43430 · WEEKENDER JOG	1,230.00	870.00
43431 · TEAM JOG	13,305.00	13,585.00
43432 · CLAUSURA OFFERING	9,346.25	12,138.93
43433 · WEEKENDER REGISTRATIONS	4,400.00	6,105.00
43434 · PALANCA PRESS SUBSCRIPTIONS	145.00	5.00
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	37,919.58	35,076.98
45000 · Investments		
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	9.08	11.94
Total 45000 · Investments	9.08	11.94
Gross Profit	37,928.66	35,088.92

Expense

60900 · Business Expenses		
60920 · Business Registration Fees	261.00	477.50
60900 · Business Expenses - Other	0.00	36.00
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	261.00	513.50
62100 · Contract Services		
62110 · Accounting Fees	725.00	775.00
62160 · MAILING SERVICES	398.27	0.00
Total 62100 · Contract Services	1,123.27	775.00
62800 · Facilities and Equipment		
62850 · COUNCIL MEETING ROOM RENTAL	650.00	200.00
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	650.00	200.00
65000 · Operations		
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service		
65021 · POSTAGE-PALANCA PRESS	1,524.19	0.00
65022 · MISCELLANEOUS POSTAGE	145.62	142.23
65023 · PO BOX RENTAL	80.00	0.00
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service - Other	29.40	407.88
Total 65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	1,779.21	550.11
65030 · Printing and Copying		
65031 · PRINTING-PALANCA PRESS	1,968.23	118.76
65032 · PRINTING-MANUALS	1,408.97	1,855.49
Total 65030 · Printing and Copying	3,377.20	1,974.25
65040 · Supplies		
65033 · GENERAL SUPPLIES	263.79	93.36
65041 · SONG BOOKS	3,595.00	4,080.00
65042 · CROSSES	1,375.00	100.25
65043 · KITCHEN CONSUMABLES	590.66	200.57
65044 · BIBLES	570.90	0.00
65045 · CANDLES	427.85	0.00
65046 · Short Course in Christianity bk	0.00	515.00
65040 · Supplies - Other	0.00	-3.00
Total 65040 · Supplies	6,823.20	4,986.18

65060 · WEBSITE/ ONLINE EXPENSES	542.00	600.00
Total 65000 · Operations	12,521.61	8,110.54
65100 · Other Types of Expenses		
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	2,211.25	1,109.17
65140 · TRAILER INSURANCE	226.00	126.00
65150 · Memberships and Dues	25.00	0.00
65160 · Other Costs	23.90	8.00
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	2,486.15	1,243.17
67000 · WEEKEND EXPENSES		
67100 · SWIM BUS RENTAL	1,081.56	744.00
67105 · CHURCH HONORARIUM	2,450.00	2,700.00
67200 · SWIM POOL RENTAL	722.20	1,143.60
67300 · WEEKEND FOOD	10,378.35	10,529.28
67400 · WEEKEND GENERAL SUPPLIES	1,300.28	817.81
67500 · BED RENTALS	157.46	481.05
67600 · FLOWERS	485.53	866.63
67700 · COMPUTER SUPPLIES	50.98	347.70
67800 · AGAPE DINNER SUPPLIES	48.52	0.00
67900 · PRINTING SUPPLIES	250.02	899.40
67901 · CANDLES	572.57	486.42
67902 · CROSSES	657.00	544.50
67903 · BIBLES	757.74	627.99
67904 · SONG BOOKS	2,190.00	1,815.00
67000 · WEEKEND EXPENSES - Other	194.31	0.00
Total 67000 · WEEKEND EXPENSES	21,296.52	22,003.38
68300 · Travel and Meetings		
68330 · TRAILER EXPENSES	56.00	56.00
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	56.00	56.00
Total Expense	38,394.55	32,901.59
Net Ordinary Income	-465.89	2,187.33
Net Income	-465.89	2,187.33

Secretary's report – 2015-16

Shelley Schuenke

After two 3-year terms, this is my last year on the UEC Council. I have served for six years as the UEC Council Secretary. My responsibilities are about record keeping and correspondence and include:

- Recording the Minutes of Council meetings
- Preparing a ministry report from all groups within the Council for each meeting
- Preparing 25-30 letters for each meeting to UEC Clergy. The Council signs each letter and we pray for the clergy that will receive the letters. We pray through the entire list of UEC clergy (225+) each year.
- Keeping the roster of current voting and non-voting Council members
- When we hear of needs, the Council also prays for and sends sympathy, get well and thank-you cards to 4th Day members. This also falls to the Secretary to prepare and bring to Council meeting for signing and mailing. In the past year we mailed about 65 cards.

This position has brought a great understanding of the role of the Council within UEC. God has blessed me throughout the years on council. Thank you.



Allocations Coordinator

Del Van Batavia

I am now beginning my third year serving on the UEC council as the Allocations Coordinator. I humbly use the term "serving" as a reminder that we serve God by serving others, and personally use this thought to increase my energy and passion in fulfilling the tasks and duties of this council position. These duties include receiving the registration forms, reviewing them for completeness, sending out acceptance letters to both the weekenders and sponsors, recording and maintaining a spreadsheet of the registrations, and to keep the Rector/Rectora and the Council members updated on the progress towards filling the weekends.

It has been a pleasure to be in contact with sponsors and potential sponsors and to work with them on processing the applications and getting the weekenders added to the attendance list. Also, after praying for the weekenders and learning very small parts of their story, it has added to the special blessings of meeting them and hearing them speak at the closuras at the end of their weekends.

I will be in prayer this year and try to listen to the Holy Spirit for names of potential replacements for this council position when my 3 year term ends at the end of this 2016-2017 UEC year.

Clergy

Mary Syrja, Greg Bestland, Phil Schmidt

We thank the following clergy who served as Spiritual Directors (SDs) on your UEC weekends in 2015-2016. While UEC is a lay-led organization and weekend, it is the SDs on the weekend who keep us spiritually grounded by serving as advisors in matters of theology and spiritual growth, leading us in Communion and other liturgical services, supplying pastoral counseling, and providing invaluable spiritual leadership.

Holly Aastuen – Wyoming UMC
Greg Bestland – Church of the Open Door
Neil Bonkoski – Lakeside Christian
Dan Doughty – Lindstrom First UMC
Karen Evenson – Rosemount UMC/Faith UMC, Farmington
Bart Fletcher – Brunswick UMC
Hank Harris – Church of the Way
Rosemary Klass – Sanctuary Covenant
Janice Knight – Emmaus Road Church
Phil Schmidt – Lake City UMC
Teri Seymour – Real Life Church, Roseville
Mary Syrja – Cornerstone Church
Richard Townsend-Anderson – Grace Evangelical Free
Scott Wildenberg – True North



Palanca Coordinator

Sandy Dunleavy

It has been a wonderful first year serving on council!

This year I have collected around 200 + Palanca letters from communities all over the world. I have also sent out palanca letters and prayed for other Cursillo weekends around the world. This takes about two hours per month.

My goal for the next year, is to make the wall Palanca I receive from other communities easier to access for our weekend Rollo Room.



“When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return
and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. **”**

Leadership Development

Steve Staloch, Norma Lund

Leadership Development would like to thank those who have served in the role of Rector/a over the past year. UEC was blessed to have weekends filled with God's grace and love. Weekends were possible through prayers, commitment, planning, and a love for our God.

Rector/a for 2015-2016 were:

November 2015

#275 Rich Carlson, Rector

#276 Barb Laidlaw, Rectora

January 2016

#277 Jerry Low, Rector

#278 Kari Caldwell, Rectora

July 2016

#279 Kenny Frank, Rector

#280 Susan Stevens, Rectora

We have noticed that it is getting more difficult to find a Rector/a in this busy world.



The LORD your God is in your midst—a warrior bringing victory.

He will create calm with his love;
he will rejoice over you with singing.”

Zephaniah 3:17

Leadership Training Team

Steve Wilson, Terri Eggleston, Bonnie Clawson

This past year has been an exciting one for we have seen up close the goodness of God as He guided us through Day 1 and Day 2 Training for three of the “best weekends ever!”. UEC Weekends #277 & #278 took place in December of 2015 at Colonial Church, Edina. Weekends #279 & #280 took place in June of 2016 at Rosemount UMC, Rosemount. Weekends #281 & #282 have yet to take place in October of 2016 at Brooklyn UMC, Brooklyn Center.

We’ve had some changes within the Leadership Training Team as members finished their terms and new members began theirs. Judy Odegaard retired after completing her term and we welcomed Steve Wilson to the team. Terri Eggleston recently completed her term and now we officially welcome Mark Turgeon to the Leadership Training Team. We are grateful for God’s good and faithful servants, Judy and Terri, for sharing their gifts of time and talents to enhance this ministry they love so much.

Our goals for this coming year are focused toward developing the Leadership Training materials and processes. With the natural ebb and flow of the Leadership Training Team members it is important to insure that we are providing consistent and effective training for our future Rectors and Rectoras. Our goals include the following components.

- 1.) Fine tune the training sessions so they they are more effective.
- 2.) Cross train all Leadership Training Team members thus providing consistent and effective training.



“Don’t fear, because I am with you;
don’t be afraid, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you,

I will surely help you;

I will hold you

with my righteous strong hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

Communications Coordinator

Lisa Boldenow

There are many changes that are taking place in communications. I have resigned my position to better take care of increased family needs at home. With that change, Chad Olinger has stepped up to be the new Communications Coordinator, thank you Chad. Barb Laidlaw has resigned as the Palanca Press Editor. Thank you Barb, for doing a great job in the transition to a predominantly electronic newsletter. Chad will be filling that role as well, thanks again. Teresa VanBatavia continues to update our website for us. The website is constant need of updates to keep current, thank you Teresa. The UEC Facebook Page has been monitored by myself, Barb Laidlaw, and Del VanBatavia. Thank you to all of you for keeping a look out on our Facebook Page. Chad will be stepping in there too, with Barb and I leaving. A thank you also goes to Tim Cimbura for his continued work on our council email accounts. Box.com continues to be a great resource for council and rector/as to share files and stay up to date.

After serving as the first Communications Coordinator for the past five years, I would like to thank my fellow council members and the UEC community for your continued grace. I have been blessed by all of you.



Supplies Coordinator

Rich Carlson

The 2015-2016 year was an eventful one regarding the trailers for the wrong reasons. Following the winter weekends the trailers were broken into while they were at Colonial Church of Edina. Thankfully nothing of significant value was stolen or damaged. After working with church staff and police we were able to secure the trailers again and move them.

This was my last year as the supplies coordinator. Jay Engelman will be taking over the duties of the supplies/trailer coordinator. May his efforts be blessed!



“This is my command—be strong and courageous!
Do not be afraid or discouraged.
For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9

Site Selection

Diane Martin

The final weekend in 2015, was held at Brunswick UMC in Crystal. In 2016, weekends were held and plans for the beginning of 2017 have been confirmed at the locations listed below.

My term for this position is complete as of June 2016, but I have begun working with Sue Ganzer, a member of the council who will be taking over as Site Selectin Coordinator effective September 2016. Locations for the remainder of 2017 are currently being worked on.

Colonial Church, Edina

# 277	Men	Jan 21 – 24, 2016
#278	Women	Jan 28 – 31, 2016

Rosemount UMC

#279	Men	Jul 21 – 24, 2016
#280	Women	Jul 28 – 31, 2016

Brooklyn Center UMC

#281	Men	Oct 13 – 16, 2016
#282	Women	Oct 20 – 23, 2016

Faith Covenant, Burnsville

#283	Men	Feb 16 – 19, 2017
#284	Women	Feb 23 – 26, 2017



“I’m convinced that nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus our Lord:
not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things,
not powers³⁹ or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.”

Romans 8:38-39

Liaison Coordinator

Sara Vanderbent

During the 2015-2016 term, it was a time of transition for everyone. Several new liaisons were installed and I took the job over from Mike Peterson.

I have been looking at clarifying and updating guidelines the liaisons and guidelines for sponsors. As a council, we will be looking forward and trying to find a better way to connect with the liaisons and the 4th Day community at large.

I will continue to update the liaisons with weekend information and determine their needs along with their individual communities. That information will be passed onto the council as a whole to address any issues.



Members at Large

Cathy Colman & Sue Ganzer

As part of the UeC Council, the Member at Large position was a newly created role during the 2015-16 year. This was a one year role we came in to which gave us a capacity to attend monthly meetings, better understand the individual roles of the council members & become educated in the current topics & responsibilities of the Council. From it, we were able to assist with projects & be better equipped to assume new roles as we move into the future years of our Council term, taking over for members who are at the end of their terms. During the year we were able to participate in Day 2 training and did an inventory of UeC kitchen consumables and make some recommendations for ongoing maintenance of that inventory. We found these new positions to be beneficial to the individuals being brought on & for the Council as a whole. Recommendations were made to the Council for continuing with these roles in the future.



“I can endure all these things through the power
of the one who gives me strength.

Phil. 4:13