



# PalancaPress

## News of Unidos en Cristo Minnesota



### CONVENOR'S CORNER

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Greetings to you in the name of our most holy Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that this finds you happy and healthy.

The Unidos en Cristo Council has voted to postpone both the August clergy/spouse event and the coed weekend planned for November in Rochester. It was not a decision that comes without sadness and regret. We would never want anyone to become sick at any UEC event.

We want to be very clear about two things. First, we came to this decision after much prayer and thoughtful discussion. We pray at every meeting for God's wisdom and discernment. We take very seriously the inscription on the back of the cross that we all receive at the end of our weekends, "Christ is counting on you". It seems obvious that if we cannot conduct a weekend safely, we take a pause to allow the health system to bring the situation under control. Our ministry is only being postponed, not canceled.

Second, the good news of the gospel of Jesus, and the message of UEC, is that we can live our lives with hope for the future. Each day seems to bring more bad news. We choose to claim the gifts of grace, hope and love offered to those who will but accept them. We choose to believe that even on our darkest days, the all-powerful Creator of the universe knows each of us by name. We choose to believe that this is only a short detour on the journey to God's kingdom here on Earth.

A mighty fortress is our God! Be safe, and be well.

Jim Dibley





## IN LOVING MEMORY

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

- JoAnn Cope – died 12/20/18 – UEC #166
- Bob Hansen - died 10/18/2018 - UEC #161
- Jim Harper - died 5/1/2020
- Charlene Harper - died 7/4/2020
- Rev. Bruce Hillyer - died 2/22/2020
- Roger Hoppe – died 2/21/20 – UEC #139
- Archie MacPhee – died 3/19/19 – UEC #159
- Rev. Dennis Miller – died 1/6/20 – UEC #205
- Bill Ringold - died 6/3/20 - UEC#117
- Katie Schmidt – died 10/26/19 – UEC #178
- Ruth Slatter died 5/31/20 from Covid - UEC #64
- Bill Olson – died 5/24/19 – UEC #205

## UEC Weekends

**Postponed until Summer of 2021**

Clergy & Spouse's UEC#301

If you know of a Cursillista who has entered his or her 5th Day, please e-mail information to the Palanca Press Editor [palancapress@unidosencristo.com](mailto:palancapress@unidosencristo.com) for inclusion in the newsletter. You may also use the form on the website, [unidosencristo.com](http://unidosencristo.com), on the 4th Day Community page and use the 5th Day button. 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: Unidos en Cristo, 5108 W. 74th St., P.O. Box 390321, Edina, MN 55439

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## DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In Christ there is no East or West

We of the Unidos en Cristo movement stand in solidarity with all people in their struggle to achieve peace and justice. As a Christ-centered community of believers, we recognize that all people are created in the image of God. Therefore, we hold ethnic diversity to be of primary importance in the recruitment of leadership and team members. We encourage participating churches to actively recruit persons of color to attend UEC weekends, and we commit to providing an environment that honors ethnic diversity and affirms the dignity and worth of each individual.

Jim Dibley

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## UEC #299 WEEKENDERS

Basurto	Malcolm	The Well, Rosemount
Beckman	Mark	Crosswinds
Beech	Robert	West Bethel UMC
Cajune	Robert	Hosanna
Eull	Mourice	St. Michaels
Heidman	Thomas	Hope Community Church
Hjermstad	Alex	Riverwood Community Church
Larson	Lowell	The Well, Rosemount
Liebrez	Del	Grace United Methodist
Malchow	Tim	Riverwood Community Church
Marrone Menter	Matthew	Church of Acts
Shinler	Austin	Main Street
Videen	Bill	First UMC Lindstrom



## UEC #300 WEEKENDERS

Beckman	Jennifer (Jeni)	Crosswinds
Beech	Victoria (Vicki)	West Bethel UMC
Ellefson	Nancy	Main Street
Friese	Cynthia	Hosanna
Hjermstad	Carina	Riverwood Comm
Johnson	Micki	Stanchfield Baptist
Kath	Vicky	Buffalo UMC
Koenig	Charity	Crosswinds
Larson	Nancy	The Well
Malchow	Kristin	Riverwood Comm
Segelstrom	Betty	Ogilvie UMC
Strand	Nancy	Trinity Lone Oak
Sullivan	Evelyn (Evie)	Main Street
Videen	Carlee	First UMC Lindstrom

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## CURSILLO FRIENDS



Unidos en Cristo is one of literally thousands of cursillo organizations. All offer the cursillo weekend in some form. Some are denominational, some are not. Some are co-ed. Some meet in churches, some in retreat centers. They all follow the same basic cursillo method.

Unidos en Cristo is "friends" with the following cursillo organizations in Minnesota and you are encouraged to know about them and support them. We all have the same basic goal ... to provide a weekend that is an encounter with God's grace.

**Catholic Cursillo:** Found active in many of Minnesota's Catholic communities: [www.tc-cursillo.org](http://www.tc-cursillo.org).

**Charis:** Cursillo in prison. Once you've attended a cursillo weekend, you can serve on team with Charis. For more information, go to: [www.charismn.com](http://www.charismn.com).

**Teens Encounter Christ (TEC):** Sponsor a teenager (grades 10-12) to serve as an adult leader on a TEC weekend. Visit [www.unitedtec.org](http://www.unitedtec.org) (metro) or [www.southerntec.org](http://www.southerntec.org) (Southern Minnesota) for more information. There is also a Lutheran TEC.

**Tres Dias:** An international ecumenical community. Visit [www.tresdias.org](http://www.tresdias.org).

**Via de Cristo (Minnesota):** Visit [www.mnviadecristo.org](http://www.mnviadecristo.org). Now ecumenical, this began as Minnesota Lutheran Cursillo.

**Walk to Emmaus:** Sponsored by the Upper Room, information on this ecumenical community, which began in the Methodist tradition, can be found at: [www.mnemmaus.org](http://www.mnemmaus.org).