

GOOD NEWS! Via de Cristo

OF SE MICHIGAN & NW OHIO

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Welcome New Members!

In the early spring of each year, a nominating committee is formed from among the members of the Good News Secretariat. It's purpose is to seek replacements for any members of the secretariat, who's terms of service have been completed, from our community of more than 2,000 members. This year Heidi McFadden served as chairperson and guided the committee through the two month process of seeking folks to fill five openings.

A good deal of prayer and contemplation goes into the work as members consider the very best candidates for nomination. As you can imagine, many of the best candidates are already deeply involved in the life of their families, their neighborhoods, at work and in the life and ministries of their churches. Even so, they are often just the folks who are willing to step forward and share their gifts serving the Good news! Via de Cristo Community.

I am delighted to have the honor of introducing the new members of the 2010 Secretariat: Debbie Steyaert replacing Connie McComb-Brown as Post Weekend Chair, Marge Herrman replacing Jackie Rau as Treasurer, Lynn and Alan McGowan replacing Connie and Ron Peterson as Kitchen Co-chairs, Scott Koenig and Laura Fleeger-Koenig filling an open position as Pre-weekend Co-chairs and Joanne and Kevin DeHetre replacing Heidi and Tom McFadden as Communications Co-chairs.

New members will be supported by the folks they've replaced while in transition during summer team training and service during the fall weekends. Please keep the new members as well as the entire Good News Secretariat in your prayers during this coming year. We have much planned to do as we seek to fulfill our calling.

Jim Nicolai
Lay Director



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Upcoming Events

Men's Weekend #47

October 14-17, 2010
Bethel Lutheran Church
St. Clair Shores, MI

Women's Weekend #47

October 21-24, 2010
Bethel Lutheran Church
St. Clair Shores, MI

Post Weekend Ultreya

November 7, 2010
3:00 - 6:30 pm
Bethel Lutheran Church
St. Clair Shores, MI



SPRING WEEKENDS

Men's Weekend #48

March 31-April 3 2011
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Ottawa Lake, MI

Women's Weekend #48

April 7-10, 2011
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Ottawa Lake, MI

Post Weekend Ultreya

May 1, 2011
3:00 - 6:30 pm
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Ottawa Lake, MI

Music Book Taskforce

Have you ever wanted to sing a special Worship & Praise song at a Via de Cristo event, but it wasn't in the music book? Have you ever looked at the many wonderful songs in our current music books, but in between were many that you wondered where they came from? I have and so have many others in Good News! VdC. We need a way to update our songbooks and a way to update them in the future.

How are we going to do this? First, we are gathering a group of people who have served as Music Chas on at least one Weekend. Right now we have about 15 people on the Music Book Taskforce. They will look at the current music books and pick out

songs they think are appropriate for weekends and other VDC events. These selections will be compiled and included in the new songbook. Next we will be choosing new songs to go into the books. We will have a Church Copyright License (CCLI), so can add songs as needed. We are excited to have a new Via de Cristo Songbook for Good News!

Karen Warsop,
Palanca Chair
WNCVdC #32 – Table of Sarah



PRAYER

God speaks in the silence of the heart.
Listening is the beginning of prayer.

~Mother Teresa

Database Update Team in Place

As our community of Via de Cristo alumni increases so does our need to better manage information regarding these folks. A recent investigation revealed that data relative to past participants and team members is able to be found in two places and neither place was aware of the other. It was also found that the data in both places is not consistent.

The need to get a handle on the situation has been the catalyst that put together a team to look at what information we have, what information is current, and what information is relevant. The team will also look at how the information should be stored and who should have access to it.

The goal for the team is to get a prototype database in place in

time that the Spring 2011 rectors can try it out. Then with a few fixes, it should be ready for the Fall 2011 rectors.

One way the community can support this effort would be to ensure your personal information is correct. Please go to the www.gnvdc.org website, go to the community page and click on the edit profile link. If you don't already have a username and password for the website you will have to create one first. Then check your information.

With everyone's small amount of effort, we can turn all this data into some very usable information.

God Bless,
Jack Eggenberger
GNVdC #25 – Table of Paul

Willing to Serve?

There are many opportunities to serve. If you are willing to serve on a team, please go to our website at: www.gnvdc.org and log-in, go to "update your profile", and select yes or no next to the question "willing to serve". This will then be updated in our database.

Maybe your are not able to serve on a team but would like to

help out in some way. Below are a few ways you can help:

- Palanca - Prayer
- Pre-weekend setup
- Post-weekend tear-down
- Attend Send Off
- Attend Clausura
- Attend Serenade
- Food Donations

Contact Kevin or Joanne DeHetre at (734) 261-7322 for more info.

Updating Your Information

We need your help in updating our database. Please take a few minutes to update or verify your information. There are several ways to update your information.

WEBSITE

www.gnvdc.org
log-in (under community)
go to "update your profile"

(NOTE: If you do not have a password, please request one on the website and one will be emailed within 24 hours.)

BY E-MAIL

communications@gnvdc.org

BY MAIL

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Garden City, MI 48135

BY PHONE

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BY FAX

(734) 437-3060

We will have **change of information forms** available at team meetings, on the website, at Ultreyas, at Serenades, and other GNVDC events.

Secretariat Members and an Overview of Their Responsibilities



Did you ever wonder about the Secretariat? Who are these people and what do they do? Below are the members of the Secretariat and a brief description of what they do. Please feel free to contact them with questions, comments or even to offer a helping hand.

Lay Director

Jim Nicolai

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Responsible for leading the Good News! Secretariat and will represent the Secretariat when dealing with other organizations or bodies. Convenes and conducts meetings and retreats, oversees the training of secretariat members and coordinates the work of the members and committees. Initiates scheduling the time and dates of weekends and other events and serves on the Leaders Committee.

Past Lay Director

Klaus Doll

(586) 771-8959

pastlaydirector@gnvdc.org

Serves in an assisting and advisory capacity to the Lay Director and also serves on the Leaders Committee.

Treasurer

Marge Herrman

(248) 437-1059

treasurer@gnvdc.org

Responsible for the finances of the Secretariat. Authorizes any expenditure of funds, keeps records consistent with good bookkeeping practices, provides written reports of financial status at each Secretariat meeting and provides annual audits and budgets.

Secretary

Tony Biel

(419) 385-1166

secretary@gnvdc.org

Responsible for taking minutes at Secretariat meetings, processes all official Secretariat correspondence and maintains official Secretariat records and archives.

Communications Co-Chairs

Joanne & Kevin DeHetre

(734) 261-7322

communications@gnvdc.org

Responsible for website, publicity materials, database management. Coordinates the creation and mailing of newsletters, emails, printed materials such as team

manuals, forms, applications, service sheets, brochures, etc. Communications with The Good News Community, National Lutheran Secretariat and others. Provides updated community lists to Lay Director, Leaders Committee Chair and others, as needed.

Pre-Weekend Co-Chairs

Laura & Scott Fleeger-Koenig

(419) 841-1523

preweekendchair@gnvdc.org

Oversee intentional outreach; and receipt and processing of participant applications. Provide for transport of Good News trailer to weekend sites. Work with site coordinators to coordinate the arrangements for setup, sendoff and cleanup after weekends.

Post-Weekend Chair

Debbie Steyaert

(517) 423-4544

postweekendchair@gnvdc.org

Arranges for follow-up of Fourth Day activities, reunion groups and ultreyas. Maintains a list of current parish representatives and provides information on coming events for them to share in their congregations.

*Behold...
The Lord*

Secretariat Members and an Overview of Their Responsibilities *(continued)*

Palanca Chair

Karen Warsop

(517) 546-1509

palancachair@gnvdc.org

Coordinates and communicates with the NLS and other movements on matters relating to palanca. Receives and distributes palanca gifts and letters on weekends. Organizes a 72 hour prayer support chart for use on Good News weekends. Keeps an updated list of banners used on weekends. Coordinates movement's music program.

Supplies Co-Chairs

Joanne & Jack Eggenberger

(734) 397-1787

supplieschair@gnvdc.org

Maintain an inventory of all materials used on the three day weekend, assuring their proper care and storage (excluding food preparation materials and supplies.) Responsible for delivery of materials and supplies to weekend sites and oversight of setup and teardown.

Kitchen Co-Chairs

Lynn & Alan McGowan

(248) 313-9350

kitchenchair@gnvdc.org

Make all food and kitchen arrangements prior to and in support of the weekend. Plan menus, purchase food and deliver it to the

site. Meet with Head Cooks and Head Servers before the weekend to give information and instructions for food preparation and service on the weekend. Supervises the setup of the kitchen before the weekend begins, and the cleanup and teardown afterward.

Leaders Chair

Marilyn Taulbee

(248) 442-9144

leaderschair@gnvdc.org

Convenes the Leaders Committee, develops and maintains team and leaders training materials, receives and directs availability forms and conducts leaders training workshops. Assists in rector selection, training, support and with team selection as needed.

National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS) Lay Delegates

Judi Lado

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Claire Sobson

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Provide the point of contact between the Secretariat and the NLS on general matters. Attends NLS meetings and informs the Good News! Via de Cristo Community on NLS matters.

OTHER SUPPORT PEOPLE

Registrars

Nancy & Bob Rieck

(419) 478-2130

registrar@gnvdc.org

Receive and review each application for correctness and completeness. Help work through discrepancies with Lay Director and sponsor. Mail out a confirmation letter to sponsors and participants prior to weekends. Provides a sign-in list of registered names for sendoff.

Outreach Coordinators

Angie & PJ Colbeck

(734) 453-3105

outreachcoordinator@gnvdc.org

Provide intentional outreach to congregations in NW Ohio and SE Michigan. Provide for distribution of Good News! Via de Cristo promotional brochures and DVDs. Present temple talks, when requested.

Music Coordinators

Jeana & Keith Penski

musiccoordinators@gnvdc.org

Works with Rector and Head Music Cha, if needed, to select songs used on weekends. Provide music leaders for serenades and all other Good News activities. Insures that all applicable copyright regulations are followed.

From our Treasurer

"Does he understand that things cost money?" the woman asked. Easter Seals had come to our home to do an evaluation of our foster son Marcus, physical, mental, cognitive, etc. development. Marcus is three. I thought to myself, "do kids ever learn that?"

Most of us are aware that running a ministry such as Via de Cristo costs money. There are the weekends of course, but then there are other costs, such as insurance and the annual national meeting. This year we were able to cover all of our costs and leave a surplus for the upcoming year (our fiscal year runs from July 1-June 30). That is due to several factors. One, our collections on the weekends, particularly the Spring weekends, were strong. Two, we received a number of donations direct from the community, not connected to a weekend. And three, participation in the Kroger

card program continues to grow. Thank you to all of you who give, in whatever way you can. Your Secretariat deeply appreciates it!

Here are the final figures from last year:

Beginning balance	\$1,842
Income	
Weekend Giving	\$19,407
General Contributions	6,551
Kroger	580
Total Income	26,538
Expenses	
Weekend	9,898
Other	7,407
Total Expenses	17,305
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 11,075

If any of you would like to make a general donation: please make check out to: Good News Via de Cristo, mail it to: c/o Marge Herrman, 30966 Bramley Clr., New Hudson, MI 48165-9645.

Sincerely, Jackie Rau

Good News Community called to their heavenly home:

Margaret Fleeger
Weekend#32
Table of Persis

Don Craven
Weekend#12



Please keep their family & friends in your prayers.

FALL APPLICATION DEADLINES

Reminders from our Registrars

With another set of weekends approaching, it is important that our application process runs smoothly.

Sponsors, please note:

- Applications need to be filled out completely.
- Pastors signatures must be included.
- Neatness counts! We want to have accurate information for our participants, so please take time and print legibly.

Deadlines for Weekend #47 applications:

(10 days before the weekend)

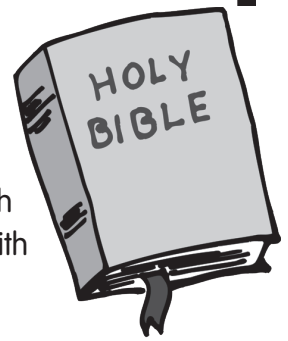
- Men's - Oct. 4, 2010
- Women's - Oct. 11, 2010

The PO Box address and the fax number are on the application.

Applications are available on our website:
www.gnvdc.org

God's blessings to you,
Bob and Nancy Rieck
Registrars

Spiritual Checkup...



In the process of examining our consciences, we don't do it to rub our face in what we did wrong, but to offer up our sorrows in exchange for his mercy. We don't walk away from such an exercise feeling horrible about ourselves, but we rejoice that God has shared the truth with us, and given us his mercy when we lived in lies. Take some time to reflect upon the below:

The first commandment is to love God above all, and to have no other gods than him.

•*How do we break that commandment?* A god is something in our lives that we worship, that we serve, that we hope in for our well-beings. Is money your god? Is popularity your god? Is your spouse, girlfriend or boyfriend your god? What do you trust in more than God? What do you think about more than God?

•*How do we live that commandment?* What do we do in our lives to show that God is the center of it? How do we treat others? Do we go to church? Do we pray?

The second commandment is to not abuse the name of God.

•*How do we break that commandment?* It's incredible to think that God gave us his name, but we need to use a title for most professionals in life. But how do we use that gift? Do we make it a swear word?

•*How do we live that commandment?* Do we talk about Jesus? When somebody is down, can we say that we will pray to God for him or her? When something good happens, can we say, "Thank you, God" and mean it? Those are ways we can use God's name: for preaching and for praying.

The third commandment is to keep the Sabbath day holy.

•*How do we break that commandment?* If it weren't for the Jewish Sabbath being on Saturday and the Christian Sabbath being on Sunday, then we would not have weekends off. You'd be going to work seven days a week (in many countries where there are no Judeo-Christian roots, that is what happens). The Sabbath is to be a day of rest and worship. Do we treat it like another day of the week? Do we go to church? Do we work unnecessarily?

• *How do we live that commandment?* Go to church! Take a day off! Get your work done on Saturdays so you can rest on Sundays!

*Excerpts taken from the book:
"Basic Spiritual Workout" by Bob Rice*

Congratulations to our Fall Rectors Weekend #47

Men's Rector

Tony Selk
Indiana #14
Table of John

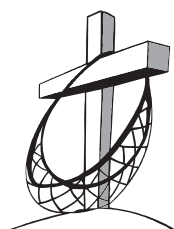
Women's Rector

Judy Cook
Weekend #22
Table of Lydia



Please pray for our new Rectors as they devote so much of their time and talents preparing for this special weekend.

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Weekend #47 Events

Join us!

Mark your calendar for the upcoming events for Men's and Women's GN!VdC #47.
For maps and more information, go to our website: www.gnvdc.org

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October 14-17, 2010
Bethel Lutheran Church
St. Clair Shores, MI

Set-Up

Wednesday, October 13
7:00 pm

Send Off

Thursday, October 14
7:30 pm

Serenade

Saturday, October 16
6:00 pm

Clausura & Clean-up

Sunday, October 17
4:30 pm

Women's Weekend #47

October 21-24, 2010
Bethel Lutheran Church
St. Clair Shores, MI

Set-Up

Wednesday, October 20
7:00 pm

Send Off

Thursday, October 21
7:30 pm

Serenade

Saturday, October 23
6:00 pm

Clausura & Clean-up

Sunday, October 24
4:30 pm