

Amazed by Grace



Utah Via de Cristo Newsletter

March 2013

Spring Weekend Dates

Men's Weekend #57

April 4 - 7

Women's Weekend #58

April 11 - 14

For who are not serving directly on team, please consider serving in another fashion.

How to Help	Description	Contacts
Food Palanca	Items such as snacks, soft drinks, bottled water, and fruit are always welcome.	Drop off at Good Shepherd on Thursday afternoon or evening of each VDC weekend.
4th Day Angel	The 4th Day Team always needs help before, during, and after the weekend. Please contact one of the angel coordinators to help.	Alan Day at (801) 791-6205 or hotsprng@hotmail.com . Emily Terrell at (801) 232-9107 or emsmini@gmail.com .
Sign Bibles	Bring your favorite bible verse and sign bibles for the weekenders.	Come to Good Shepherd anytime on Friday.
Prayer	Prayer IS Palanca!	God, our Father

Weekend Schedule For Angels

Day	Time	Description
Thursday	2:00 - 4:30 PM	Set-up for the weekend
Friday	All day	Sign Bibles, drop off palanca, & fellowship!
Saturday	12:00 - 5:00 PM	Decorate for Agape Dinner
Saturday	After 5:00 PM	Agape Dinner serenade & kitchen team help
Sunday	6:30 - 8:00 AM	Load the truck and reset the Church
Sunday	1:30 PM	Lunch Serenade
Sunday	3:00 PM	Clausaura
Sunday	All day	Pack-up & Clean



NLS 2013 Annual Meeting

July 25-28, 2013
West Palm Beach, Florida

Registration & travel forms can be found at <http://www.viadecristo.org/annualmeeting/2013/index.php>.

On behalf of the National Lutheran Secretariat and the Host Committee from Region 7 – Florida, you are officially invited to attend the National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting in West Palm Beach, FL, July 25th through July 28th.

The NLS 2013 Annual Meeting theme, Streams of Living Water, is based on John 7:37-39, emphasizing that it is through Christ alone that we find the strength needed for our Fourth Day. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Streams of Living Water enable us to evangelize our environments, expand Christian community, and celebrate our lives built on the tripod of Piety, Study and Apostolic Action. We hope you will join us in being rejuvenated and refreshed in the fountain of grace which flows from our heavenly Father!

Palm Beach Atlantic University (www.pba.edu) will be the site of this year's annual meeting. The campus is located on the beautiful intracoastal waterway in downtown West Palm Beach; a ten minute walk across a beautiful bridge will put you in famous Palm Beach with its beaches, Worth Avenue, Flagler Museum and Coconut Row. A committee member will greet you at Palm Beach International Airport (PBI), just a ten minute drive from the campus. While we strongly encourage flying in and out of PBI to avoid the common traffic delays of I-95 and Fort Lauderdale International Airport (FLL), we will provide transportation to and from PBI or FLL.

The dorm rooms on the compact Palm Beach Atlantic campus share a bathroom with one other adjoining room, so no more than four people will be sharing. No smoking and no alcohol are permitted on campus. The facilities are entirely air-conditioned for optimal comfort in South Florida's summer heat and humidity. The short walks between events are palm tree-lined and on level terrain, and elevators are available in all multi-level buildings.

Please use our Registration Form and the Transportation form to provide us with your reservation information. Forms are available on the NLS website, www.viadecristo.org. Please note that you may take advantage of a special "Early Bird" discount if you register by April 30th. The full registration fee will be paid by attendees registering after May 1st. The registration form offers an option to arrive on campus Wednesday, July 24th. If you elect this option, be sure to include the cost for the extra night and meals with your total payment when you submit your reservation.

Please plan to attend this year's NLS Annual Meeting! We encourage members from all Secretariats to send your full complement of eligible representatives plus non-voting visitors. The annual meeting experience is not just for elected or appointed secretariat members but also for community-at-large. Each year the meeting proves to be an exciting, uplifting and wonderful forum in which we can exchange information, share ideas, make new friends, and renew old friendships. You will be led, fed and encouraged with music, worship, the Eucharist, meals, laughter, and God's love together with brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the United States! (If funds are an issue for your Secretariat, please contact NLS VP of Outreach Steve Gielda at sgielda@verizon.net regarding possible scholarships.)

On behalf of all six of the Florida Secretariats, we want you to know that we have been lifting all of you up in prayer during these months of preparation, and we are so excited to be welcoming you to Florida once again! Come, let the Streams of Living Water flow!

Beverly Abt and Watson Ray

Co-chairs

What Did I Miss at Servant Training?



Servant Training was held in January, 2013. It was an excellent opportunity to learn about the essentials of Via de Cristo, the 4th day community, how to give a rollo, and how to be the chicken, among many other things! If you missed this one, don't worry as there will be another opportunity in 2014.

Here is what a few people had to say after attending: *It was a fun way to learn more about VdC and the Utah VdC. It was wonderful to see people from my weekend again and a great opportunity to meet other people in our 4th Day family.* -Tami Wrice

It was a great time for fellowship, meeting new and old members of the fourth day community. -Candace Hockett

Keeps me on top of the things that matter. It's all about keeping the real VDC ways going without changing to some other ways that seem different, or could be used. This is a very important experience, let's keep it going the right way!! -Lonnie Hockett

Holding a Servant Training annually is a valuable part of serving our 4th Day Community. Involving members of the Secretariat and those who have held leadership roles in recent weekends is essential and becomes an opportunity for expansion for both them and the more recent attendees. -Dan and Mary Kartak

Count me in as a continuing participant. The different nuances other leaders utilize and display are vitally important for us others to recognize and accept. There is no single, solitary, and best way for the Holy Spirit to use us to bring others to Christ. De Colores! In and with the love of Jesus -Jim and Lorna Duff

Food, Fellowship and Fun! We learned the difference between the Essential aspects of VdC and the Non-essentials, the importance of attending Ultreyas, and how to approach Servant Opportunities. -Dimetrios Kimo deLeon Torres

Did you know that only the following items are considered the essentials for an authentic Via de Cristo weekend?

Palanca — The heart and lifeblood of the movement — deep, intentional, selfless, sacrificial prayer.

Seventy-two hours — Three full days of Christian community, away from all the distractions of daily life.

Holy Communion daily — Jesus is truly present in word and sacrament; both are made available to the participants.

5 Meditations — Five guided image meditations; offered to assist the participants in examining their relationship with Christ.

14/15 Talks — Actually separated parts of one talk necessary to cover the basics of the Via de Cristo method

Note taking or write downs — Specific ideas and power phrases that capture the essential points of each of the talks.

Discussions — Small group encounters where Christ can come alive in the community and the fundamentals of Christianity can be reviewed.

Posters — Hand-drawn expressions of the essential meaning of each of the talks.

Decuria sharing — A summarizing of the day's talks; a wonderful opportunity for participants to talk before a larger group.

Silent retreat — a period without talking; offered the first night to prick the conscience of the Participants.

Celebration of Repentance — an examination of our life in light of the gospel; offered the first night to stimulate serious self reflection.

Crosses — A cross common to the Cursillo® movement with a telling inscription "Christ is counting on you!"

Closing — The welcome of new participants into the community as a whole; designed to assure them that there are many brothers and sisters who understand.

Mark Your Calendars!



Prayer Renewal

You are invited to join us in praying for the
Utah Via de Cristo Community

Monday April 1st

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

In the Prayer Chapel

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are welcome!

Send prayer requests to cathy@riccifamily.com

*Have faith in God... Whatever you ask for in prayer,
Believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

Mark 11:22,24

2013 Ultreya Dates

Date	Time	Location	Address
April 21	3pm – 6pm	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	8575 South 700 East, Sandy
May 19	3pm – 5pm	Our Saviors Lutheran Church (Roy)	5560 South 2300 West, Roy
June 23	3pm – 5pm	Mountain of Faith Lutheran Church	78 East 100 North, Tooele
August 18	3pm – 5pm	St. Luke Episcopal Church	4595 Silver Springs Drive, Park City
September 15	3pm – 5pm	Grace Lutheran Church	835 North Main Street, Bountiful
November 3	3pm – 6pm	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	8575 South 700 East, Sandy



VIA de CRISTO is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The focus is not on VIA de CRISTO itself, but on the environment of the community of believers. The objective of the movement is to inspire, challenge and equip people for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities.



Welcome 2013 Utah Via de Cristo Secretariat!



From Left: John Bradford, Brick Thompson, Bill Lange, Annie Layton, Bonnie Knudson, Kelly Martin, Candace Hockett, Ann Pritchard, Linda Casteel, Denise McConkay. Not pictured: Pr. Neil Arnold, Mark Hollier, Hugh Cawthorne.

Stay Connected

With technology and gadgets today, there are so many ways to keep informed as to what's going on. People – Places – Events can all be found by using any of the following ways.

Utah VDC Website:	www.utahvdc.org
National VDC Website:	www.viadecristo.org
Face Book Page:	Utah VDC
Prayer Request & Praise Report:	John Bradford - joab@xmission.com
Prayer Meetings/Groups:	Cathy Ricci - cathy@riccifamily.com