

# Amazed by Grace

December 2013



## Spring Rector and Rectora

Congratulations to John Schmidt and Mary Kartak! John will be Rector for Men's #61, and Mary will be the Rectora for Women's #62. We ask you to uphold them in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to train for their upcoming roles and in the process of team formation. May they be guided by the Lord and filled with His Spirit as they begin their own personal journeys of preparation.



John Schmidt



Mary Kartak

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## Servant Training

Got a servant heart?

Want to know more about VdC?

Need some Abrazos?

Like food and fellowship?

Then servant training is for you!

Come and learn about the 4th day community.

Learn to not be afraid to Rector a team, write and

give a rollo, or be the chicken.  
Learn that being a sponsor is the biggest blessing to the weekend.  
Learn that all teams are created equal!  
Learn the ins and outs, ups and downs!  
God has called all to serve.  
The capacity in which we serve may vary, but serving is what it is about.



*Saturday, January 18, 2014  
9am – 2pm  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
1105 North Washington Blvd.  
Ogden, Utah*

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## Prayer Renewal



You are invited to join us in praying for the Utah Via de Cristo Community  
**Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**  
In the Prayer Chapel at  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
All are welcome!  
Send prayer requests to  
[cathy@riccifamily.com](mailto:cathy@riccifamily.com).

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## 2014 Ultreya and Weekend Dates



### Weekends

- March 20-23 Men's weekend #61
- March 27-30 Women's weekend #62
- October 9-12 Men's weekend #63
- October 16-19 Women's weekend #64

## Ultreyas

- **February 16** | 3pm – 5pm | Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Roy) | 5560 South 2300 West, Roy
- **March** | No Ultreya (Spring Weekends)
- **April 6** | 3pm – 6pm | Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | 575 South 700 East, Sandy
- **May 18** | 3pm – 5pm | Mountain of Faith Lutheran Church | 560 S Main St, Tooele
- **June 22** | 3pm – 5pm | Location TBD
- **July** | No Ultreya
- **August 17** | 3pm – 5pm | St. Luke Episcopal Church 4595 Silver Springs Drive, Park City
- **September 21** | 3pm – 5pm | Ascension Lutheran Church 1105 North Washington Blvd, Ogden
- **October** | No Ultreya (Fall Weekends)
- **November 2** | 3pm – 6pm | Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | 575 South 700 East, Sandy
- **December** | No Ultreya

*Remember that you can always find these dates and more on the Utah VdC website at [www.utahvdc.org](http://www.utahvdc.org). The [Utah VdC calendar](#) is always up-to-date on the website!*

## From the Secretariat



### Ultreya/Liaison Coordinator Needed

This position is filled by an elected member of the VDC Council and is a voting member of the Council. Denise McConkey was in this position. She resigned when she moved to Las Vegas. Bonnie Kundson and Candace Hockett are filling this until VDC Council elections. There isn't a lot to do, because Denise took care of everything before she left.

The Ultreya/Liaison Coordinator is called to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The Liaison is the key link between the 4<sup>th</sup> day community, congregations, pastors, sponsors, small groups, potential weekenders and the Via de Cristo Council.

The Liaisons are called to encourage, be compassionate, accept all and serve. The church liaisons represent the Via de Cristo Community in their church. They generate interest in VDC, answer questions, provide applications for weekends, and publicize upcoming events. They are the face of VDC in their churches.

The Coordinator also finds the locations for the monthly Ultreyas. The Coordinator works with the church liaisons to to organize speakers, musicians, kitchen and clergy help and church facilities for the Ultreya. The Ultreyas are usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. A schedule of Ultreyas can be found on the [Utah VdC website](http://UtahVdC.org).

**Contact us at [secretariat@utahvdc.org](mailto:secretariat@utahvdc.org) if you wish to be considered for the Ultreya/Liaison Coordinator position.**

GLYASDI  
Candace Hockett

## Assistant Convener Job Description

Hi, I'm Candace Hockett and I am the current Assistant Convener of the VDC Council. The Assistant Convener is an elected member of VDC Council and is a voting member. The duties of the Assistant Convener are to assist the Convener. What does this entail? Praying, doing whatever the Convener asks, helping wherever needed and standing in for the Convener when they aren't available. It can be a busy or not so busy position, depending on the Convener.

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Candace Hockett

## Church Liaisons Needed

Utah VdC needs Church Liaisons at the following churches:

- Elim Lutheran (Ogden)
- Grace (Bountiful)
- Holy Cross (Brigham)

## Liaison Responsibilities

Liaisons are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The Liaison is the key link

between the 4th day community, congregation, pastors, sponsors, small groups, potential weekenders, and the Via de Cristo Secretariat. A Liaison is a vital position within the 4th day community. With strong Liaisons in a church community, the presence of the Via de Cristo movement is in the congregations, thus Via de Cristo continues to move forward and impact the lives of those who will and have entered the 4th day community. Liaisons are called to encourage, be compassionate, accept all, and serve. The work of Via de Cristo is helping Christians to become effective apostles and grow as saints. This cannot be done without Liaisons.

- Liaisons need to create an all-accepting environment into the Via de Cristo community. Remember Via de Cristo is not an exclusive club, but an experience for all baptized believers to deepen their walk with the Lord.
- Responsible for creating a communication pool to the 4th day community of their home church.
- Make available to home congregation weekend applications, weekend dates, and Rector/Rectora information, change of address and team volunteer forms, Secretariat minutes, and a brief history of Via de Cristo. Secretariat Liaison representative will provide these forms for Liaison and Secretariat minutes.
- Accept all completed applications for weekenders and send to Secretariat Allocations representative. Make sure application is complete with all weekender information, payment (if submitted at this time), sponsor, pastor signature if applicable.
- Keep track of applications sent to Allocations.
- Identify sponsors as needed. Discuss sponsor responsibilities as needed to a new sponsor.
- If a 4th day member has any issue that needs Via de Cristo Secretariat attention, the Liaison needs to inform the Secretariat that a 4th day member needs Secretariat to contact him/her or 4th day member will attend the next Secretariat meeting. Liaison can also attend Secretariat meeting on behalf of the 4th day member.
- Liaisons are invited to attend any Secretariat meeting with the understanding that they are not considered a voting member.
- Liaison needs to communicate to his/her home congregation, church council, and pastor any information in regards to the activities within the Via de Cristo community (Weekend dates, Ultreya dates, rector/rectora, etc.).
- The responsibility of the Liaison can be shared with one or two assistants. This choice is decided by the church Liaison. If assistants are chosen it is preferable the assistants and the head Liaison attend different services within their home church. This helps to form a broader base for contact and communication in the 4th day community, and makes it easier on

congregation members seeking information about Via de Cristo. The head Liaison will decide how responsibilities will be split amongst him/her and any assistants.

- If Liaison is unable to continue he/she needs to contact Secretariat Liaison representative and discuss resigning from the position. When Liaison decides to resign he/she will be asked for recommendations to answer the call of Liaison. Secretariat Representative will train the new Liaison accordingly.
- Liaison needs to communicate any prayer requests from 4th day community to Via de Cristo prayer chain. Doing so only with permission from person who stands in need of prayer.
- Liaisons need to communicate Ultreya dates to 4th day community within their congregation. Announcing in services and in church bulletin if possible. Announcing at least one week prior to Ultreya. When announcing Ultreya, include date, time, and host church with address.
- Liaison will be scheduling and conducting 1-3 Ultreyas at their home church throughout the year.

**Contact us at [secretariat@utahvdc.org](mailto:secretariat@utahvdc.org) for more information on how to become a liaison.**

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Mark Hollier

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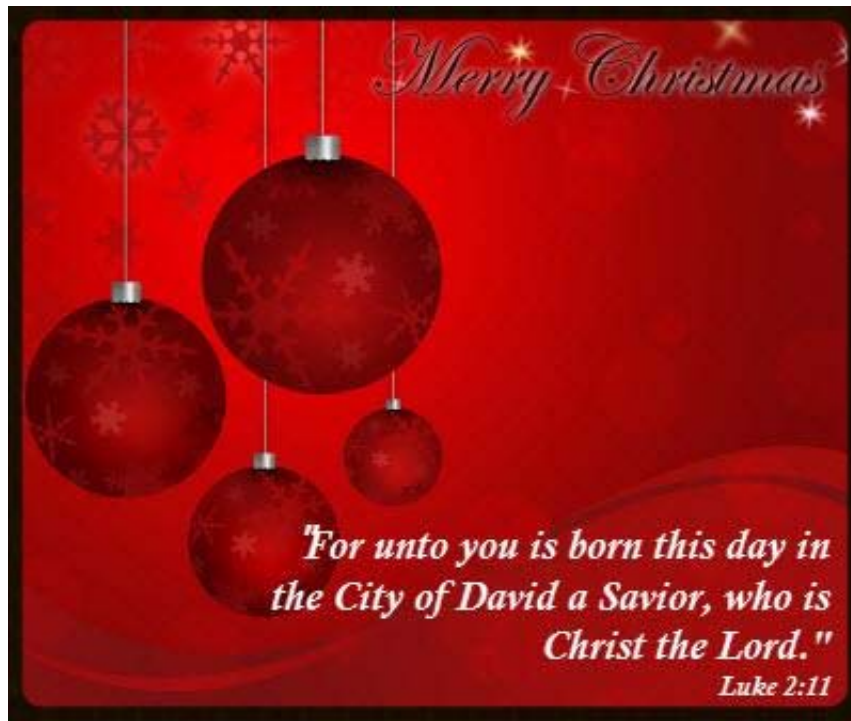


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VIA de CRISTO is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The focus is not on VIA de CRISTO itself, but on the environment of the community of believers. The objective of the movement is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



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