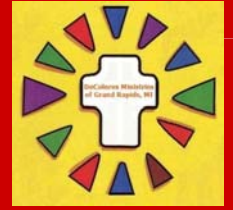


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Newsletter for September-October 2007

Upcoming Events

A Fourth Day Workshop will be held Saturday, November 3, at 3rd Reformed Church, 2060 Michigan St. NE, from 9:00-4:00. Learn the inside workings of a Weekend. Contact Ron & Tammy Schollaart, 866-3675 or tshollaart@comcast.net.

Utreya will be Monday, November 5, at 3rd Reformed Church, 2060 Michigan St. NE. Gathering time is 7 pm, with Utreya from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

**The Men's Spring Weekend will be held on February 21-24
Rector: Bruce Van Dyke, Co-Rector Karl Van Dyke**

**The Women's Spring Weekend will be held March 13-16
Rectoress: Phyllis Kuiper, Co-Rectoress Sid Ogg**

Welcome the New Crucistas from Men's Weekend #205, September 23, 2007

Ronnie Bateman Scott Bates Scott Corley Zachary DeVries Onno DeWit
John Dickensheets Lyle Dykhuizen Nathan Falls Jeffrey Griffiths
Steve Hawks Don Hunderman Michael Jamula John Koops Dan Poencet
Jerry Rode Michael Ryan Bill Schaefer Robert Schultz Wesley Vanderwilk
Norman Venema Walter VomSteege

Welcome the New Crucistas from Women's Weekend #206, October 7, 2007

Wendy Bates Bridgett Bracey Wilma (D.D.) Brewer Holly Corley
Caralyn DeRuiter Kimberly DeWit Barb Dickensheets Debrah Gormley
Roseanne Griffiths Beverly Hunderman Erin Johnson Jane Lachneit
Terry Lopez Marilee Morin Bell Neitzel Sandy Kroll Kelly Peters
Tammie Poencet Tracy Scheid Teresa Streater Laurie Schultz
Nicole Vos Shadoe Young

Dear De Colores Community,

Since De Colores Men's Weekend #205, I have talked about it with a number of people. I have thought about that Weekend a lot and I still don't know how to describe it. It was a joy and a privilege, I believe a rare privilege, to be a ringside witness to the Holy Spirit doing His thing! Right from the beginning my prayers were "God, use us for Your will and help me to stay out of Your way so that You can do Your work." There is no doubt those prayers were answered (JAPA = just another prayer answered).

You, the De Colores Community, know what I'm talking about. You've been there, done that. What a wonder to share in God's Love. Love is the key you know: God's love for us and our love for Him, and shared with each other. I know that you know people that you would like to see have that Decolores experience, so remember the Weekends coming up.

I thank you for your prayers, your love and support for the Decolores community, and for the honor of helping God select me to be the rector of weekend # 205.

In and by His Love,
His servant,
Chuck Dykhuizen, Rector of Weekend #205

Dear De Colores Community,

What can I say about Weekend #206? It is hard for me to put into words the experience that this was. The Holy Spirit was present with power! We as a team watched and experienced God working in the lives of the new Crusistas and the team as the Weekend unfolded. We were able to bring our ashes to the foot of the cross and watch the Lord restore us and see a glimpse of the beauty he has in store for each of us. We experienced healing, forgiveness and renewal (not to mention a huge dose of love and laughter!)

I thank the community so much for the support which you gave to this Weekend. Your outpouring of love and prayer

I would also like to thank Oakdale Park for their generosity in providing such an awesome place for the Weekend to be held. I praise God for congregations so willing to share their love of God with others.

Once again I thank you for the privilege of serving as Rectoress of DeColores Weekend #206. I will forever be blessed and strengthened in my faith because of this experience.

God bless each of you,
DeColores,
Micki DeRuiter, Rectoress of Weekend #206

Names in the Hat for Rector and Rectoress

Men

Bruce Huster
Randy Brubaker
Jack Hawkins
Jim Knight

Women:

Bobbi Fike
Sharon VanBeek
Nancy Courser
Regi Valentine

As you can see, there is a need for people willing to serve as Rector/Rectoress to lead a Weekend. Please consider the opportunity to be used by God to bless so many.

Qualifications for Rector/Rectoress;

1. Team member of three or more De Colores Weekends, or two De Colores Weekends and one similar Weekend in the Cursillo tradition as a team member.
2. Not having previously served as Rector/Rectoress (Travel and Prison Weekends shall not apply).
3. After January 1, 2005 new entries into the "hat or pool" must have been a Rollista on a De Colores Weekend and a Coordinator on a different De Colores Weekend or participated in a fourth day workshop
4. Been in De Colores a minimum of three years.
5. Be a person whose life exemplifies the De Colores Ministry.
6. Is an active member of a church.
7. Exceptions to the above qualifications can only be made by a 2/3 vote of the secretariat.

Note: a recent constitutional change allows a fourth day workshop to substitute for being a coordinator on a Weekend.

Nomination Process

Any member of the Community may nominate persons for Rector/Rectoress.

A member of the De Colores Community writes a letter of recommendation to the President couple listing the qualifications of the person being nominated for the position of Rector/Rectoress of a future De Colores Weekend. The president couple reviews the qualifications of the person and verifies accuracy of information received as to Weekends worked, talks given, length of time in De Colores etc. The board then considers and votes on acceptance of the nominee.

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Terms begin January 1, 2008. The presidential succession requires the vice-president couple to move to president couple, the president couple becomes the past president couple and a new vice-president couple come on board. The vice president couple is open and needs to be filled to continue the ministry.

The position of 24 hour renewal has been eliminated pending renewed interest.

Open Board Positions

There is a critical need for people willing to serve on the board. If your life has been affected by a Weekend experience, please consider serving. Contact a board member for information.

Open positions are; Vice President Couple, Historian and Pre-DeColores (Applications).

Fourth Day Workshop, November 3, Saturday 9:00-4:00

A Fourth Day workshop is where you can get an inside look at what happens behind the scenes during a Weekend. If you

DeCo-TEC

DeCo-TEC is a program organized to minister to teens, 14-19 years of age. TEC is short for Teens Encounter Christ. A Weekend is planned for late January. The Director is Chris Brubaker, 616-885-7640, mask5687@aol.com ,the co-director is Kim Eddy, 616 364-9621, s.eddy@att.net. Contact them for information, applications or questions.