



De Colores
Ministries
of Grand
Rapids

DeColores Newsletter

March - April 2008

On the web at www.decoloresgr.org

The Men's Fall Weekend will be held on September 18-21, 2008

Rector: Jim Knight

Co-Rector: Harry Kuipers

Theme: Let There Be Peace On Earth

Grand Rapids International Fellowship Church

The Women's Fall Weekend will be held October 9-12, 2008

Rectoress: Regi Valentine

Co-Rectoress: Jackie McGee

Theme: Resting In The Arms Of Jesus

First Reformed Church, Grandville

Welcome the New Crucistas from Men's Weekend #207, February 24, 2008

Scott Addison

Mark Erickson

Charles Holwerda

Andrew Trent

Martin Axelrod

Mike Forton

James Knoper

Phillip Van Dyke

Brian Bakker

Terry Graham

Dan Lin

David VanderWilk

Jon Becker

Matthew Gregory

James Otten

Jason VanHuis

Brandon Branch

Lloyd David Hansen

Shawn Pelon

Dean Vink

Tim Breukink

Dan Hanson

Brian Prevost

Monty Williams

Jimmy Cook

Ronald Hassell

Eric Proch

Paul Wirth

Tim Deemter

David Hazlett

Welcome the New Crucistas from Women's Weekend #208, March 16, 2008

Sheri Albrecht

Lori Garceau

Sue Kuipers

Kim Trent

Jean Boersma

April Gary

Nicole Moxley

Amy VanderWilk

Pat Carew

Mindy Hensley

Nancy Riley

Maria Vander Wilp

Judy Cook

Kim Hill

Kathy Rosengren

Sue Visockis

Diane Cosens

Sue Kohler

Kim Strauss

Laurie Wilson

Laura Jean Ewing

Nanci Kroll-Knoper

Cynthia Teerling

Dear DeColores Community:

I am totally amazed at how the Lord worked on Weekend 207. Everything from the initial choice of co-rector and coordinator to the closing was totally in God's hands, even though I thought I was the one in control of planning and selecting. All of a sudden, I am looking back on a Weekend that I am sure blessed everyone who was involved. So this is what it's like when you think you have your ship under your command. A God-pilot was totally in control for the whole "voyage".

I want to thank the community for the prayers and support that carried this Weekend. Everyone involved was God selected and I feel that I have learned a lesson on how God is Good – All the Time. Blessings to you all and may the work initiated on Weekend 207 continue to God's honor and glory.

In His Service

De Colores

Bruce Van Dyke, Rector of Weekend 207

Dear De Colores Community,

What a privilege to see the hand of God at work on Weekend 208. What an honor to serve as the Rectoress, it was a humbling place to be. The women God brought to this Weekend were apprehensive Thursday evening, but changed so much as each day progressed. God is so good. Only He could bring about these changes. My prayer continues to be that this Weekend will continue to touch each woman that was there (and Pastor Jeff and Pastor Paul). May FAITH-HOPE-LOVE take on a special place in each of our hearts. May God continue to receive the praise and glory!!

DeColores!

Phyllis Kuipers, Rectoress of Weekend 208

Confidentiality

De Colores has always had the policy that "what happens on the Weekend stays on the Weekend." There are to be no photos or video other than the Holy Hour video for the candidates on the Weekend. The video is then the property of the Rector/Rectoress. Because of the very personal nature of the Weekend, it is important that everything be kept confidential. Lest there be confusion over what constitutes a De Colores activity, all follow up team activities and Ultreya are off limit events.

In light of technology like the internet that can be used as a means to keep contact, it is important to remind the community that on line reunion groups are fine, as long as they stay away from possible embarrassing or hurtful material. Be aware that future candidates may take public information as a sign that they may have their personal information displayed as well, and shy away from attending.

Get Your Applications In Early

Despite a basic human tendency to procrastinate, it really is a good idea to get your candidate to fill out an application as early as possible. The order of invitation is by date of application. The pre-De Colores couple is very busy during the last couple weeks processing applications. If sending information by mail is necessary, allow for the time that it takes to complete the process of sending and responding.

Sponsor duties

It is a serious responsibility to sponsor someone. "God's time" is still the controlling factor in whether a person should be on a particular Weekend. There have been occasions where it is obvious that a person was not ready to be there.

The Rector/Rectoress has the authority, with the help of prayer and the spiritual directors, to call a sponsor to come and take their candidate home. This means only that the person is not ready at that time. Please consider how well you know your candidate. The power of the Holy Spirit covers a multitude of human errors, but there are times when our human desire conflicts with God's timing. Weekends are for Christians who are in need of renewal, not people in need of a miraculous cure.

Fourth Day Workshop - Coming This Fall

A Fourth Day workshop is where you can get a look at what happens behind the scenes during a Weekend. If you want to work, to prepare to be a Rollista, to know what a coordinator or Cha-Cha does, or to be a Rector or Rectoress, plan to attend. Sing, pray, learn, enjoy a free lunch. What more could you ask? Contact Denny or Marilyn England to sign up, ask questions, or offer to work.

Board Meeting

The next De Colores Board meeting will be 9:30 AM, May 10 at 3rd Reformed Church, 2060 Michigan St. NE. Board meetings are open to the De Colores community.

De Colores Tithe

The De Colores Board tithes the donations received each quarter. The past quarter the donation of \$600 went to Mel Trotter Mission for relief of inner city hunger. Thank you for your generosity!!

Nominees for Board Positions

Your De Colores Board is a group of community members who volunteer their time to ensure that De Colores continues. Several members will be retiring at the end of 2008, as the list of board positions below shows. We need people who have been touched by the Lord through De Colores to step forward and offer their time. Contact any board member to express your interest.

As Newsletter editor, I personally did not look forward to attending board meetings as part of the job. However, working with Christian men and women to make De Colores Weekends possible has completely changed my mind. When Christians meet to help others know the Lord better, all are blessed. So, one Saturday each month I show up to be blessed. It's worth the time. Please offer your time.

DeColores Board Members

President Couple: 2009

Lin & Bobbi Snider (616) 433-8000
lins5star@charter.net

Vice President Couple: 2010

Mike & Carla Dells (616) 748-9029
Mike.dells@gmail.com

Past President Couple: 2008

Denny & Marilyn England (616) 942-0124
mdengland@iserv.net

Spiritual Advisor: 2009

Rev. Lloyd Steinfort (616) 940-2580

Secretary: 2008

Melode LaHuis (616) 887-0037
melolah@aol.com

Treasurer: 2008

Kathleen Smith (616) 291-2130
bk091678@comcast.net

Communications: 2008

Karl & Connie VanDyke (616) 245-0020
karlvandyke@tds.net

Pre-DeColores (Applications): 2008

Doug and Lezlie Price, (616) 527-1835
douglas.lezlie@sbcglobal.net

In-DeColores: 2008

Jack & Pat Verbrugge (616) 531-1606
pjverbru@sbcglobal.net

Post-DeColores: 2009

Ralph & Regi Valentine (616) 531-7444
pine4108@sbcglobal.net

Member Representative: 2008

Mike & Stephanie Taylor (616) 682-0336
taylor-m or taylor-s@comcast.net

Board Musician: 2009

Marc De Ruiter (616) 644-3565
dreadnut@comcast.com

National Representative: 2008

Jim & Barb Davies 942-5408
jdavies246@aol.com

Historian: 2009

Linda Alexander (616) 956-0838
lindascotta@comcast.com

Ultreya: Open

(Filled by Board Members during interim)

Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a Rector or Rectoress of a Weekend? Did you ever want to nominate someone but did not know how?

The responsibility of leading a Weekend requires that the individual realize God really runs things. It is critical that the person live a life that exemplifies the De Colores ministry. Prayer carries a Weekend from start to finish. So, if you really want to nominate someone, here is what you need to know.

Qualifications to be a Rector or 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.

Nomination Process

1. Any member of the Community may nominate persons for Rector/Rectoress.
 2. 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.
 3. 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 prays for 30 days before voting on acceptance of the nominee. If accepted, the name goes into the "hat", a collection of qualified names. The nominee also prays and then has to sign a document that they are willing to comply with the requirements of the De Colores board.
 4. In August and January, after prayer, the names of the next Rector/Rectoress are drawn by a member of the board from the "hat".
 5. The Rector/Rectoress has 30 days to pray about the decision. After they accept the role, the announcement is made at the closing of the Women's Weekend for the next pair of Weekends
-

DeColores Ministries
of Grand Rapids, MI

DeColores Ministries
P.O. Box 150263
Grand Rapids, MI 49515-0263

NON PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. Postage Paid
Grand Rapids, MI
Permit No. 1137