Howdy Pardners!

We “ranch hands” (NLS 2002 Annual Meeting Hosts) have plenty of room in the bunkhouse (University of Dallas) for you and your friends. Plan to join us – you won’t want to miss the fun, fellowship, food, fine programs and focused worship. Your Texas (North and South) and Arkansas & Oklahoma host team is looking forward to greeting each of you with our special hospitality – like door (airport) – to door (meeting site) “stagecoach” service, 3 nights in our “bunkhouse” (air conditioned, modern facilities) 12 visits to the “chuck wagon” – including Texas bar·b·que and Tex·Mex favorites - a truly great value – plus insights to help your Via de Cristo community, and the best in Christian Fellowship and worship.

This just in... Our keynote speaker has been confirmed... Pastor Richard Dow – former NLS Spiritual Director will kick off our time together – our focus on how to “Go in Peace, Serve The Lord, Thanks be to God”.

Well you can’t “Go” till you come – so make plans with your reunion group and ultreya and your travel agent/on-line service. Send in your application today – and pray the experience draws you closer to God – and He is glorified for the 3 days and beyond.

So are you signed up? Can you say “Yep”?  

— Barney Boeder

Meeting of Fourth Day Movements

It is early March now and we have returned from the meeting in Winter Park Florida of the Fourth Day Movements. I must report to you that it is an inspiration to meet with these leaders and to discuss the issues we have in common. This year was special in that we wrote a letter to President Bush expressing our support for him at this time of need and that we would ask our people to pray for him and for all of the American men and women in harm’s way. We also expressed our support of his Faith Based Initiative program. Our hope is that we can offer our support as leaders of the Fourth Day Movements to his efforts.

I would request that you take time each morning, as you offer the day up to our Lord, to pray for our President and the people of the armed forces. Also remember the families of the people lost in the 9-11 happenings. In my memory our country has never been in more need of prayer and Christian leadership. Let all of the family of Via de Cristo stand up and be counted for Christ and in prayerful support of our people.

I also wish to publicly thank Ron Millard for his joining me in Florida. Ron was a good support for me. Thank you, Ron.

Now there is a matter that I need to bring to the public light once again. That is the use of the name Cursillo in the course of our work. Yes, we are from the root program of the Catholic Cursillo. However we chose for a number of reasons not to limit our weekends to Lutherans only. In doing this we AGREED to not use the name Cursillo. There were many reasons why we were asked to do this, but chief was a great respect by the Catholic movement to preserve the doctrine of the church Lutheran. They felt at the time that if they required us to remain for Lutherans only then they would have respect for our Lutheran doctrine. We on the other-hand saw this as a limitation.

Well, I am not here to renew old arguments. I am here to remind all of us we have made an agreement. That agreement is to use the term Cursillo in its historic perspective as it pertains to Via de Cristo. Now it is my request that we live up to our agreement. You may think this is wrong, but it really does not matter what you or I think. It matters how we respect ourselves and the agreements we make with others. I request that if you are using the name Cursillo for your weekends and in your literature that you cease and desist. This is for all of the Via de Cristo organizations and not just some. Let us live the life we represent. Thank you for your understanding and for your compliance to this request.

Yours in Christ’s Service,  
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From the Vice President of Administration

Putting Pen to Paper

Debbie Speights

It’s time to mark your calendars

O ur friends in Texas are waiting to hear from you! I can’t think of a better way to ease those “mid-winter blues” than to plan a trip. How about a trip to big “D” little “A” double “L” “A-S”? That’s right, it’s time to mark your calendars and begin making your plans to attend this year’s Annual Meeting of the NLS in Dallas.

Our hosts from North Texas, A-OK and Texas Via de Cristo Secretariats have had you in their plans and prayers for some time now. The sprawling campus of the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas, will be the setting for our meeting which begins at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, and ends on Sunday, July 28, following morning worship.

Last year in Minneapolis we came together in celebration from the beginning of Via de Cristo, through our evolution over the past two decades, to our plans for the future. This year we return to a more instructional format with our focus revolving around the purpose of Via de Cristo: “How and Why We Do Things the Way We Do,” “The Role of Laity and Clergy,” and “How to Live in the Fourth Day.” These, coupled with inspiring worship, small group sharing, uplifting music and lots of time for fellowship, are but a sampling of what’s in store for us.

So, get on board by sending in your registration early. You won’t want to miss this opportunity for learning, growing and sharing and, of course, it won’t be the same without YOU!!

Wishing you God’s richest blessings,

— Debbie Speights

From the Vice President of Outreach

Announcing a New Secretariat!

I would like to introduce the NLS community to our latest secretariat; Hope, Faith and Love Via de Cristo. They are located in San Diego. Organization is well under way, and their first weekend is set for the second and third weeks of August 2002. Their weekends will be Spanish-based, so I give thanks to Shel Groff and others from Bolivia for providing me the rollos, meditations, and other materials in Spanish so those may be forwarded to San Diego.

The NLS charter will be signed in early March, when they officially become part of our growing community. The main persons involved in the startup there are Rev. Moises Mendez and Rev. Dr. Frederick Machado. Please keep them and their endeavors in your prayers. They are planning to be in Dallas for our annual meeting, so you will get an opportunity to meet and greet them.

I would like each of our secretariats to consider sending a banner to the new community to help them get started. It could be an older one, or if so inclined, make a new one. Those should be mailed to Rev. Frederick Machado at 306 Graves Court, El Cajon, CA. 92021. What a great blessing it would be to them to receive such gifts from our community!

I’m still working with 4-5 other potential new startups in 2002. And Venezuela and Israel are still very strong possibilities. Tomorrow during your morning or evening prayers, pray for other new communities; that they can help share the love of Christ through this special ministry we call Via de Cristo.

God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good.

— Ron Millard

Get Them While They Last

N LS mugs: only 20 left, Special price of only $4.00 each. Please note that all item that were displayed at the annual meeting are available from the distribution center. The video tapes of the sessions presented at the meeting are available as are the videos of the 1999 and 1999 annual meeting. The video from 1999 The Flow of the Dynamics of the Weekend is an excellent team training tool. I have used it many times. Also please note that ID’s are available for each Secretariat so that the may place orders through the web site. That is it. I hope you can make something out of it.

Blessings, Richard

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M any changes have been made to the NLS web site at www.viadecristo.org. In addition to the Conexiones Newsletters member Secretariats can now order NLS Supplies through the web site.

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5) Simply fill out the online form and Click “Submit Order”.
6) Your order will be automatically sent to NLS Supplies. Please contact me if you have problems or suggestions.

— Bob Northrup, NLS Web Site Content editor
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Letters to/from the Editor

Kudos for E-Conexiones

I just wanted to let you know that I much appreciated the e-mail edition of “Conexiones.” I spent as much time with it as with the hard copy edition, and I didn’t have to get up out of my chair to dispose of it. I was able to print the pages I was interested in. This is a great idea. I hope it is less costly for the Secretariat. I encourage everyone who receives the publication to consider switching to the e-mail version.

— George Cyphers, Cleveland, Ohio

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From the Spiritual Director

It’s that Time of Year Again

Isn’t that time of year again. It’s the season of Lent, preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each year it seems as if there are meanings that I have never considered before concerning the events of Easter, and lack of meaning at all. For instance, I do not understand why we have Wednesday services during the season of Lent, yet we do not celebrate the season of Easter, the week of weeks. In fact, the Sunday after Easter is called “low Sunday” because the attendance is so low after the great swelling of attendance on Easter Sunday.

I am looking forward to Easter with a new zeal this year. I don’t know why, it just seems that there is more meaning to the event and my relationship with the death and resurrection of our Lord. I am excited, I am event and my relationship with the death and seems that there is more meaning to the new zeal this year. I don’t know why, it just even turn them on every night.

Since you Christmas lights up all year long and

Or, you can be like my neighbor and leave in the gutter for the trash people to pickup. In fact, on Christmas afternoon we find trees do not celebrate the 12 days of Christmas.

vent where we prepare for the Coming but do nothing during the event? We have Ad-

My wife, Dot, gave me a poem this week. A poem that has helped me to see, to open my eyes to the gift of God. It is titled Hymn of Promise.

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree;
in cocoons a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there’s a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
In the end is our beginning, in our time infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
There is a promise, always a promise of the faithfulness of God. Never changing, never withheld, always there for the blessing. Yes, our God is an awesome God.

Yours in Christ, Larry
National Lutheran Secretariat
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Comparative Statement of Financial Position
February 28, 2002

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**From the NLS Treasurer**

Diane Purcell

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**National Lutheran Secretariat**

Statement of Activity

For the Nine Months Ending February 28, 2002

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**Cash Balance Feb 28, 2002**

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**Corporate Registrations**

A reminder to Secretariats - This is a good time of the year to confirm the status of your corporate registration in your state of incorporation. Many states require a yearly filing of your corporate registration.

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**Secretariat Dues**

All Secretariats should receive a letter in March regarding NLS dues and the rate structure. The letter is being sent to the last treasurer of record. Please check with your treasurer to see if the letter has arrived. If you receive the letter and the treasurer for your Secretariat has changed, please pass on the letter and let Diane Purcell, treasurer for NLS, know of the change. It is important to maintain the NLS data files for more effective communications.
All members of the board were present for the conference call as follows: Doug Burrows, Larry Llewellyn, Debbie Speights, Ron Millard, Carroll Lang and Lucy Hightower. Pastor Carroll opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: Approved without further discussion.

Treasurer’s Report: Diane reported that the next financial report would be submitted as of the end of February which is the end of our third quarter. Within the next week she expects to draft a letter to all secretariats reminding them that it is time to make the annual contribution to National; she will also include a reminder concerning corporate registrations.

She reported that available cash is low and that it had been necessary to transfer $3000 into the checking account in order to cover expenses. These expenses include $974 for publication of the newsletter and an advance of funds to Ron (VP of Outreach) to cover scheduled trips to Florida and San Diego. These funds are from the Outreach Budget. He will return any excess or submit for additional funds if needed. Debbie asked if all expenses for the December meeting had been covered. Diane reported that she had received money from both Texas and from individual board members.

Newsletter: Most members of the board had received the most recent (December 2001) issue. Pastor Carroll reiterated the need for articles from Board members. He asked that each person submit his or her article as soon as possible so that the newsletter can be printed on a more timely basis.

Outreach: Ron reported on his planned trip to San Diego in early March. The purpose of this meeting is to help a new secretariat get organized in Southern California. He hopes to meet with them on a Friday, Saturday, and possibly Sunday.

Ron has been in contact with Mike Swecker by e-mail; Minnesota is trying to get something set up in the Northwestern (State of Washington) part of the U.S. Ron will be in contact with Minnesota and will try to work in concert with them. Diane stated that nothing is “official” about these plans as of now.

Minnesota is also working with North Dakota and will hold a set of weekends in April 2002. Ron will be in contact with a pastor in the Fargo, ND area and try to get him involved.

Ron continues to send out letters and e-mails. Doug and Ron will discuss the northwestern area while at the Florida meeting.

Spiritual Directors: Pastor Larry said that he had not heard anything at all from Texas about plans for the annual meeting. Larry wants to send a letter to all pastors; Lucy said she will send him mailing labels out of the database but can’t guarantee how accurate and up-to-date they are. Doug suggested that Larry call the Spiritual Director in Texas to talk about plans for July.

Administration: Debbie reported that she had been calling with Tim about a week or so ago. The Host Committee still does not have a contract in hand from the University. Doug promised to call Tim the next day in order to clarify some issues and to emphasize the need to keep Debbie informed. He will also contact Greg at the same time.
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Official Registration  (One form required for each person attending - make copies of this form.)
Name: ___________________________________________ Nametag 1st Name: _______________________
Address: _________________________________________ Apt.# _______  □ Male □ Female
City: ___________________________________ State: __________ Zip: ______________________
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I am a member of: Church: ____________________________ Denomination: _______________________
Please enter my registration as: □ Lay Delegate □ Clergy Delegate □ NLS Board
For Lay Delegate formula, see NLS Bylaw #4 □ Visitor □ Visiting Clergy □ Speaker
Have you attended a National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting before? □ Yes □ No
If yes, what years? ______________________________________________________________________

Registration Fees  Register by 6/1/2002 and receive a $25.00 discount
(Host Committee cannot guarantee housing after July 1) (Refund requests in writing before July 15; $25 of fee is non-refundable)
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## Tentative Committee Agendas

*As Recommended by the Executive Board*

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**1991 Audio Tapes - New Braunfels, Texas**

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- #2 - Pastor's Role in Via de Cristo 5.00
- #3 - Dynamics of the Via de Cristo Weekend 5.00
- #4 - The Role of the Rector 5.00
- #5 - The Fourth Day 5.00

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- #7 - The Pastor's Role in Via de Cristo 5.00
- #8 - Keynote Address (Rev. Nate Lundgren) 5.00
- #9 - 20th Anniversary Celebration 5.00

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- #10 - Unleashing the Power of the Laity 5.00
- #11 - How to Get Pastors Involved in VdC 5.00
- #12 - Keynote Address (Rev. Nate Lundgren) 5.00
- #13 - Team Formation and Training 5.00

**1994 Audio Tapes - Leesburg, Florida**

- #14 - The Pastor's Role in the Fourth Day 5.00
- #15 - Reunion Groups 5.00
- #16 - Ultreya 5.00
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- #1 - NLS Video (VHS) “Christ Is Counting On You” 15.00
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- #5 - 95 Forum 3, “Action” 15.00
- #6 - 96 Dallas: Keynote Address - Rev. Peter Setzer 15.00
- #7 - 96 Dallas: “The Cross” - Beverly Appleby 15.00
- #8 - 96 Dallas: “Sponsoring” - Fred Schneider, Dan Bobst, Pat Dever 15.00
- #9 - 96 Dallas: “Music” - Yohann Anderson 15.00
- #10 - 97 Hickory: Keynote Address - Rev. Richard Dow 15.00
- #11 - 97 Hickory: “Successful Secretariat” - Ray Homrich 15.00
- #12 - 97 Hickory: “Sunday Call to Go Forth” - O. Gough, R. Walter 15.00
- #13 - 99 Saginaw: Keynote Address (Rev. Nate Lundgren) 15.00
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Prison Ministry

“Remember those who are in prison as though you were in prison with them” (Heb 13:3)


March 2002 – Florida: Gold Coast Area Kairos, Eckerd Youth Development Center Torch #2, March 2002. Send palanca to: Gold Coast Area Kairos, PO Box 30343, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-0343.

April 2002 – Iowa: Iowa Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry, Fort Dodge Correctional Facility Rockwell City, April 11-14, 2002. Send palanca to: Brothers in Blue Palanca, c/oCODR, PO Box 834, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

April 2002 – Michigan: Kinross Correctional Facility Michigan Keryx #37, April 11-14, 2002. Send palanca to: Chippewa Area Keryx Agape Chairman, PO Box 404, Conway, MI 49722.


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May 2002 – Florida: Gold Coast Area Kairos, Okeechobee Correctional (OCI #15): May, 2002. Send palanca to: Gold Coast Area Kairos, PO Box 30343, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-0343.

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OHIO
Cincinnati – Monthly
First Saturdays, 7:30pm – Trinity Lutheran Church. Mt. Healthy, contact Kevin Hoch, 513-931-8797.

Columbus – Monthly – Lutheran-Episcopal
4th Fridays, 7:30pm, Contact Dick Logan at 965-9420 or Donna Gough at 899-1210.

Dayton Lutheran Ultreya – Monthly
Third Tuesday, 7:30pm. For details, call Bob & Mary Ann Sauer at 513/294-3940, or Email: MASAUER@aol.com.

Kent – Call for dates and time
Contact Pastor Doug Fuller (330) 673-5445.

Marysville Area – Monthly
Third Sunday at First English Lutheran, 687 London Avenue, Marysville. Call Judy Hurl 513/642-4701 or Jeanne Haynes, 513/642-4701.

Newark/Heath – Monthly
4th Saturday, 7:00pm. St. John’s Lutheran Church, Linnville Road, Newark. Contact Don and Pam Puyter, 614-323-0207.

Parma Heights – Monthly
Second Sundays, 4-8pm, contact Fred Schuller (440) 845-5621.

Stow – Quarterly
Contact Gracis Luoma (330) 686-8807.

Western Lake County
Periodic joint Lutheran-Episcopal Ultreya. Hook up through George Cyphers, 216-951-2906.

Western Reserve – Monthly
Second Saturday Epworth United Methodist Church, Youngstown. Contact Martha Ailen (216) 257-0254.

Urbana Area – Monthly
First Friday 6:30pm at Church of the Epiphany, corner Scioto and Kenton, Urbana. Joint ultreya with Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Methodist and now Lutheran! Contact Dick or Mary Swan, 513/484-3189.

PENNSYLVANIA
Pittsburgh: Announced in newsletter

SOUTH CAROLINA
Up State Ultreya – place and time TBA
Low Country Ultreya – place and time TBA

TEXAS
North Texas Lutheran Cursillo Ultreya are held at various times and places.

UTAH
None reported at this time.

VIRGINIA
Rainbow Via de Cristo, Contact Bill Carey: 703/620-6377.

2nd Fridays, Rainbow Ultreya at Holy Cross Lutheran, Herndon, VA. Contact Bill Sproat at 703/754-2323.

3rd Fridays, Western Maryland Ultreya, rotates different churches, contact Craig Wasilius at 301/797-3853

1st Mondays (except holidays), Southern Maryland Ultreya, rotates different churches, contact Annie Cave at 301/297-8561

WISCONSIN
None announced for this issue.
FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS

March 2002 - North Carolina: Western North Carolina Lutheran Via de Cristo, Dogwood, Mixed #18 March 7-10, 2002. Send palanca to: Deborah Young, 3450 Patterson Road, China Grove, NC 28023.

March 2002 - Minnesota: Lutheran Cursillo Movement of Arizona, Men’s #89: March 7-10; Women’s #90: March 21-24, 2002. Send palanca to: LaWave Speck, 902 West Roma Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013-2824.


April 2002 - Minnesota: Minnesota Via de Cristo-North, Faith Lutheran, West Fargo, ND; Men’s #39: April 4-7; Women’s #39: April 11-14, 2002. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.

April 2002 - California: California Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California, St. Joseph’s Retreat Center, Men’s #78: April 4-7; Women’s #79: April 11-14, 2002. Send palanca to: Dave Miller, LCSC Palanca, PO Box 5203, Cerritos, CA 90703-5203.

April 2002 - Tennessee: Tennessee Lutheran Via de Cristo, Coed: April 11-14, 2002. Send palanca to: Julie Gilbrerry, 7724 Sevilla Road, Powell, WY 83420.

April 2002 - Indiana: Indiana Lutheran Via de Cristo, Epworth Forest, Men’s: April 11-14; Women’s: April 18-21, 2002. Send palanca to: Perry Powers, 621 North Main Street, Monticello, IN 47960.

April 2002 - Virginia: Virginia Via de Cristo Walk of Faith, Men’s #41: April 11-14; Women’s #44: April 25-28, 2002. Mail palanca to: A. X. Smith, PO Box 2724, La Plata, MD 20646.

April 2002 - Ohio: Ohio Via de Cristo of Ohio (Central), Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center, Columbus, Men’s #47: April 11-14; Women’s #45: April 25-28, 2002. Send palanca to: Jeff Albrectson, 2793 Galewood Street, Kettering, OH 45420.

April 2002 - Florida: Sonbeam Via de Cristo, Rotary Camp Florida, Men’s #39: April 11-14; Women’s #39: April 18-21, 2002. Send palanca to: Dave McConnell, PO Box 8874, Madera Beach, FL 33738-8874.


April/May 2002 - Maryland: Vineyard Via de Cristo, Women’s #9: April 18-21; Men’s #9: May 16-19, 2002. Mail palanca to: Frances Ecton, PO Box 452, Funkstown, MD 21734.

April/May 2002 - Texas: Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo, Lutherhill Camp, LaGrange, Men’s #44: April 25-28; Women’s #44: May 2-5, 2002. Send palanca to: Mark Clayton, 181 Notchleaf, Cibolo, TX 78108.


May 2002 - Texas: North Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo #55 (Coed), Bishop Mason Retreat and Conference Center, Grapevine, Texas, May 16-19, 2002. Send palanca to: Lilly Gholston, 401 Campbell Lane, Denton, TX 76209-4580.

May 2002 - Florida: Florida Via de Cristo of South Florida, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Davie, FL, Women’s #86 May 16-19, 2002. Send palanca to: Tony and Debbie Basone, 9129D SW 20th Place, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33324.


June 2002 - Michigan: Michigan Lutheran Via de Cristo of Central Michigan, St. John’s Episcopal, Midland, Men’s #57: June 6-9; Women’s #57: June 20-23, 2002. Send Palanca to: LVCCM Palanca, Ann Kazanski, PO Box 408, Midland, MI 48640.


June 2002 - Minnesota: Minnesota Via de Cristo-Metro, Redeemer Lutheran, Fridley, Men’s #95: June 20-23; Women’s #96: June 27-30, 2002. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.


July 2002 - California: California Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California, St. Joseph’s Retreat Center, Men’s #80: July 11-14; Women’s #81: July 18-21, 2002. Send palanca to: Dave Miller, LCSC Palanca, PO Box 5203, Cerritos, CA 90703-5203.

August 2002 - Minnesota: Minnesota Via de Cristo-Metro, Chisago Lake Lutheran, Center City, Men’s #397: August 8-11; Women’s #398: August 15-18, 2002. Send palanca to: Carol Olsen, 440 57th Place NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432-5568.

August 2002 - Texas: North Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo #56 (Coed), Bishop Mason Retreat and Conference Center, Grapevine, Texas, August 15-18, 2002. Send palanca to: Lilly Gholston, 401 Campbell Lane, Denton, TX 76209-4580.

August 2002 - Ohio: Via de Cristo of Ohio (Northern), St. Leonard’s Youth Retreat Center, Avon, Women’s #46: August 15-18, 2002. Send palanca to: Jeff Albrectson, 2793 Galewood Street, Kettering, OH 45420.
Annual Meeting Items Available
Dick Emery announces that all the material that was available at the 2001 Annual Meeting and video tapes from the meeting are available from the Distribution Center, as well as the shirts and the material that is on the order form.

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