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2008 Weekend Dates

Spring 2008 weekends:

Women's # 86 - May 22 – 25, 2008 at St. Paul of the Cross, Detroit

Theme: *The Voice of My Tears*, **Scripture:** *John 20:15*

Fall 2008 weekends:

Men's # 87 September 11 – 14, 2008 at Emrich, Brighton

Women's # 88 October 9 - 12, 2008 at Emrich, Brighton

**The 3-Day DeColores - An Encounter with
Christ: Conversion - Metanoia**

Many who attend the DeColores weekend experience a conversion. This conversion is best described as a process (referred to as metanoia) of moving from aversion (separation from God) toward a permanent and dynamic state of union with God. It involves a change in our state of being, in our mental attitude, and in our interaction with God. This metanoia helps us to increasingly move away from our old self to become more aligned with God the Father, and His Son, Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Conversion is the discovery that God is totally present. He also has been, even before DeColores. At every moment, God was and is present.

The DeColores weekend affects people in different ways because we are in different places on our Christian pilgrimage. In his book, "A Portrait of Jesus," Joseph Girzone notes that we have our physical life, our intellectual life, our emotional life, our psychological life, and our spiritual life. All of these aspects of our lives develop at a different rate.

This helps us to understand why Jesus was so patient with people, accepting them the way they were at that point in their lives, allowing them to grow gradually from within as the Spirit gave the grace. People slowly refocused their sights on more lofty ideals and began to better their lives.

After the 3-day DeColores, the new Crucista returns home with new ideas and new attitudes that have been freely accepted. They may start their Fourth Day walk in a new relationship with the Lord and a renewed or heightened spirit of love for others - but quickly find that the home and work environments they came from have not changed. Friends and family may not recognize or accept the Crucista's metanoia.

"Ultreya" is a Spanish word, derived from the original Latin, meaning Onward! It was in common use by pilgrims to greet and to encourage one another along the way. The DeColores Ultreya helps us to persevere on our pilgrimage. Ultreya helps us to keep the metanoia conversion experience alive.

In His Service,
Fr. Tim Schabeck - Spiritual Director
tschabeck@charter.net

En-DeColores

Greetings from your En-Decolores team leader. The team has been busy counting and recounting the inventory for the upcoming weekend. The pencils have been sharpened and counted. Poster board (compliments of Sara Barber) is tied in a neat package. The sound system has been checked and rechecked (to my neighbors annoyance). The Kleenex is packed and we have many unopened boxes for the Rector. Yes, my friends. Through Grace Alone, En Decolores is ready for Weekend # 85. All we had to do was Praise God and get to work.

My angels and I must get back to work. I see that there were a few items that I forgot to pack (mostly chocolate). As a matter of fact the items are all chocolate. So, as all good articles must end. I can promise you this. I will bring all En Decolores items and leave the chocolate for you to bring.

God Bless, John Barge

From the Vice President:

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These are the dates selected for the 2009 Weekends:

April 30th through May 3rd at Emrich
 May 21 through 24th at St. Paul (tentative)
 Sept. 17 through 20th at Emrich
 Oct. 22 through 25th at Emrich

I have been praying on how and what is needed to be said and done about certain circumstances. I asked our heavenly Father for guidance. We, as a movement, are growing stagnant. Our numbers are dwindling and our participation on weekends and Secretariat are getting critically low. We have already addressed many issues but there are others that still need to be addressed. We have a ways to go

The DeColores movement has many personalities and many different points of view. Everyone needs to be heard and respected but we also need to do what's right for the body. We sometimes take things personally and we really shouldn't. We are all of God's children, trying to do his work.

I was having coffee with one of my Christian brother's and he told me a story. One of the comments he made was this, "When I began questioning what our Secretariat was doing, I realized that I could not complain unless I stepped up to the plate and got involved myself." And he did!! We all need to get more involved on our 4th Day with our movement directly. Positions on our Secretariat are opening up. I challenge our members to step up to the plate and get involved. Please mark your calendars this year and next for our weekend participation and meetings, 4th Day workshops, and picnic. We need fresh ideas and people with loving and caring attitudes to do what's right for the movement.

I am reminded of Tradition One of A.A. and I quote: Our common welfare should come first: Personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity. DeColores version: Our common welfare should come first: DeColores' (**success**) depends upon our unity and Community involvement. Let's all strive for principles over personalities.

When the alarm clock goes off we can hit the snooze button for another 10 minutes and dream about our dreams or we can get right up and make our dreams happen. The choice is ours. Are we Christian Leaders in our churches, out and about, making a friend, being a friend and bringing that friend to

Christ? Are we a family? The leadership needs your support. It's up to all of us.

God Bless,

Mike

NEWS FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

CO-PRESIDENTS' QUEST

One of the things that we have noticed during our term as Co-President is the lack of documentation for our Movement, particularly at the Local level. Many of our written resources are spread out among various members of the Movement, stored in boxes in people's basements or stuffed in files in seldom-cleaned closets (*like ours!*) or using up precious space on individual computers and pc's. If you happened to attend the recent 4th Day Workshop, you'll know that everyone was inundated with hard copies of information, as there was no one central file of data that could be accessed electronically and shared with everyone.

One of our goals as Co-Presidents is to compile an up-to-date, consolidated electronic file of DeColores information, not only of 4th Day Workshop material, but of our By-Laws and organizational documents, our operating practices and forms, weekend tips and information and other important documentation. Many of you who have served previously on Secretariat, or on weekend teams as Rector/ess', Head Coordinators and Head Cha Chas for example, may have created and developed specialized documents to help you perform your function or role. Anything you developed specifically for DeColores may yet be useful to the present Secretariat or to the Movement in general.

You in the Community can help us on our quest by checking your laptops and pc's; and also by checking your basement and other storage areas for any DeColores-specific information you have been storing; information that could be beneficial to others in the Movement. Electronic information may be sent to either ranickels@comcast.net or bucko1944@yahoo.com. Hard copies, if too numerous to be scanned and sent to us electronically, may be given to Becky or Michele the next time you see us; at a Team Commissioning, Holy Hour, Walk-in or Secretariat meeting - *or give Becky a call at 734-981-6831 and she'll come pick it up!*

Becky Nickels and Michele Lynch
 Co-Presidents

AND.....

We Need Women...

For the Rector's Pool

Our DeColores Rector's Pool lacks female applicants! There is no Rectoress presently approved for the October Women's Weekend – is the Lord calling you to Rectorship? If so, then it's time to submit your Rectoress letter to Secretariat. Qualifications for Rector/Rectoress as stated in the DeColores Secretariat Agreement are: (1) *have completed at least three DeColores Ministries Weekends as a team member or at least 2 DeColores Ministries Weekends and one substantially similar weekend in the Cursillo tradition as a team member;* (2) *have been a Rollista on a DeColores Weekends or have successfully completed a 4th Day Leadership Training program;* (3) *is active in an organized Christian church;* (4) *have been a member of the DeColores community for at least three years;* (5) *is a person whose life typically exemplifies the DeColores ministry;* and (6) *shall not have served previously as a rector or rectoress within the preceding 5 years.*

Note: Although we particularly need women applicants, letters from both women and men are welcome!

GRAND REUNION PLANNED FOR DECEMBER

Get out your I-Phones, Palm Pilots, Planners or Calendars and mark Saturday, **December 6, 2008** for our DeColores Grand Reunion! The Grand Reunion will be held at the Dearborn Free Methodist Church in (*where else?*) Dearborn, Michigan and is sure to be a faith-filled evening of fun, food and fellowship. If you are interested in helping to put on this DeColores Community event, please contact Becky Nickels (ranickels@comcast.net) to join the planning committee.

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Palanca Chapel

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are excited to announce that Steve Baab has taken over as the voting partner of the Palanca chapel. Our team is in full swing and ready for the challenges in the new year, with the grace of God and the support of our community.

We would also like to update you on some new things happening in your chapel. We have re-introduced the prayer clock, we hope to keep our team and candidates lifted up in prayer through out

the entire weekend. This paper clock allows you to sign up to prayer for your community through out the entire weekend.

We will be setting up an information table in the chapel as well, you will be able to find some key paper elements that will help further your history and knowledge of the movement as a whole.

Candidate crosses will now be available to be prayed over before they are handed out.

We are looking for new faces that might be interested in learning the palanca chapel dynamics. We invite all to come out and join in the blessings that God grants us.

Scripture of the month: And we know that all things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

DeColores,
Steve Baab
Sara Barber

From the Treasurer

Green palanca is always important to the movement. It is also a tax deduction, because DeColores Ministries is a 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt movement. Your palanca is what keeps the movement going and shows your support. We have two weekends this spring, we can use your time, talents, money and candidates in support of the weekends and the movement. Donations can be sent to the mailbox and I will provide you with a receipt for your donation. God Bless!!

Nola Fettig

Post DeColores News...

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We would like to thank Becky Nickels for all the work she put into the workshop. I've heard nothing but positive feedback. Thank you Becky!!!

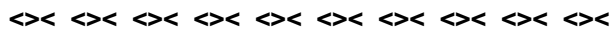
I would like to remind the community about the DeColores picnic that we have scheduled for August 23rd, at Kensington Metro Park. We will be picnicking near the Martindale beach area again. We have found that there is plenty of space and we're not too far from the swimming area. The cost to get into the

park is \$4.00 per vehicle. We can gather some picnic tables but I recommend bringing a lawn chair of your own. The famous DeColores potluck worked very well last year, so let's do it again. Bring a dish to pass as well as an entrée and drinks for your family. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me (us).

Last but not least, do you have the "I want to get involved bug?" The Barnett's term on secretariat is up in December of this year and we would like to help in the transition by inviting you to join our working team. Pray about it and feel free to contact us at 313-478-9792 or bigdawg021970@hotmail.com.

See you all at Ultreya.

DeColores,
Dennis and Jennifer Barnett



From the Upcoming Rectoress

Dear Christian Community,

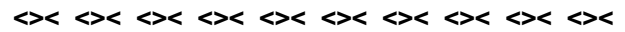
I am pleased to announce that Team # 86 is proving to be a collaborative effort. As rector I am learning hands-on what unification means. I am learning what happens when support is given. So, I must say the Team Dynamics that were covered in last months 4th Day Workshop were vividly on-point and clearly showing the need for the total community. It was good to see the women and men being refreshed together. Team # 86 is in mid-formation now. Our theme, "The Voice of My Tears" reflects the comfort we all can be assured through Christ Jesus. Just as the woman washed Jesus' feet with her tears and without words from her, He told her story. An individual who has ever shed a tear, our Lord knows the voice of their tears.

DeColores!
Jeanetta Williams

Team # 86

- Rectoress -Jeanetta Williams
- Co-Rector – Joy Barber
- Head Coordinator – Jennifer Pederson
- Head Cha Cha – Nola Fettig
- Spiritual Directors – Charlene Loving, DusJohn Williams, Val Stafford
- Music Cha – Kris. Davis
- Cha Chas and Coordinators:** Jeanette Bommarito, Linda Goerge, Carolyn Liebau, Michelle Loving-McKay, Rhonda Miller, Heather Pembrook, Linda Retherford

Rollistas: Kris. Davis, Reesa Forest, Inez Brown, Pam Loving-Copeland, M. Jane Roberts, Lennie Whitlock, Sarah Kittle, Jennie Kirby
Angels: Rosanne Carron, Liz Cavette, Martha Hayden, Jennifer Jamison, Susie LaRose, Katherine Loving, Monet Robinson



From Pre DeColores "How many candidates do we have?"

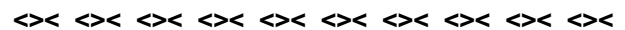
Many people ask before a weekend, "How many candidates do we have?" Unless you're the cook, I'm not sure how or why people want to know that. If you're going to sponsor someone for a weekend, you can turn in the application any time of the year, not just before each weekend. We have up until the commissioning to turn in applications for the particular weekend, and **THAT** is when the number of candidates is revealed. Don't take it personally if you ask and all I do is smile. They aren't all confirmed until just before the weekend.

If you are interested in serving on the Pre-DeColores team please feel free to contact me at krisdot@earthlink.net. It is a great opportunity to meet the new candidates. You get the chance to see the changes in them from Thursday night to the closing on Sundays.

Ultreya!
Kris. Davis
Pre-DeColores

Change in Personnel

John Lawrence is the new co-chair of the communications team. If you'd like to help out with this team, feel free to contact either John or Bob.



From the Webmaster

Dear Brothers and Sisters of DeColores: Have you visited the DeColores Ministries of Detroit and SEM website lately? Please visit our redesigned website and register today!

WWW.DECOLORES-SEM.ORG

DeColores,
Bob Meyering, Webmaster