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2008 Weekend Dates

Fall 2008 weekends:

Men’s # 87 September 11 – 14, 2008 St John’s
Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mi

Women’s # 88 October 9 - 12, 2008
Tentative: Site and Dates may possibly change.
Watch the website.

**EMRICH CENTER CLOSING OPENS NEW
DOORS FOR DECOLORES**

We regret to inform our DeColores community that primarily due to financial constraints, the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan has temporarily closed the Emrich Retreat Center in Brighton, effective July 1, 2008. Although the closure is expected to be temporary, i.e., 4 to 6 months minimum, it will not be available for our fall men’s and women’s weekends. Secretariat has been busy investigating different facilities in the Detroit and Southeastern Michigan area in order to find appropriate, affordable and available site(s).

The good news is that we have an opportunity to find a new and exciting location to hold our weekends. More good news is that we believe that we have found a site for the Sept. 11-14th DeColores Men’s Weekend # 87! St. John’s

Episcopal Church of Detroit is willing to host the Weekend # 87 men’s weekend! Praise God! As a movement, we have used St. John’s Detroit for some of our men’s team formation meetings and earlier this year we held our 4th Day Leader’s mini-workshop for weekends # 85 and # 86 at St. John’s.

One of the exciting reasons to use St. John’s Detroit, is that it gives us an opportunity to return to our roots of holding weekends in Detroit. After all, we are DeColores Ministries of **Detroit** and Southeast Michigan... St. John’s Detroit is located at 50 E. Fisher Freeway in Detroit just across from Comerica Park. Fortunately for us, Weekend # 87 is not scheduled during a Detroit Tiger home game, otherwise we would get caught up in multiple traffic and parking hassles. Speaking of parking, St. John’s Detroit has a gated parking lot and we will be able to obtain validated parking for our DeColores functions.

We would ask that you keep our Secretariat in your prayers as we work out the details for Weekend # 87 and continue investigating alternative locations for Weekend # 88 and beyond. Please also pray for the future of the Emrich Center; whether we have an opportunity to use it in the future or not, it would be a shame to lose such a wonderful conference and camp facility.

In Christ,
Michele Lynch & Becky Nickels
Co-Presidents

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

My Dear Brothers and Sister’s in Christ

I hope everyone had a wonderful spring and is enjoying our beautiful summer.

I cannot begin to tell you all the challenges / successes that your Secretariat has gone through these last seven months. It has been a

privilege to work with this governing board to try to work through some of these issues. Here are some examples:

We have completed two weekends and we are pressing on to be able to hold two more this fall. The closing of the Emrich Center has presented us with a challenge to find different facilities in a very short time frame. It has been challenging to say the least, but we have come together as a team to solve some of the problems. We will be holding the men's weekend at St John's, Detroit.

One of our current concerns is that St. John's only has one shower. We are in the process of looking into installing 2 additional showers so that we can have a little comfort. The team volunteering to do the work is Palanca at it's finest. If we cannot get the additional showers put in, approximately 30-35 men will be sharing one shower, Palanca again at its finest, or other alternatives must be found.

I am praying hard on a solution for new facilities for the ladies' weekend in October. I'm asking for God's help...I'm sure He will tell me.

We have gone back to the basics on our weekends, using the Rector's Manual and the Method. It is taking time but well worth it.

We completed a mini Fourth Day workshop.

Plans are in motion to have a picnic at Kensington on August 23...all are invited. We hope to have a good turn out.

We have requested that all current Secretariat members write up their job descriptions including any particular information associated with that position in a detailed manner. This information will be passed on to the next board members to make the transitions easier and we won't have to miss a beat.

We are having a Grand Reunion in December on the 6th.

Those are just a few of the things the Secretariat has been involved with so far. There are many more things in the fire that we are working diligently on. We are improving.

We have many volunteer openings on the Secretariat and I ask all to pray on them. We need your assistance and new perspective.



God Bless,
Mike

GREETINGS FROM THE PALANCA CHAPEL

This is a reminder to the community that we have a traveling Palanca Chapel and every weekend has a Palanca chapel on site. All of the community is welcome to come to the Palanca Chapel to write to the team and candidates. Stationery is provided if you don't have your own. Banners from the last 10 weekends are on display in the chapel. If you haven't been by to see us, maybe now is the time. The hours of the Chapel are determined according to each weekend site. Please come out and support the weekend through Palanca. Just a reminder, you can show your signs of palanca by helping to serve meals or cleanup after meals, attending Holy Hour, prayer to the weekend attendees, and attending the Walk-In on Sunday.

We are always looking for new Palanca Chapel team members. If you are interested in helping, contact either Steve Baab or Sara Barber.

NEWS FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

Rector's Pool

Candidates for Rector or Rectoress are always needed. If you have been feeling called (*or recalled*) to rector a DeColores Weekend, please submit your rector/rectoress letter to Secretariat. Letters from both women and men are welcome!

Qualifications for Rector/Rectoress as stated in the DeColores Secretariat Agreement are: *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; have been a Rollista on a DeColores Weekends or have*

successfully completed a 4th Day Leadership Training program; have been a member of the DeColores community for at least three years; be a person whose life typically exemplifies the DeColores ministry; and shall not have served previously as a rector or rectoress within the preceding 5 years

DECEMBER GRAND REUNION PLANS

Plans are progressing for our DeColores Grand Reunion scheduled for Saturday **December 6, 2008** at the Dearborn Free Methodist Church. We are planning a family-friendly Grand Reunion with a potluck, a silent auction, a 4th Day witness speaker and a Celebration Service with Eucharist. Admission will be a donation of a non-perishable food item per person or in lieu of a food donation, a \$5.00 fee per family will be charged. Volunteers are needed for table decorations, set-up and clean-up. Donations of items to auction are also welcome! If you can help, please contact Becky Nickels (ranickels@comcast.net) to volunteer.

FROM THE TREASURER

Greetings from the treasurer, as a movement we are making it, however we can always use more green palanca. Receipts will be sent out for each donation. For this movement, donations do not have to always be in the form of money. This movement can use your time and your talents also. There are always jobs available for people, who are handy with their hands, can give of their time and any other talent you have. We can use it! Maybe you are good at setting things up for a weekend or helping to clean up after, maybe it is keeping track of the inventory of all our belongings and keeping them replenished and arriving at the weekends. Think about what you are good at doing, not necessarily what you get paid to do, but what you like to do; we can always use the help. Maybe you're good at keeping the books. . . my term as treasurer will soon be up and I am looking for someone to help the secretariat in that position.

You may or may not be aware that we have a scholarship fund to assist potential **candidates** that might not be able to pay the entire fee for the weekend. They should pay part of it, but as a

team member, everyone is aware of the cost of the weekend. It is talked about when your 4th Day began, it should be mentioned at every team meeting, and team formation is a process that takes quite a few weeks. Start saving. When you're asked about serving on a team, while it is an honor to serve, think about your own finances. If you cannot afford the team fees and the cost of the weekend, maybe this is not the time for you to serve on the "inside" team on a weekend. Maybe you could serve by helping out as a Day Cha or something else on the "outside" team. There are many ways you can serve the team and serve God without being on the team if you cannot afford it.

As an idea, maybe you could start yourself a DeColores fund. Money from bottle and can deposits can add up. Refilling your bottled water a few times and setting that \$1.25 aside can come in handy. Make your lunch and take it to work instead of fast food. Put that money into your DeColores fund and the next time you're asked to serve on a team, the money will be there for you.

Ultreya!!

Nola Fettig



FROM THE UPCOMING RECTORESS

My name is Nola Fettig. I will be your Rectoress for DeColores Women's Weekend # 88. My core team is Kris Davis - Co-Rectoress, Joy Barber - Head Coordinator, Joan Eldridge - Head Cha Cha, Tim Shabeck - Spiritual Director, and David Abbott - Spiritual Director.

As a core team we are in need of your prayers, your palanca, and most importantly your candidates. Is GOD speaking to you about a friend? Remember we always want to talk to GOD about our friends before we talk to our friends about GOD.

As the Rectoress I would ask two things of the community when you bring your candidates. Please bring **at least** 5 pieces of written palanca for your candidate(s), and some additional for the other candidates. Second, please NO gift palanca. If you want to give your candidate a gift, do it on the way home on Sunday afternoon.

That is the most appropriate time for gift palanca.

As the Rectoress of Weekend # 88, I would ask the community to pray for the team as we work through formation and build community so that we can present the candidates with a spirit filled weekend.

We hope to see you all at our commissioning and closing. Check the website for updates on dates and locations.

DeColores!

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FROM PRE DECOLORES

I would encourage you to talk with people about the DeColores experience all the time, not just when teams are in formation. If you decide to sponsor someone, you can send the application and sponsor sheet to the post office box and we'll be ready when the team is. Most people need time to plan 3 days away. Give them the chance to make preparations ahead of time (that will also give you as a sponsor more time to get written Palanca from their family and friends!!) Applications **MUST** be in by the commissioning. That is the cut off. While we'd like to be able to be more flexible, there is much preparation that goes into a weekend, so that date is firm. This is a new experience this fall. Share it!

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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

SECRETARIAT NEEDS A SECRETARY

Ever attend a class? Did you take notes? Typing or keyboard skills? Even a two fingered typist will work! Then you are qualified to become the next secretary for the Secretariat. Any interest? Let one of us on Secretariat know. See you at the next walk-in or commissioning.

Marge Kollar, Secretary

FROM THE UPCOMING RECTOR

From the Rector of Weekend #87

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Please pray for us. Our wonderful Secretariat is working towards finding us a new location for the upcoming Weekends and while they are quite good, and we have the utmost confidence, the prayers will help. The location is actually a small issue for us as we have a wonderful, loving, sharing, caring, and smart team and we are looking forward to God's glory shining through no matter where we hold the Weekend, but St. John's Detroit has graciously agreed to host us.

We have begun formation and God is with us as the talks so far have been outstanding and the feeling of Christ with us is alive and vibrant at each meeting. The theme for the Weekend is "**May We Be One In You**" and, as a team, we are living the theme. I chose this theme because I believe it is the essence of what we try to accomplish in each of our walks; to be one with the Father as Jesus taught and showed us. The song for the Weekend is "**ABBA Father.**" This great song moves me each time I hear it and/or sing it. It moves me closer to the Father, to ABBA. The words of the theme come from this simple and great song of love. The last verse of the song gives glory and praise to the Father, forever Amen, as I do for the team and the team does for the candidates that you will be sending. Our scripture for the Weekend is really where the theme and song emerged. **John 17:20-26** describes Christ's prayer to the Father in the garden at Gethsemane asking that all who hear be one with the Father just as He is one with the Father; "...that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in me and I am in You."

The core team includes:

Co-Rector – Jim Carron (My Dad)
 Head Coordinator – Mike Sieniarecki
 Head Cha – Andy Kittle
 Spiritual Director – DusJohn Williams
 Spiritual Director – Tom Krell

Rollos are as follows:

Ideal – Bob Retherford
 Laity – Darron Patterson
 Piety – TJ O'Rourke
 Study – Jeff Bean
 Action – Bert Wilson
 Leaders – Derris Marshall
 Environment – Willie Copeland
 CCIA – Tom O'Rourke

The rest of the team includes:

John Barge	Mark Reid
Jim Schnurstein	Phil Cavanaugh
Andre Smith	Tristan Williams
David Carron	Mike Sands

I give glory and praise to the Father for such a great team for this Weekend and I know that the candidates you send will as well. Weekend #87 is for the candidates so that they may be One in the Father just as we are through Christ. Send the candidates and we promise that they will get this most wonderful of messages the DeColores way ~~ with love.

Due to the overall coordination effort required at St. John's we could use a few more cha chas on the team. Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you are interested.

Details and time for Commissioning, Holy Hour, and Closing will be posted on the website in the very near future. I thank the Father for the great community of DeColores Ministries and for bringing me to be a rector. He let me know it was my time and the team we have shows God's great works. Get the applications from the DeColores website or call and we will send you some. Bring your candidates to God's greatness. Be there for them as we will be. Make a Friend; Be a Friend; and, Bring that Friend to Christ. See you at the closing.

With God's Love,
 DeColores,
 Joe Carron
 Rector, Team # 87
joecarron@comcast.net



VP ELECTION

The Vice President job is our only elected position. It is a three-year term. First year-Vice President, second year- President, and third year-Past President. It has these qualifications:

1. Completed at least 3 DeColores Ministries weekends as a team member, or
2. Completed 2 DeColores weekends and one substantially similar weekend in Cursillo
3. Have been a Rollista, Cha/Coordinator on a DeColores weekend and have completed a four day workshop
4. Be active in an organized Christian Church
5. Have been a member of the DeColores community for at least 3 years
6. Be a person whose life typically exemplifies the DeColores ministry.

Please be thinking about the VP position. Perhaps you would like to become a candidate or have someone else in mind to nominate for the VP position.

The following is a quote from a Daily Devotional book. I've changed the name of the organization to DeColores and I'm including it because it seems appropriate to me.

'I am part of DeColores, one of many, but I am one. I need the DeColores principles for the development of the buried life within me. DeColores may be human in its organization, but it is Divine in its purpose. The purpose is to point me toward God and a better life. Participating in the privilege of the movement, I shall share in the responsibilities, taking it upon myself to carry my fair share of the load, not grudgingly but joyfully. To the extent that I fail in my responsibilities, DeColores fails. To the extent that I succeed, DeColores succeeds. Do I accept this as my DeColores credo?'

I will leave you all with this. I was hooked on our movement when I first heard, "make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ." I believe in those words and in our DeColores movement. If we are going to be able to continue to do that...our Secretariat needs help...can we count on you?

God Bless all of you
 Mike

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**NEWS FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR
- THE PILGRIM'S GUIDE -**

A Pilgrim's Guide opening statement:

"To be on a pilgrimage is to go through Christ to God the Father under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, with the help of the communion of saints, as you bring your brothers and sisters along with you."

In my last newsletter article, *The 3-Day DeColores - An Encounter with Christ: Conversion – Metanoia*, I discussed that the Ultreya is intended to help keep the DeColores conversion experience alive. It helps us to persevere on our pilgrimage.

Another "tool" that has been used to keep the conversion experience alive is the Pilgrim's Guide. When I attended my original Cursillo weekend in 1976, we were given the Pilgrim's Guide for the Cursillo. The Pilgrim's Guide was intended to be used during the weekend and after the weekend for prayer, meditation and guidance.

Pilgrim's Guides (PGs) have been published for the Catholic and Episcopal Cursillo movements as well as the Tres Dias movement. The Tres Dias PG is a small 26-page booklet, while the latest Cursillo PG is a 136-page pocket size book. Topics include: prayers, DeColores (song), meditations, how to pray, how to meditate, Apostle's Creed, readings, the Way (Stations) of the Cross, examination of conscience, group reunion card, blessing before and after meals, daily personal worship, Liturgy of the Hours, the Bible (intro), spiritual director and spiritual direction, history of the Stations of the Cross, history of the Rosary, mortification, the Cursillo movement, and Cursillo terminology.

We have not had the Pilgrim's Guide as a part of the DeColores Ministries material and would like to suggest that we develop an outline of the topics that we may want to include in a Pilgrim's Guide for DeColores Ministries. We would present this outline to the National Board for discussion and recommendations.

If you have any comments or suggestions for topics, please send them to me by email at tschabeck@charter.net.

Blessing

May the Lord bless you as you
grow in love for one another.

May the Lord keep you embraced in His Loving Spirit
as you grow in your love for Him.

May the Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you as he brings happiness and prosperity into your Fourth Day.
May the Lord turn His face toward you and watch over you to keep you safe on your pilgrimage here on earth.

May the Lord give you His
peace.
Amen.



Fr. Tim Schabeck
Spiritual Director

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OOPS!

Somehow, with the changes in secretariat members over the years, our 501 (c) 3 status lapsed. We found out quite by accident, as the communications team was looking into tax-exempt mailing permits. As soon as this was discovered, the secretariat took the necessary steps to assure reinstatement.



We are once again in good standing with the State of Michigan and the IRS. No one's donations should have been affected by this temporary lapse. Most importantly, steps have been incorporated to ensure that this situation does not occur again.

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ONE PERSON'S POINT OF VIEW

When I came into the movement I fell in love with the fact that there were people that loved me and were praying for me that didn't know anything about me. Our community exists because one man had a visit from God and set out to share Christ with everyone. Now that I've been in the movement for quite some time, I've noticed some things. I see that the more we know one another, it sometimes appears as though we become less concerned about each other. It seems that our love is far different from the unconditional love that we talk about. We struggle for candidates and wonder why people don't sponsor more. Is it because no one that you personally know is on the team, or it is because you don't care for certain people who are on the team? Is that what Jesus would do? In order for people to see Christ in us, they must see our works. How can they see our works if we don't come around; (*to team meetings, weekends, workshops, Holy Hours, Commissioning, Ultreya, etc.*) and if you don't come around, what is your reason for not coming around? Please search your hearts and see how you can be a solution to the problem.

DusJohn Williams, "The Convictor"