

Unidos en Cristo Weekend Registration

Applicant policies and information about the UEC weekend are on the back of this form.

Applicant Information

Name _____ Name you would like on your name tag _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-mail _____ Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____
 Gender: M F Age ____ Birthday: _____ Marital Status: single married divorced widowed
 Name of Church _____ Denomination _____ Are you a Pastor? Yes No
 If married, name of spouse _____ No. of children _____
 Occupation _____ Place of employment _____
 Medical Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____
 Special medical, physical, allergy, dietary necessities _____
 (If you have questions regarding special needs, please talk with your Sponsor or contact the UEC Council member.)
 If you wish, share a little about your spiritual journey and why you want to attend UEC: _____

- I am a professed Christian. I have read and agree with the Faith Statement of UEC (on back).
 I am an active participant in my Christian Church or Christian Faith Community.
 I understand that a UEC weekend is not treatment for personal problems or emotional difficulties.
 I have read the explanation on the back of this form concerning this.
 I am married. I have read the "UEC for Married Couples" brochure and understand the reasons that it is strongly recommended that we attend together (you can obtain the brochure from your Sponsor.)
 Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Applicant, when the registration is complete to this point, please pass it to your Sponsor.

Sponsor Information (to be filled out by the Applicant's Sponsor)

What UEC Weekend (#/ location) is this registration for? _____
 If you wish, share with us why you want to Sponsor this person to attend UEC: _____

 Sponsor Name(s) _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-mail _____ Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____
 Name of Church _____ Denomination _____
 Place/date of your Cursillo Weekend _____ Renewal Group in one interested in small group
 I (we) have read and understand the "Ministry of a UEC Sponsor" checklist and guidelines and am ready to begin this journey with my (our) Applicant.
 Sponsor Signature _____ Sponsor Signature _____

Sponsor(s), when the registration is complete to this point, please pass it to the Applicant's Pastor.

If neither a Liaison nor a Pastor is available, please contact the Allocations Coordinator (contact info on our web site).

Pastor Information (to be filled out by Applicant's Pastor)

This participant of my church/faith community has informed me that he/she is attending an Unidos en Cristo weekend and has asked for my support and prayer, which I will give.
 I have already attended a UEC weekend or another cursillo-type weekend.
 I have already attended a UEC weekend and would be happy to serve a future weekend as Spiritual Director.
 I have NOT attended a UEC weekend or any cursillo-type weekend and I would like to attend.
 I have been given information about UEC and have visited the UEC web site and would like someone to contact me regarding how we can become involved with UEC as a tool to strengthen our church.
 Clergy Name _____ Date _____
 Church / Community _____ Phone _____

If you have never attended a cursillo weekend, UEC invites you and highly recommends that you do!

Pastor, when the registration is complete to this point, please pass it to your UEC Liaison for processing. If there is no UEC Liaison at your church, please return the application to the Sponsor. LIAISONS, OVER PLEASE.

Liaison Information (to be filled out by Liaison)

Liaison Name _____ Church _____ Date _____
E-mail _____ Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

Liaison or Sponsor, please submit completed registration and payment of \$40 per applicant to the current UEC Council Allocations Coordinator (contact info can be found on our web site).

What is Unidos en Cristo (UEC)?

UEC is a structured three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people by bringing a new and more active awareness of living in God's grace. The weekend focus is on Christ and a personal relationship with Him. The renewed life brings encouragement for service and commitment to the local church. UEC begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. There is an abundance of teaching, music, singing, fellowship, food, laughter, friendship and prayer throughout the weekend.

Unidos en Cristo is NOT ...

A UEC weekend is NOT treatment for personal problems or emotional difficulties. If you are going through a difficult season such as uncontrolled depression, substance abuse rehab, recent loss of a loved one, or recent divorce, UEC would encourage you to attend a UEC weekend at a more stable time in your life. This will assure a more meaningful experience for you and for the others that are attending the weekend. UEC is a lay led weekend, therefore, we are not equipped to deal with psychological or emotional difficulties. If you feel you need services in any of these situations or areas, we encourage you to contact a pastor of a Christian church.

Mission Statement of UEC

"To revive and strengthen Christian commitment and community in the local church."

Faith Statement of UEC

"Unidos en Cristo is an inter-denominational and lay led community whose purpose is to help persons deepen a personal living faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

The UEC community emphasizes the essentials of our Christian faith, which include the triune nature of God, the absolute authority of the Word of God, the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus, and our common adoption into the body of Christ.

UEC equips Christian servants for action through a practical and personal demonstration of God's grace and by encouraging the extension of this grace to the local church and community.

We believe a living faith in Jesus Christ and Christian action will change our world."

How to attend an UEC Weekend

To attend a UEC weekend, you will need a Sponsor (someone who has attended UEC previously). Your Sponsor will help you to facilitate the processing of your application. Here are the steps. It is best to follow the steps in order:

1. Applicant completes Applicant portion of the Weekend Registration Form and gives to Sponsor.
2. Sponsor completes Sponsor portion of the Weekend Registration Form and gives to the Applicant's Pastor.
3. Pastor completes the Pastor portion of the Weekend Registration Form and gives to the Liaison (or Sponsor).
4. UEC Liaison completes the Liaison portion of the Weekend Registration Form and sends it to the UEC Allocations Coordinator for processing. If there is not UEC Liaison at the church, the Sponsor may send in the form.

A fee of \$40.00 per Applicant should accompany the Weekend Application Form.

Please date your check for first day of the weekend.

Submission Deadline: 2 weeks before the first day of the weekend for which you are registering.

Requirements for Registration

- Applicant for a weekend is a Christian.
- Applicant for a weekend is a member or active participant in a Christian Church or Christian Faith Community.
- Applicant for a weekend will be at least 21 years old at the time of the weekend.
- For married couples, it is customary and strongly recommended that both husband and wife attend UEC together on the same set of weekends. We encourage you to read the brochure, "UEC and the Married Couple" for better understanding of WHY we recommend this. While UEC is not a marriage renewal weekend, testimonies by married couples that have attended UEC together indicate that common Christian purpose is often discovered when both spouses share a similar experience and understanding.



If you have further questions regarding Unidos en Cristo, please contact a UEC Liaison or visit our web site at www.unidosencristo.com

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Ministry of a UEC Sponsor

As a Sponsor, you will be giving your friend a marvelous opportunity to enjoy the Spirit of Christ in a joyous Unidos en Cristo (UEC) weekend similar to your own. This is a ministry in which you should feel privileged and honored to participate. God has put someone on your heart who needs a fresh blessing of His grace and has called you to provide for that person. There are many ways you can make your Sponsorship more effective and the experience for your Weekender the best it can be.

We encourage you to follow this checklist to be the best Sponsor you can be:

- Now — PRAY** for your Weekender before, during and after his/her UEC weekend.
- ASAP — ATTEND SPONSOR TRAINING** offered at 3:00 pm on Sundays before any Men's Clausura.
- From now until the weekend — BE AVAILABLE** to your Weekender to answer any questions they may have. Be open and honest with your Weekender. Share the basic schedule of a typical day, share what you learned from one of the talks, share how you and your table-mates became close as you shared with each other even though there is no pressure, share that there are some wonderful and beautiful events that they will love and never forget. Remind your Weekender that there are many Christian churches and pastors that support the weekend. If you need help answering some questions, contact your Liaison or a member of the UEC Council.
- Within a month of the weekend** — If you do not know the person you are sponsoring, try to arrange a time to **GET TO KNOW YOUR WEEKENDER** before the weekend. Meeting for coffee is a good way to do this.
- Within a month of the weekend** — Find out if your Weekender has any **SPECIAL NEEDS** for the weekend. This may include helping him/her find childcare for the weekend. It may include requesting a roll-away bed for someone unable to easily get down to the mattress on the floor, or providing a close electrical outlet for a needed device such as a sleep apnea CPAP machine. Does your Weekender have allergies that the UEC team should be aware of (peanuts, gluten, etc.)? Contact the Rector/a with this information. As you consider special needs, please remember that UEC is happy to accommodate for medical, dietary, or allergy necessities, but we ask that mere preferences be taken care of otherwise.
- For consideration before the weekend — NOTIFY YOUR 4TH DAY COMMUNITY & SEND PALANCA:**
 - 1. Rollo Room Palanca:** Encourage your local 4th Day Community to give Rollo Room Palanca, providing enough for all Weekendenders and team members in the Rollo Room. This might be small gifts representative of God's grace (bookmarks, small lapel pins, etc.) Or, they may wish to make a donation to a food shelf or other organization in honor of the Weekendenders. Or, they may wish to donate some of the food needed for the weekend in honor of the Weekendenders. If small gifts are sent, check the Palanca Press newsletter which will report how many pieces of Palanca should be delivered. If you donate money or food, please send a card to the weekend that can be read to the Weekendenders explaining the donation (i.e. "Dear Women of UEC #240, SouthCross Community Church has donated \$50 to 2nd Harvest Food Shelf in your honor." or "Dear Men of UEC #241, Rosemount UMC has donated the ingredients and labor that went into your wonderful egg bake this morning for breakfast.")
 - 2. Personal Palanca:** You and other members of your church may wish to provide personal Palanca for your Weekender. These gifts will go into his/her Palanca Bag for pickup on Sunday evening. **NO** personal Palanca is delivered to the Rollo Room or to an individual so that all is fair and equal during the weekend.

The UEC Council gives each Cursillista a packet in their Palanca Bag that includes a welcome letter, a UEC brochure, a UEC DVD, a copy of the most recent Palanca Press newsletter, a Weekend Registration form, a Team Application, the Sponsorship issue of the Palanca Press that encourages sponsorship, and more.

- 2-3 weeks before the weekend** — Call your Weekender to make **TRANSPORTATION** arrangements. Provide transportation for your Weekender to and from the weekend. Explain that this is part of the gift of the weekend and all Sponsors will be delivering and picking up their Weekendenders as well.

- ❑ **2-3 weeks before the weekend** — An **optional** tradition is to take your Weekender out for **DINNER** Thursday evening before delivering him/her to the Weekend. You'll want to make arrangements ahead of time. Some Sponsors have a "send off" for their Weekender, inviting other Cursillistas from their church to join them for dinner, letting the Weekender know they will all be praying for him/her during the weekend. Some Sponsors have dinner with their Weekender alone. It is important to do what your Weekender might enjoy. Some may not enjoy a large gathering. It is also important to keep it simple as this is when the progression of the weekend begins. Again, this is **optional**.
- ❑ **2-3 weeks before the weekend** — Purchase a **PERSONAL CUP OR MUG** for your Weekender. The cup will be a nice memory and when used in place of paper products, will help cut costs on the weekend. If you intend to take your Weekender to dinner on Thursday evening, this is a nice time to give your gift of a mug.
- ❑ **1-2 days before the weekend** — Check with your Weekender a day or two before the weekend to answer any last minute questions and to **GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT**. If there is a pressing concern with respect to your Weekender, please be sure that you or another Cursillista try to alleviate that concern. If appropriate, contact the Rector/a of the weekend and advise them, as well.
- ❑ **During the weekend — As a Sponsor, YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND is:**
 - Thursday evening: Dinner with your Weekender if desired. This is optional.
 - Thursday evening: Deliver your Weekender to the church between 7:30 - 8:00 pm.
 - Thursday evening: Before leaving the church, attend the Sponsor service, sign your Weekender's Bible and pick up your Weekender's Candle to burn throughout the weekend as you pray for your Weekender.
 - Sunday morning: Attend the Sponsor's Sunday Morning Serenade. Arrive at the church at 5:30 am.
 - Sunday afternoon: Attend the Sunday Evening Serenade. Arrive at the church at 4:00 pm.
 - Sunday afternoon: Attend the Clausura. Sit in the Sponsor section.
 - Sunday evening: Following the Clausura, attend the reception with your new Cursillista, introducing them to friends, other Cursillistas from your church, etc. Be sensitive to your Cursillista's needs, helping gather belongings and palanca bags before delivering them safely home. Remember, he/she will be tired and may be somewhat overwhelmed.
- ❑ **1-2 weeks after the weekend** — **CONTACT** your Cursillista during the week following the weekend. Give him/her the opportunity to discuss the weekend with you, to process all they experienced. Remind them about the Weekend Ultreya and offer to give him/her a ride to and from the Ultreya if needed. If you transport your Cursillista to the Ultreya, you are welcome to stay for it as well (bring a dish to share).
- ❑ **DURING THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE WEEKEND —**

Most Important – Stay in close personal contact with your Cursillista until:

 - He/she is settled in a Renewal Group and/or have become an active part of a local UEC 4th Day Community
 - He/she has sponsored another to attend UEC
 - He/she has served on a UEC team
- ❑ **Is your Cursillista from a church that does not have a UEC Community?** If so, we would ask you to help your Cursillista get a UEC 4th Day Community started in their church. The UEC New Church Coordinator can help you do this by contacting the pastor of the church and introducing him/her to UEC. Or, help your Cursillista find a UEC 4th Day Community that he/she can be involved with. Contact the Liaison there and ask them to welcome your Cursillista, putting him/her on their e-mail list for Ultreya announcements, etc. The UEC Liaison Coordinator can help you with this.

Being an involved and attentive Sponsor is key to the experience your Weekender will have before, during and after his/her weekend. Giving Palanca begins now as you pray for your Weekender. Being a Sponsor requires commitment, but the rewards are great. Ask the Lord for guidance and help to enable you to carry out your ministry as a Sponsor.

If you have any questions, please contact the Liaison at your church or a member of the UEC Council.

Abrazos!
UEC Council