



# Annual Report 2012-2013

“But by the grace of God, I am what I am,  
and His grace toward me was not in vain.  
On the contrary, I worked harder than any,  
though it was not I,  
but the grace of God that is with me.”

1 Corinthians 15:10

# Dear Unidos en Cristo 4th Day Community,

On the 4th Tuesday of most months, your UEC Council gathers at Christ Presbyterian Church for dinner, fellowship, prayer, and our monthly meeting.

During the past year, we have continued to focus on maintaining the integrity of the Cursillo movement, as we adapt and change to accommodate the world of today. Some of our recent changes include: a new look for our website, a mentor program for weekend Rectors and Rectoras, and a lowering of the Weekender age limit.

As we move forward into the 2013-2014 year, we will need to look at the dwindling number of weekenders in comparison to the cost of providing a set of weekends. In all we do, our goal is to approach each decision with prayer, discernment, and the will to follow where He leads us.

In Christ's Service,  
The UEC Council

## Mission & Faith Statements

### Mission Statement

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

### Faith Statement

*"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."*

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## UEC VOTING COUNCIL 2012-2014

| <u>Name</u>               | <u>Position</u>              | <u>Phone</u>        |
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\*Current Executive Committee, Council members retiring as of September 1, 2013 are italicized.  
To e-mail any member of the UEC Voting Council, send to [lastname]@unidosencristo.com .

## UEC SUPPORT COUNCIL 2012-2014

| <u>Name</u>            | <u>Position</u>                                     | <u>Phone</u>        |
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| Terri Morgan Johnson   | Kitchen Resource                                    | 612-804-7002        |
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| Kelly & Rick Lindblom  | Agape Dinner Linen Care                             |                     |
| Kathy Messerli         | Leadership Training Assistance                      | 763-557-7114        |
| <i>Betsie Mills</i>    | <i>Database Team</i>                                | <i>952-292-0952</i> |
| Darcy Netzer           | Music Liaison                                       | 507-373-4965        |
| Beth Pukal             | Database Team                                       | 612-201-9439        |
| Brian Rodeck           | Kitchen Resource                                    | 763-428-3002        |
| Nancy Sundeen          | Manuals Manager                                     | 612-798-1681        |
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The UEC Council is very grateful to these people who have dedicated their service to UEC. They are not bound by a three year term or maximum six years of service as are Voting Council members. These people often serve longer than three years simply because they feel called and enjoy what they do. — May God Bless each of you!

Over the past several months, a small group of women and I have been studying the book of Matthew, particularly Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount. We have explored what his words meant to the people that had the privilege of hearing him speak firsthand, as well as what it means in the world of today. As we have taken a closer look at what Jesus expects from his faithful people, I am regularly reminded that it was my own UEC weekend that drew me closer to Jesus and inspired me to build a closer relationship with him.

Somehow, that journey took me down this path to Convenor, one I certainly didn't have on my personal agenda. Over the past year, Hebrews 13:21 has become one of the verses that is always on my mind, "May he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen."

I have had the privilege of working with an amazing group of people on the UEC Council this year, people that have been equipped by Him to carry on His work in the UEC movement. We are a group of people from different backgrounds, different occupations, different churches, different denominations, different interests, yet, one Lord. Just as a UEC Team represents the body of Christ, each member with their own gifts, the people on the UEC Council also bring gifts to the table. Our focus this year continues to be on preserving the integrity of the UEC (Cursillo) movement, at the same time that we make adjustments that reflect the world of today. Each decision is made with a great deal of prayer, discussion, research, faith, and hope for the future.

Please keep the Council in your prayers throughout the coming year. Pray that we continue to seek His counsel, listening for His voice, and putting Him before all else in our decisions. UEC needs you! This year, plan to serve on a team, sponsor a Weekender, deliver Palanca, or sign up for the 24-hour prayer vigil.

Submitted by Teresa Van Batavia



# Treasurer

Julie Du Lac

We again saw a significant decline in income between 2011 and 2012. Our expenses were down as well so overall, our net profit in 2012 was better than in 2011. Our expenses are up to 2013 due to the purchase of quantities of supplies (Bibles, Crosses and Candles) that will be used over the next year.

If you serve on a team, please watch your expenses carefully. Remember that we're stewards of God's money. Every penny is His and needs to be used for His glory.

## Budget Recap 2011-2012

This report gives a good picture of our annual income and expense.

| <b>Income</b>                                 | <b>2012</b>         | <b>2013 (Jan-Sept 12th)</b> |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Closing Worship                               | \$ 9,233.66         | \$ 5,941.50                 |
| Contributions                                 | 4,059.66            | 1,532.86                    |
| Memorials                                     | 170.00              | -                           |
| Team Jog                                      | 8,311.20            | 9,814.00                    |
| Weekend Registrations                         | 5,440.00            | 4,050.00                    |
| Weekend JOG                                   | 7,215.71            | 230.00                      |
| Weekender JOG                                 | 850.00              | 750.00                      |
| Interest                                      | 13.12               | 4.05                        |
| Miscellaneous Income                          | 150.00              | -                           |
| <b>Total Income</b>                           | <b>\$ 35,443.35</b> | <b>\$ 21,572.41</b>         |
| <b>Expense</b>                                |                     |                             |
| 4th Day Communication (Palanca Press)         | \$ 4,450.00         | \$ 5,693.76                 |
| Accounting/Insurance/Licenses                 | 3,106.07            | 976.00                      |
| Host Church Honorariums                       | 2,700.00            | 1,800.00                    |
| Petty Cash                                    | 155.61              | -                           |
| Printing (Materials other than Palanca Press) | 1,186.61            | 712.07                      |
| Postage (other than Palanca Press)            | 620.46              | 538.44                      |
| Trailers - moving/maintenance                 | 604.13              | -                           |
| *Directors / Officers                         | 796.43              | 1,196.27                    |
| Bank Charges                                  | 109.00              | 106.44                      |
| Computer Supplies                             | 325.94              | 257.19                      |
| Miscellaneous                                 | 226.38              | 210.62                      |
| Weekends                                      |                     |                             |
| Bibles, Candles, Crosses                      | 2,253.03            | 2,008.34                    |
| Decorate Agape                                | 8.55                | -                           |
| Supplies                                      | 1,442.78            | 755.27                      |
| Trash Removal                                 | 230.00              | -                           |
| Bed Rentals                                   | 533.65              | 665.84                      |
| Flowers                                       | 749.47              | 702.69                      |
| Food  | 10,644.82           | 9,368.41                    |
| Swim Break (bus/pool)                         | 1,131.06            | 780.00                      |
| Kitchen Consumables                           | 1,371.10            | 243.50                      |
| Palanca Team                                  | 68.54               | 45.91                       |
| Pop   | 54.73               | -                           |
| Song books                                    | 2,190.00            | 2,810.00                    |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                          | <b>\$ 34,958.36</b> | <b>\$ 28,870.75</b>         |

\*Directors/Officers Expense includes expenses incurred by Council members that are not directly attached to a weekend: bonding/insurance for Council members, postage/ink/copies for typical Council activities, building rental for monthly meetings, etc.

In September 2010 I began serving the UEC Council as Secretary. My responsibilities are about record keeping and correspondence and include:

- Recording the minutes of Council meetings
- Preparing a ministry report from all groups within the Council for each meeting
- Preparing 25-30 letters for each meeting to UEC Clergy. The Council prays for each by name and signs each letter. That means we pray through the entire list of UEC clergy (250+) each year.
- Keeping the roster of current voting and non-voting Council members
- When we hear of needs, the Council also prays for and sends sympathy, get well and thank-you cards to 4th Day members. This also falls to the Secretary to prepare and bring to Council meeting for signing and mailing. In the past year we mailed nearly 50 cards.

This position has brought a great understanding of the role of the Council within UEC. God has blessed me and I know that He will continue to do so in the upcoming year. Thank you for your confidence by electing me to another 3 year term.

## Clergy

Trace James, Mary Marcoux, Mary Syrja

We thank the following clergy who served as Spiritual Directors (SDs) on our UEC weekends in 2012-2013. While UEC is a lay-led organization and weekend, it is the SDs on a weekend who keep us grounded spiritually by serving as advisors in matters of theology and spiritual growth, leading us in Communion and other liturgical services, supplying pastoral counseling, and providing invaluable spiritual leadership.

Bruce Bjork - LeSueur UMC  
Cindy Gregorson - Rosemount UMC  
Robert Bollar - Church of All Nations  
Rosemary Klass - Sanctuary Covenant  
Rick Townsend-Anderson - Riverside Evangelical Presbyterian  
Mary Syrja – Valley Creek Church  
Trace James - Faith Presbyterian  
Greg Bestland - Church of the Open Door  
Teri Seymour - Real Life Church  
Scott Wildenberg - True North Church  
David Satre - Chaplain/Burnsville Covenant  
Dwight Netzer - First Presbyterian, Albert Lea  
Lee Freshour - Albert Lea Assembly of God  
Rick Ormsby - Rosemount UMC  
Dan Wheeler - Fairmont Covenant

THANK YOU!  
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

*We sincerely hope that we have not inadvertently left out any of our clergy who have served so faithfully!*

UEC is always in need of clergy who are willing to serve on a weekend. If you are a clergy member not listed above, who would like to serve, please contact one of our Clergy Coordinators. If you are a member of a church not listed above, we hope your church will allow time for a member of your clergy to serve on a UEC weekend. Thank you to clergy and churches for your much needed participation!

# Leadership Development

Norma Lund, Tim Powell

We would like to once again thank those who have served in the role of Rector or Rectora over the past year. UEC was blessed to have weekends filled with God's grace and love. Weekends were possible because of prayers, commitment, planning, and a love for God.

Rector/as for 2012-2013 were:

**October 2012 - First Presbyterian, Albert Lea**

#257 David Lembke, Rector

#258 Diane Martin, Rectora

**January-February 2013 - Faith Covenant, Burnsville**

#259 Paul Libra, Rector

#260 Julie Courtney, Rectora

**June 2013 - Excelsior Covenant**

#261 Steve Staloch, Rector

#262 Darla O'Flanigan, Rectora

We also want to thank Cathy Eckart and Rich Schmid for all the work they did as Leadership Development Coordinators in previous years.

Submitted by Norma Lund

# Leadership Training Coordinators

Carmella Anderson, Don May, Judy Odegaard

In 2012-2013, the Leadership Training Coordinators held training sessions for three UEC weekends. These were held at Faith Covenant in Burnsville, Excelsior Covenant in Excelsior and Plymouth Covenant in Plymouth.

Don May retired from his position as Leadership Training Coordinator as of September 1, 2013. He served on the UEC Council for 6 years. Thank you Don! We welcome Terri Eggleston as his replacement.

We are continually revising and revamping the training sessions to make them more fun, interesting and pertinent to the weekend duties.

The Leadership Training Coordinators will continue to pray for all UEC Weekends, Team and Weekenders as they prepare to lead God's children on this journey.

Submitted by Judy Odegaard



First, let me say "Thank you" to the those who have stepped up and committed to organizing the UEC communities at your churches. Whether you have the title of "Liaison" or not, your willingness to shepherd does not go unnoticed. Until I attended UEC, I didn't understand what The Church was supposed to be. I continue to thank God for those who have given in the past, are giving now, and who will give in the future.

After much prayer and discussion, the UEC Council decided that the role of New Church Coordinator had run its course. Instead of continued unsuccessful attempts to connect with clergy of "potential churches", we will now connect with clergy of Weekenders who have attended from "new-to-UEC" churches. We will do this via the Clergy Coordinators and via the Weekender who attended. Allowing people to attend prior to their pastor has exposed UEC to more "new" churches and clergy. In addition, changing the definition of a "UEC church" to a church whose participants include one person who has attended a UEC Weekend, has also opened doors for more exposure of UEC.

In 2013-2014, I will continue to pursue avenues to help those of you who have stepped forward to represent UEC in your churches as Liaisons or potential Liaisons.

With that said, I could use your help. I repeat Sue Lay's plea from last year: "We can use more good people. Won't you consider volunteering an hour or two each quarter? Even if you are the only member of your faith community who has attended a UEC weekend, no problem, we'd still welcome and appreciate communicating with you!"

And I do love chatting with you. I'll do my best to get information that matters to you as soon as I can. Blessings to all.

## Allocations

Cheryl Lecy

I began serving on the UEC Council as Allocations Coordinator in the fall of 2011 after being trained for the position by Audrey Mondelli. As the Allocations Coordinator I receive the Weekender registration forms from the Sponsors or the Church Liaisons. I review each application for completeness; maintain a spreadsheet of all the information, send letters to each Weekender and Sponsor, and keep the team and Council up-to-date on how many people are attending each Weekend.

The best part of allocations is interacting with so many people who love the Lord and give so freely to serve Him by Sponsoring, serving on team or Council, setting up, cleaning up, and so much more. Everyone working together, a great cloud of witnesses, we are running the race marked out for us.

In 2012-2013, Weekender numbers were:

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| October 2012 | (UEC 257/258) men 9 and women 17  |
| January 2013 | (UEC 259/260) men 25 and women 37 |
| June 2013    | (UEC 261/262) men 15 and women 24 |

# Site Selection

Diane Martin

As Site Coordinator, it is my job to find and schedule host churches for upcoming UEC weekends.

We thank the following churches for hosting during the 2012/2013 year:

First Presbyterian, Albert Lea, MN - UEC 257 & 258, October 4-7 and 11-14, 2012

Faith Covenant, Burnsville, MN - UEC 259 & 260, January 31-February 3 and February 7-10, 2013

Excelsior Covenant, Excelsior, MN - UEC 261 & 262, June 20-23 and 27-30, 2013

And, want to thank those churches who have and will be hosting for 2013-2014:

Plymouth Covenant, Plymouth, MN - UEC 263 & 264, October 3-6 and 10-13, 2013

St. Croix Valley UMC, Lakeland, MN - UEC 265 & 266, January 30-February 2 and February 6-9, 2014

Peace Reformed, Eagan, MN - UEC 267 & 268, July 10-13 and 17-20, 2014

Evangel UMC, Rochester, MN - UEC 269 & 270, November 6-9 and 13-16, 2014

If you believe that your church would be a good host site or if you know that they wish to host a UEC weekend in 2015 or beyond, please contact me. I will visit the church to determine if it is an appropriate site and work with the scheduler at the church to see if it can be coordinated.

# Trailer / Technical Supplies

Rich Carlson

In 2012-2013, things remained pretty much the same in the Supplies area. We continued to increase our list of available people qualified to serve as Technical Assistant on weekends. The addition of the position of Technical Assistant in the Rollo Room continues to prove to have been a very good decision, relieving other leaders of this responsibility so that they may better serve in their own areas.

We thank team members who were diligent to follow directions, keeping the state of the supply trailers in good condition and well-organized.

In 2013-2014, we'll be working to update the Team Manuals with regards to the trailer supplies inventory and we'll continue to seek people qualified to serve as Tech Assistant. If you would like to serve as Tech Assistant, please send an e-mail to [database@unidosencristo.com](mailto:database@unidosencristo.com) and ask to be added to that list.

Do you have a truck and license that might allow you to help with the driving of the trailers to and from the weekends? If so, please give Rich a call.

Submitted by editor

Over the past year, the biggest change in Communications has been the re-design of the UEC website. A thank you goes to Andrew Hagen for all his hard work, and a thank you to Kenny Frank for the past website. I encourage you to go to [www.unidosencristo.com](http://www.unidosencristo.com) and explore. You'll find the UEC video "ready to watch" on the "Join a UEC Weekend" page, the Palanca Press downloadable and ready to read from the 4th Day Community Page ... and more.

In an effort to be more fiscally responsible, we have discontinued the printing and assembling of the information packets. All of the information that was found in the packets is now available on our website. If you are not able to access the website, you may get the information by either contacting your Liaison, the Publications Coordinator or me. Thank you to Teresa Van Batavia for stepping into the role of Publications Coordinator this past year.

Part of my position is to get files and membership information to each new Rector/a. In the past, these resources have been compiled and put on CD. This past year UEC Council voted to use Box.com to securely store files that need to be shared between Council members as well as Rector/a resources. This allows us to give limited secure access.

I would also like to thank Nancy Sundeen (Manuals Manager) for her service this past year.

In the upcoming year I hope to work with Andrew Hagen and continue making improvements to the website. We are also looking for a new Palanca Press Editor. Please contact me if you are interested and willing.

Palanca  
Dave Webb

I continue my role as Palanca Coordinator for another year. This role is one that coordinates paper Palanca exchange to and from other cursillo weekends all over the world as well as delivery of some Palanca to our UEC weekends on behalf of Community members who cannot deliver it themselves. I am sending an average of 200 Palanca letters out each month to other cursillo organizations, mostly via e-mail.

Prayer is also Palanca and 90% of being Palanca Coordinator is that I get to spend time praying for other cursillo events across the world. I take this duty very seriously. The fun part about this position is meeting all the 4th Day team members when delivering Palanca to a weekend. It is a joy to see their faces when we talk about all the prayers for them and the Weekenders.

The main thing I would like to see in this role is the building of strong ties into other cursillo communities. We did make some strong head way into the Catholic Cursillo communities. I would like to foster a stronger relationship with the TEC communities. I would also like to explore ways that will encourage new Cursillistas to send Palanca to the next set of Weekenders attending as a way of keeping them involved and passing on what they have received.

I look forward to serving you and Christ in 2013-2014.

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