

EL TINTERITO



February – 2008

NORTH TEXAS LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT

A MESSAGE FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

As this is the first communication for 2008, Happy New Year; may it be a blessed one for each of you.

The Secretariat plans to focus on building up the 4th Day community involvement in things happening with Via de Cristo. We want to build a team of workers for all areas of Via de Cristo. We want to encourage **everyone** to be involved in some part of Via de Cristo.

We are asking questions:

- how we can help you grow, or in some cases rebuild, your church Ultreyas
- are you in a small group; are those you have sponsored in a small group
- are you planning to attend Staff School, if you have not already
- will you serve on a working team (Pre-Weekend, Weekend, Post-Weekend, Communications)
- will you sponsor someone
- will you serve on staff (you must attend Staff Training School to serve)
- will you serve on Love Team

Remember, our community is only as strong as its members. We do not exist without YOU. YOU are the most important part of Via de Cristo because YOU are Christ's Hands in Action.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Grand Ultreyas, Wake Up, and Clausuras, as well as set up and take down.

Peace, Blessings & Joy,
Alice Allison, NTLs Lay Director

SOMETHING NEW: A COMMUNICATIONS CENTRAL TEAM

Communication is the heart and soul of any organization. In order to improve and expand the level of communication among the 4th Day community, a Communications position filled by Nelia "Mom" Thorp has been added to the Secretariat. The goal of this team is to accurately publish news, times, dates and places of events, etc., using as many avenues (e.g., e-mail, postal mail, internet) as possible, while making sure that all the information is the same in each publication avenue.

The Communications team is divided into the following areas:

- ✚ **Communications Director** – Nelia Thorp (or "Mom"), serving as the central information hub director
 - **Database** – Pat Carr
 - **Web Servant** – Patrick Hunt
 - **El Tintero** – Linda Sims

Also integral to the Communications team are:

- ✚ **Lay Director** – Alice Allison
- ✚ **Registrar** – Valerie von Bergen

Patrick Hunt is working to give our website (ntl.org) a fresh, new look. Stay tuned...

The *El Tintero* will be published just before each North Texas Via de Cristo Weekend. It will contain the names of the participants and staff, logistics assignments, and will also include news, reports and requests from various members of the Secretariat and 4th Day.

We will also publish the *El Tinterito* ("Little El Tintero"), periodic news briefs such as this one, to be sent by e-mail to the 4th Day. The *El Tinterito* will include news and messages from the Lay Director and other Secretariat members, reminders, requests for help, etc.

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SAY "HELLO" TO THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat is the governing body for Via de Cristo. Your current Secretariat members are:

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| Alice Allison | Lay Director |
| Vicki Taylor | Spiritual Director |
| Ernie Barr | Spiritual Director |
| Becky Clark | Secretary |
| Jim Bingaman | Treasurer |
| Sandra Gass | Historian |
| John Harris | Pre-Weekend Rep |
| Gerald Stout | Weekend Rep |
| Janet Thorp | Training Director |
| Nelia Thorp | Communications Director |
| Cid Smith | Post-Weekend Rep |
| Bruce Hanson | Music |
| Valerie von Bergen | Registrar |
| Patrick Hunt | Web Servant |
| Linda Sims | El Tintero |
| Pat Carr | Database |
| Dori Weir | Rector's CHA Trainer |
| Christine Bingaman | Food CHA Trainer |
| Barb Guinn | Palanca CHA Trainer |

NOTE: Since the last Grand Ultreya, Valerie von Bergen has assumed the duties of Registrar for the North Texas Lutheran Secretariat. Mail completed registration forms to Valerie at:

Valerie von Bergen
Via de Cristo Registrar
142 Quail Circle
Shady Shores, TX 76208

**The next Staff Training School will be Saturday, February 23rd in Waco, Texas.
To register, e-mail or call Pat Carr [pvcarr@sbcglobal.net; (817)-457-0176]**

**The next Via de Cristo weekend in North Texas will be April 3-6.
The deadline for registration is March 24th (the Monday after Easter).**

**Deadline for material to be included in the next *El Tintero* is Friday, March 14th.
Send your *El Tintero* articles and ideas to Linda Sims at linda8im8@tx.rr.com/**