

El Tintéro

El Tintéro is Spanish for "the inkwell." Legend has it that Martin Luther threw an inkwell at Satan who tempted Luther while he was writing.

March 2019

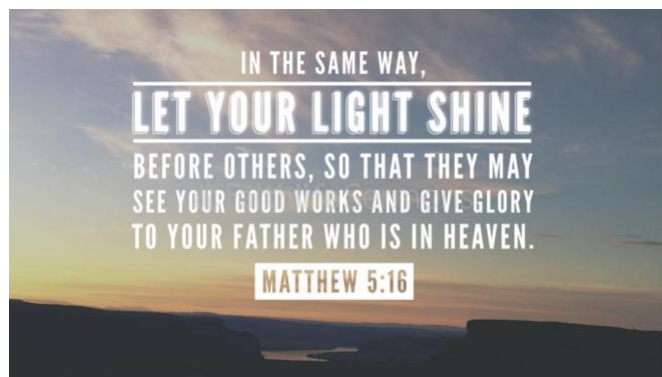
Greetings from the Rector!

Don Holmes

Weekend #103 Rector

I believe that our entire staff is excited to be less than two weeks away from the start of our weekend. At our first team meeting, during the worship service, our lead Spiritual Director talked about our **need** to serve, almost an addiction to the spiritual boost we receive from our service on these Via de Cristo weekends.

With that mindset, our scriptural theme for the weekend is Matthew 5:16:



The entire staff seems focused on showing the joy of service and acknowledging that God is the source of all the good which results.

As with the other weekends on which I have been privileged to serve, it is awesome how people from different churches, different cities, different backgrounds, and vastly different amounts of experience serving on these weekends come together as a family, to lift each other's burdens and to show Christ's love to our participants.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the amazing group of people who have agreed to serve as staff. I also want to thank those who invited our participants and those who so tirelessly serve behind the scenes. My thanks to those who do setup and take-down, the love team, the providers of Palanca. We are truly blessed to have gained such a vast and loving family.

Utreya!

From the Lay Director

Jane Winge

Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas Lay Director

Decolores!

Grand Utreya: Thanks to those of you who attended our Grand Utreya hosted by Grace Lutheran Church in Carrollton on February 16th. We appreciate Rev. Nathan Strong for officiating, Victoria Gibbs giving a Fourth Day talk and Rev. Janice Heidlberger providing the SD Response. Our small groups shared who they've prayed to God and invited to LVDCNT #103, which allowed us to then pray for these potential participants. We're fortunate to have 7 participants registered so far.

Clergy Experience: Please pray for the Clergy Experience scheduled from Feb. 10, 2020 at 7pm through Feb. 13, 2020 at 5:30pm at Cedarbrake Retreat Center, 5602 State Hwy 317, Belton. Please pray also for our next Clergy Experience planning team meeting May 11th @ Abiding Savior, Cameron, TX. If you're interested in serving on this Clergy Experience staff with our two other Texas VDC ministries, please let me know. You may or may not be selected depending on experience & other applicants from 3 Secretariats. There will be 3 team meetings TBD.

National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS) Gathering: Texas will be hosting the July 22-25, 2021 NLS Gathering at a location TBD. If you're interested in serving on our host committee, please let me know as we're looking for 8-10 team leaders from each of the 3 Texas Secretariats. It's recommended for team leaders to attend the next two NLS Gatherings at:

- July 25-28, 2019 in Indianapolis (early registration of \$250 due by April 30th)
- July 23-26, 2020 in Minneapolis

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Welcome, Weekend #103 Participants!

Weekend #103 Staff

NAME	CHURCH	SPONSOR
Rosie Blackwell	Calvary, Richland Hills	Leslie Herd
Jeff Goodwin	Calvary, Richland Hills	Barb & Doug Guinn
Betty Parker	Calvary, Richland Hills	Gail Kviz
Dan Reckmeyer	King of Glory, Dallas	John Harris
Dordie Redaelli (F)	King of Glory, Dallas	Sue Pagel
Lynzy Slezak	Calvary, Richland Hills	Eric & Melanie Swenson
Greg Streder	Grace, Carrollton	Kimbal Markwardt & Nathan Strong

NAME	ROLE
Don Holmes	Rector
Debi Gebhardt	Observing Rector
Phillip Heinze	Spiritual Director
Meredyth Johnson	Spiritual Director
Di Piatt	Rector's Cha
Mike Mayo	Music Cha
Lawanda Wilson	Palanca Cha
Marilyn Potter	Palanca Cha
Kathleen Bower Gray	Food Cha
Erin Farley	Food Cha
Roger Anders	Tech Cha
Tyler Strouse	Table Leader/Ideal
Sandy Brenden	Table Leader/Laity
Lorraine Markwardt	Table Leader/Piety
Jon Krueger	Table Leader/Study
Mark Wilson	Table Leader/ Action
Mark Brenden	Table Leader/ Leaders
John Harris	Table Leader/ Environments
Sarah Lewis	Table Leader/ CCIA
Helen Mayo	Table Leader/ Total Security & 4th Day
Jerry Gray	Love Team Rector

Aren't Grace Weekends Great?!

Please consider making a donation.

Your gift of \$165.00 can sponsor a participant! Please visit the Donate page or click on the orange DONATE button found on our website (<https://www.vdcnorthtexas.org>) or contact Jerry Gray, (jerrygray9@aol.com) Treasurer, or (972) 333-5614 for the many ways that you can give to help support the Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas (LVDCNT) community.

LVDCNT is a 501(c) (3) organization, so your donations to us are tax deductible.

ULTREYA

There are Many Ways for You to Be Involved in Vdc 103!

Activity	Arrival Time	Location
<u>Wednesday Evening Setup</u> and <u>Food Palanca</u> Dropoff	Wed., March 13 th , 6:30PM	Leadership Center, Quail Run and Oak Grove 4th Day Room
Thursday Evening Participant/ Palanca- <u>Food Palanca</u> Dropoff	Thurs., March 14 th , 6:30PM	Leadership Center/ Oak Grove 4th Day Room
<u>Serenade</u>	Sat. March 16 th , 12:40PM	Oak Grove Lodge
Wakeup	Sun., March 17 th , 6:00AM	Leadership Center
<u>Clausura Setup</u>	Sun., March 17 th , 2:30PM	Leadership Center
Clausura	Sun., March 17 th , 3:15PM	Leadership Center
<u>Weekend Takedown</u>	Sun., March 17 th , 5:00PM	Leadership Center
Homecomings	Sun., March 17 th , 6:00PM	Various Locations

From The Treasurer

Jerry Gray

Treasurer

From a financial perspective, 2018 was a great year for LVDCNT. God blessed us richly. And the Fourth Day blessed us richly. We received very generous gifts from individuals, at Clausuras, and on North Texas Giving Day. Thanks be to God, and thanks to each of you for your generosity.

The following is our financial summary for 2018.

Income	\$21,403
Expenses	<u>\$19,998</u>
Net Income	\$1,405

Cash Balance \$12,859

The most significant expenses were as follows:

- Briarwood Weekend Fees \$12,995
- Insurance \$2,668
- Storage Trailer \$900
- Weekend Expenses \$783
- Constant Contact \$706

The most amazing sources of income were as follows:

- Individual Donations \$2,710
- Donations via PayPal \$2,310
- Donated Expenses \$1,016
- North Texas Giving Day \$982
- Clausura Offerings \$776
- Grand Ultreyas \$622

Again, thanks to each of you for your generosity during 2018. May 2019 bring you many blessings.

-Jerry

Ways to Give to LVDCNT

Nearly all of LVDCNT's income comes from you—the 4th Day. Let me discuss the most common opportunities to give to LVDCNT.

1. Sponsor a participant. The current cost is \$165 per participant, but going up to \$190 in the near future. If you can't cover the entire cost it is perfectly OK to pay only a portion and seek additional help from your small group, ultreya, or the Secretariat.
2. Give an offering at Weekend Clausura services. This can be done in person or via the means discussed below.

3. Give an offering at Grand Ultreyas. This can also be done in person or via the means discussed below.
4. Give a gift at any time.
5. Direct all or a portion of your Thrivent Choice dollars to us.
6. Apply for a Thrivent Action Team card.

I want to first focus on Thrivent, as I think this may be an untapped resource for us. If you are a Thrivent member you have access to both Thrivent Choice dollars and Thrivent Action Team cards. Thrivent Choice allows you to direct money to the nonprofit of your choice (hopefully LVDCNT). Thrivent Action Team cards are \$250 cash cards you can apply for to support a fundraising activity or a service active that supports a nonprofit. Instructions on how to do either of these are not complicated, but a little much to try to explain here. But if you would like to pursue either option I would be glad to speak with you and walk you through the process.

So how can you get the money to LVDCNT? Other than in person, there are three primary ways to give. If you are sponsoring a participant, send a check along with the registration paperwork to the Registrar (currently Sharon Bartells). Checks for other offerings or gifts can be sent to Jerry Gray at 2433 Timber Ridge Lane, Flower Mound, TX 75028. All checks should be made out to LVDCNT. The easiest way for you to give may be electronically via our website, <https://www.vdcnorthtexas.org>.

The “**Donate Now**” tab is **orange** and is at the top far right of the webpage. We currently use PayPal to collect the donations. The electronic process is very straight forward, but if you have any questions call Jerry Gray at 972-333-5614.

From the Lay Director (cont'd from p. 1)

LVDCNT #103: Please keep LVDCNT weekend #103 staff and participants in your prayers. I look forward to seeing you at Briarwood between Mar. 14-17 for their Love Team serenade, wake-up and/or clausura.

Ultreya!
Jane Winge
North TX VDC Lay Director
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