

**SC Lutheran Via De Cristo Secretariat Minutes**  
**Zion Lutheran Church, Lexington, SC**  
**July 28, 2007**

**Present:** Denny Thomas, Meri Leidel, Jim Ullery, Wayne Lomax, Karen Hesselbart, Merry Mulcahy, Pastor Wayne Young

**Absent:** Dale Knight, Sherry Fowler

**Discussion Item #1: Status of Co-ed Weekend, pilgrims, team meetings, etc.**

Mary Joan Gogel, Rectora for the Co-ed Weekend has reported that she has a full team, has met with the head chas July 21, and has scheduled the following team meetings: August 4, August 25, and September 15. Her Head Cha is Roy Gogel and Head Spiritual Director is Pastor Marilyn Crosby.

Five applications have been received for the Co-ed Weekend; there are an additional three that are expected within the next few days. Thus, outlook for the Co-ed Weekend is encouraging.

**Discussion Item #2: Next Spring Men's and Women's weekends:**

Jim Ullery announced that Mark Davis has declined to serve as Rector of the Men's Spring 2008 Weekend due to time/travel commitments for his job. Sue Frey has agreed to serve as Rectora for the Women's Spring 2008 Weekend.

A second reading of a change to the by-laws took place. The by-law change read: *To determine whether or not a weekend will be held as scheduled, the deadline for receiving applications from a minimum number of nine (9) pilgrims shall be 45 days prior to the weekend.* Discussion, including input from several members of the community, followed the reading. The reason for this deadline is based on a concern for being good stewards regarding the Nazarene Camp and the team preparing for the weekend. Following the discussion, a motion was made to amend the by-laws change as follows: *To determine whether or not a weekend will be held as scheduled, the deadline for receiving applications from a minimum of nine (9) pilgrims shall be 30 days prior to the weekend.* The motion was approved unanimously. The second reading of this amended motion will take place at the September 1 meeting. If it is approved as read, it will be included in the by-laws.

**Discussion Item #3: Additional discussion about the health of the movement, initial thoughts about regional subcommittees, pilgrim invitations, and general community involvement:**

The following were identified as ways/methods that could help strengthen the community and attract more pilgrims:

- Form three regional subcommittees (Lowcountry, Midlands, and Upstate) to promote Ultreyas, reunion groups, weekends in different regions, etc.
- Hold monthly Ultreyas that are open to the outside community. Suggestions included calling them something other than Ultreyas (Fellowship Gathering, Pot Luck Supper, etc.). This could remove some of the mystique associated with the movement.
- We need to think more of leader-types when we identify pilgrims.
- Sponsors need to be trained and become more committed to their responsibilities. Sponsors need to do more follow-up with the pilgrims, especially getting them involved in reunion groups.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 1, 10 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church in Vance.