

South Carolina Via de Cristo  
Secretariat Meeting  
St Stephen Lutheran Church – Lexington  
January 16, 2010

Lay Director Ric Cosgrove called the meeting to order at 10:00 and announced we would be establishing an agenda at this meeting, which will be followed this year.

Ron Redd then gave the Devotion and Prayer. It was discussed and approved by the Secretariat that the person giving the Devotion and Prayer will lead any praying that will be done during our meetings that day. Ron agreed to begin this practice at this meeting.

Pastor Kathy gave communion after reading a poem she felt was appropriate for this meeting.

Present: Ric Cosgrove, Pastor Kathy Harris, Vivian Knight, Sharon Crout, Pastor Cedric Gibb, Tom Ramsey, Billie Lewis, Dale Peek and Ron Redd.

Absent: Mary Joan Gogel and David Armstrong

At the December 2009 meeting the following members were present: Ric Cosgrove, Pastor Kathy Harris, Vivian Knight, Sharon Crout, Pastor Cedric Gibb, David Armstrong, Dale Peek, and Ron Redd, Absent: Mary Joan Gogel, Tom Ramsey and Billie Lewis. There were no minutes taken at this meeting, however, Ric Cosgrove was elected as Lay Director and it was decided we would meet on the third weekend each month.

A point of order was raised about the number of members needed to have a quorum, and according to our By-Laws it is 5 voting members and 1 Pastor.

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were given to each member and accepted as information.

Lay Leaders Notes are received as information only. These will be on the agenda next month for the first time.

Secretariat Focus Area Reports:

Letter sent to Christian Community from Ric Cosgrove – suggestions will be sent out in next months letter.

Training Sessions:

Discussion followed with us deciding on the Training Process we will be instituting this year – WE WILL KEEP GOD IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE WEEKEND AND THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY WILL BE EMPHASISED MORE.

We discussed having regional training sessions, and decided we would reach more of the community by offering these. They will be put in place this spring to teach all interested members of Via de Cristo the way a Weekend and 4<sup>th</sup> Day should be introduced to us, and how it should be lived on the 4<sup>th</sup> day journey. Dale Peek will continue to coordinate Ulytreya's and work with Mary Joan Gogel to arrange the Regional Training Sessions through the spring.

We will restart the Weekends with a Coed Weekend on September 23-26, 2010. Oliva Lomax has agreed to be the Rectora for this weekend and invites all interested parties to send in an application to work on the weekend. Also, any pilgrim applications to be sent in immediately---please do not wait for the last minute.

We do not have a Mission Statement at this time- discussion followed and Sharon Crout suggested we decide today and after much deliberation the following was accepted unanimously as our Mission Statement:

Thru our Baptismal calling, as people of Faith, who are led by the Holy Spirit, we lift and encourage others in discovering, understanding and using their Christ Given Leadership to spread the Gospel.

National Secretariat will be in July in Minnesota for 2010 and in Charlotte, NC in 2011. North Carolina has asked for help anyone can give them. We will be sending out more information, closer to time for these weekends to the SC VDC Community.

Your Secretariat Officers are as follows:

Lay Director: Ric Cosgrove  
Secretary: Billie Lewis  
Treasurer: Denny Thomas  
Leadership: Mary Joan Gogel  
PreWeekend: Ron Redd  
Weekend: Tom Ramsey  
PostWeekend: Dale Peek/David Armstrong  
Communication: Sharon Crout/Vivian Knight  
Palanca: Sharon Crout  
Strategic Planning: Vivian Knight

Prayer Partners will be assigned next month.

Request have been received from different Organizations for us to share our Data Base. Pastor Cedric requested we not share our information with others and this was agreed upon unanimously by the Secretariat.

Our next meeting will be February 20, 2010 at St Stephen Lutheran Church.

The meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Billie Lewis  
Secretary