

Meeting with Bishop
SC Lutheran Via de Cristo Secretariat
Last Update: April 17, 2010

- I. Meeting with Bishop Herman Yoos, Rostered Leaders, Lay Director, Spiritual Directors
 - a. April 13th - Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
 - b. Discussion points regarding SC Lutheran Via de Cristo:
 1. Perception of pilgrim upon their return to the congregation (vice community). Pressure on others to attend. "Super Christian" syndrome (This is not graduate school).
 2. 4 Day Talk – revise content that this is one of many ways to serve, not the only way. Behaviors exhibited include exclusive ownership.
 3. Difficult for pastor's to endorse sending someone without more knowledge. Web page for pastors? POC for each congregation? Promotional Materials?
 4. Perception that serving on a team has become a mantra resulting in a closed environment. "You need to go and experience this for yourself".
 5. Reunion groups – develop guiding principles; promote study as part of the time together; participate in outside activities together – soup kitchens, hospital visits, etc..
 6. Lead time for Pastors to serve on weekend – two years (4/17 – consider out to 5 years in advance). Do not wait to the last minute. Announce weekend dates well in advance and allow pastors to sign up for when they are willing to serve. Secretariat chooses pastors to serve, not rector/rectora. Promote God's design and plan to call Pastors into service. 4/17 – Consider Seminary Students as resource.
 7. Those serving on Teams appear to be the same people. Need more rotation.
 8. Using, demanding, forcing pilgrims to attend (get the numbers) to support the "HIGH" of the team members.
 9. Can the weekend be shortened? Start Friday? Shorter talks, handouts with write downs and space to take notes? Visual presentations?
 10. Return to Camp Kinard
 11. Music – outdated – consider using Lutheridge approach to introducing current Christian music.
 12. Talks are remembered by the personal stories and not the content of the message to serve. Lots of DRAMA!
 13. Develop strategy to get new Cursillistas to participate in reunion, Ultreya, and serve on a weekend at the earliest convenience.
 14. Look for opportunities to partner with TEC, KAIROS, Lutheran Men, Lutheran Women, and other discipleship groups.
 15. Watch for subtle changes to script. Example: "We will now go to the table of grace for the first time this weekend." This is not theologically correct.
 16. After a weekend – DEBRIEF (4/17 – Entire team or Head Cha's Only) – what theological miss-steps did we make? Have a secretariat member serve on weekend as an observer?
 17. Consider all SC Synod rostered members as a Spiritual Leader resource pool. Associates in Ministry.
 18. Lutheran only: Key Leadership positions on Secretariat / Team? Or entire body?
 19. Funding/Finances (4/17) How much reserve capacity is needed? Re-examine process for receipts and disbursements.
 20. Promote Lutheran Theological Content. Review all talks/scripts.