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## 2009-10 BOARD MEETINGS

November 7 Kalkaska UMC

December 5 First Christian, TC

January 2 Kalkaska UMC

February 6 First Christian, TC

March 6 Kalkaska UMC

April 3 First Christian, TC

May 1 Kalkaska UMC

June 5 First Christian, TC

July NO MEETING

## 2009-10 ULTREYA SCHEDULE

October 26 First Christian, TC

November 30 Kalkaska UMC

December 28 First Christian, TC

January 25 Kalkaska UMC

February 22 First Christian, TC

March 29 Kalkaska UMC

April 26 First Christian, TC

May 17 Kalkaska (Note Change

due to Memorial Day on May 24)

June 28 First Christian, TC

# Northern Lights

October-November 2009

## Weekend #69 Graduates Eleven New Crucistas!

Dear DeColores Community,

Now that we are all back in our Fourth Day, I would like to share my impressions of Men's Weekend #69. But first, I would like to welcome the following new crucistas from the Weekend: **Ben Apps, John Belmer, Jeremy Cline, Jeff Denim, Toby Ervin, Juan Gonzales, Dallas Kniss, Jeff Moore, Mike Scobey, Clifford Weber, and Charlie Chaddock.** It was a distinct honor to be able to serve these men on the Weekend, and although the Weekend went much too fast, I will always remember it as a gift from our Lord and Savior to each of us who said 'yes'. My feeling about De-Colores Weekends is that they never really end, as I can go back to each Weekend and be in the midst of the candidates and team by merely looking at the team pictures and remembering the theme, scripture, and song, and remembering how God was present each time. In an increasingly fast-paced world, the Weekends seem to be even more special as a time to reflect without distraction and listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to each of us. It is always amazing to me how God makes each Weekend as different and individual as snowflakes in His infinite wisdom to reach each new group that comes through. May we all use this mountain-top experience to expand the De-Colores movement to others who have not had the privilege to have their own Weekend with Jesus Christ. I will continue to pray for each new crusista as you go out into the world to win more souls to Jesus Christ, and may you never be ashamed to acknowledge Him, as He will acknowledge you to His Father.

In Christ Alone,

John Hayes-Rector Weekend #69

## Weekend #70 Welcomes 21 Ladies to the Community

Dear DeColores Community,

What an awesome Weekend #70 was! When we step out of God's way and allow Him to work, He is able to mend, cleanse, and do tremendous things in lives. Being allowed to watch Him work through the servants' hearts, hands, and voices of the team was such a gift. The fact that He can and will work through anyone willing to let Him (even me) is so humbling.

I would like to again welcome the new Crucistas to the DeColores Community and their newly enlarged family of brothers and sisters in Christ. The new Crucistas from Women's Weekend #70 are: **Brooke Apps, Kellie Bahri, Pam Clifford, Nancy Demin, Carol Dukarski, Jackie Ervin, Gerry Harris, Becca Harris, Becky Hatley, Arlene Heffelfinger, Karen Kauffman, Sally Kleinschrodt, Leigh Ann Kniss, Paula Lyons, Char Marcy, Carol Small, Mardi Smith, Tonda Taylor, Connie Turner, Veronica Woods and Katherine Zattlin.**

I'd like to remind Weekend #70 team and Crucistas to read through the packet letters and to put the dates of the follow-up meetings and Ultreyas on their calendars. I would love to see everyone at the meetings!

Thank you to all of the DeColores Community for the prayers and support during the planning process and throughout the Weekend itself. Please continue to pray for the men and women of Weekends #69 & #70 as we all go through our Fourth Days.

May God continue to bless the DeColores Community and the work being done on His behalf through the DeColores Weekends and may Jesus always be the treasure that we seek!

DeColores,

Vicki Hogerheide-Rector for Weekend #70

### **Greetings to All in the DeColores Community from Our President Couple**

First and foremost I would like to welcome all of the new Crucistas to our community. It is a wonderful experience to go through a DeColores Weekend and I hope and pray that you will continue it during your Fourth Day. We had a 4th Day Workshop October 17th in Kalkaska. Seven people took advantage of the opportunity to learn how and why the DeColores Weekend is so powerful as a tool to bring participants closer to Christ. Also, coming up on October 24th we will be having a concert for our enjoyment as well as give us all the opportunity to contribute to DeColores. Don't forget the Ultreyas either. They are held on the last Monday of the month (this month it will be on October 26th in Traverse City at First Christian Church). Follow up meetings are a good place to get together with all of our new friends from the Weekends. Be sure to attend these.

For all of you who would like to work a Weekend, please fill out the Interest Survey sheets. If you have been in the community for some time and have changed your status (name, address, phone number or desire to work), please fill a new one out and get it back to us. Get on the website and click on "Weekends" and then on "Interest Sheet". We'll make sure that the Rector & Rectoress gets the information so you can be considered.

Thank you all for serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

God Bless, Ed and Mellody Halvorsen

### **Rector and Rectoress Chosen for Spring Weekends**

At the September Board Meeting, Bill Davis and Val Porter were selected as Rector and Rectoress, respectively, for the Spring Weekends. Bill made Weekend #55 and lives in Kalkaska, and Val made Weekend #46 and lives in Kingsley. Hold them in your prayers as they form their Inside and Outside Teams and begin their preparations for the next set of Weekends.

### **2nd Annual Christian Concert Scheduled for October 24th**

Circle Saturday, October 24th on your calendars. If you attended the last year's event at the Kalkaska Middle School Gym, you know what a blessed evening of music it was. Once again there will be praise bands from area churches, solo and small group vocalists, and Bible stories for the children. Tickets for older children and adults are \$10 each, but special rates of \$25 are available for families.

### **Board Positions**

As the year comes to a close, the Northern Michigan DeColores Board is seeking individuals or a couple who would like to serve as Vice President on the Board starting in January 2010. Vice President nominations need to be submitted to the President Couple before the November Ultreya. (If you are nominating someone, verify that the person(s) you are nominating consent to the nomination and are willing to serve for three years as Vice President, President, and Past President)

### **Candidate Sponsor Reminders**

**Sponsorship is serious business...make sure you understand and accept the commitment involved.**

In sponsoring a candidate for a weekend, you are making yourself responsible for this person's well being before, during, and after the weekend... You are responsible for delivering your candidate to the weekend and helping the candidate in any way you can. Support your candidate with prayers and Palanca. Be prepared to help his or her family at home with meals, baby-sitters, transportation, and/or any other needs. Suggest that the spouse and children attend Holy Hour and the Sunday morning service, and take them there. Encourage the family to ask questions.

A sponsor attends Sponsor's Chapel (Thursday at 8 P.M.), and the Serenade and Closing (Sunday afternoon). Be there Sunday evening to pick up your candidate and spend time sharing the weekend with him or her. Encourage and support your new Crucista in the Fourth Day activities (Reunion Groups, Ultreyas, Secretariat positions, etc.). Follow-up should continue until your candidate has had time to decide whether the De Colores method will become a part of his or her life.

### **Get those Interest Surveys In!**

Don't forget to get on line at our website at [www.nmdecolores.com](http://www.nmdecolores.com), download the Interest Survey found on the Weekends page, fill it out, and mail it to Ed and Mellody Halvorsen. This is the best way to show that you want to be involved in the Weekends, whether on the Inside or Outside teams. Forms are also available at Ultreyas.