

MN Lutheran Via De Cristo State Council Minutes  
September 9, 2024

Convener Greg Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Kirstin Gonzales, Carol Hellen, Janine Schimmelman, Greg Thompson, Chris Van Hofwegen, Loren Van Pelt, Veronica Van Pelt, Monica Voss, and Rosanna Chambliss

**Opening Prayer:** Greg

Motion: **To accept the August minutes as amended.** (M:GT; Motion carried)

**REPORTS**

**Admin & Finance (Janine):**

- On the Aug. weekend, some weekenders received gold crosses and others received silver crosses. Going forward, the weekenders should consistently receive the silver crosses. Existing gold crosses may be sold if someone wants to purchase one.
- Mark Todd, who will be helping with the database, has requested a list from Janine of information that is important for reports.
- A request was made for lists to be generated of individuals who have worked on each team. The team rectors could use these lists to identify potential assistant rectors. These lists were provided by Janine by email to the team rectors of the Aug. weekend.
- A request was made for a list of past weekenders and their churches. Janine previously generated and provided a list of churches and weekenders that they have sponsored.
- Litton Paper has closed, which was our source for rolls of paper and other paper needs for weekends. Janine is looking for an alternative source to use going forward.

**Metro – Director (Carol)**

- No Metro District meeting was held in August.
- The next Metro meeting will be Sept. 15.
- The Ultreya for the Aug. weekend was held yesterday, Sept. 8. Attendance included: 9 of 23 weekenders; 30 of 65 on team.
- Several names have been identified for potential future rectors. Carol and Kirstin are working on a structure to prepare folks to be rector by ensuring they meet the qualifications to be rector.
- A 4th Day Annual Gathering will be held Oct. 12 at Christ Lutheran Church in Lake Elmo. Veronica is refining the schedule for the day.
- Several individuals have been identified as potential future rectors. A general reminder for potential rectors is that once they serve as a rector, they can't hold a leadership role on any future weekend teams. However, they can serve leadership roles in a different region (e.g., North vs. Metro districts).
- Each chairperson on the Metro council should have a 3-ring binder that includes a description of their job. Loren will look for these descriptions and provide them to Carol.

**Metro – Past Director (Kirsten)**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker for the Oct. 12 gathering has been confirmed
- Working on Faith Lutheran in Coon Rapids as a potential host church for the 2025 February Men's and Women's weekends.

### **Convenor (Greg)**

- The rectors from Aug. weekend are interested in being on the State (or Metro) councils.
- On. Sep. 17, 6:30pm, a Director Round Table meeting will be held.
- Next May, Greg's time as convenor will be up and a new convenor will be needed.

### **Newsletter – (Monica)**

- Working on the next newsletter. Janine to send a list of recent weekenders to Monica for her inclusion of their first names in the newsletter.
- Suggestion to also include in the newsletter a welcome to Pastor Paul as SD and see if he wants to include a message.

### **Spiritual Director Update**

- Motion: **To make Pastor Paul Brown the MN VdC State Spiritual Director (SD)** (M: KG / VVP; Motion carried)

### **North District Update**

- The North District has an Ultrya scheduled for Oct. 6, 3 – 6pm, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Cloquet.
- Per Pastor Carlson, a Brainard church is interested in hosting a weekend.
- Updates to the state constitution on hold until the future of the North District is known.

### **Clarification of Roles**

- Greg will send Carol descriptions of each of the Weekend Team Leader's role to put into the Rector book.
- When the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Team is packing up at the end of the weekend, they should inform the 4<sup>th</sup> Day rector if anything is damaged or broken, who should then communicate this to the Metro Trailer and Supplies contact . The Metro Trailer and Supplies contact is responsible for ensuring items are repaired or replaced as needed.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Day manual lists what should be in each bin. Greg is the keeper of the bins.

### **Communications / Interactions with Unidos en Cristo and Unite**

- Veronica is staying connected with UEC
- A suggestion was made to add links on the MN VdC web site to the UEC and Ignite web sites if they agree, and to ask if they will include the MN VdC web site link on their sites.
- If anyone is only interested in a split weekend (men's / women's), and there is none planned in the MN VdC, an option is to attend a weekend being held by UEC or Ignite.

### **Prayer Requests**

- A question was asked about where to see existing prayer requests to pray over them. Janine will talk to Webit about a place where they can be kept on the MN VdC website for a period of time. For Facebook, a file can be created that contains these requests.
- First and last names are currently required when making a prayer request. Janine to add a note to the website to ask if the requestor wants the prayer to be read by the SD only, the prayer committee (i.e., the state council), or posted to the MN VdC Facebook
- Recommendation that prayer requests be reviewed by the SD.

**Next meeting:** Mon, Oct. 7, starting at 7pm.

**Motion:** **To adjourn at 8:30 pm** (M:KG;LVP; Motion carried)

**Closing Prayer:** Greg