

Westshore Decolores Newsletter

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MAY 2021



FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Happy Spring Westshore!

Well, 2021 is not starting out like we had hoped for. Let's be real. We had hoped for this year to be a beginning of living life post Covid, but it is still rearing its ugly head. But God... has a plan, we are not sure what that is yet, but we are trusting and putting faith in Him to bring us through it stronger and more focused on showing others the love of Christ while also strengthening our own walk with Christ.

We have had a couple gentlemen come forward and submit letters to the board that they feel God is putting it on their hearts to lead weekends. Rob Houghton to lead a mens weekend in September and Chris VanderWilt a Veterans weekend in November. While we know that there are still concerns with Covid, we are meeting and working out details to make sure that proper protocols are being followed. This may mean that some of the normal things we do on weekends may have to be changed. As we work through this we will keep the community informed. We will also be putting a questionnaire on the website in the near future to get an idea on the comfort level of the community on serving and asking individuals if they would want to make a weekend. We take this very seriously and we value your opinions.

We are still in need of a Vice President Couple, Equipment Coordinator, National Rep and as always church contacts. Church contacts are the real backbone of our board- they are our ambassadors to getting information into the area churches and they are the faces of DeColores to those who have not made a weekend. We really need more layed support at our

meetings. If God has been or is nudging you to step out in faith this is a great opportunity, as well as other open positions.

We can and will come through this - God promises that! Keep the faith, continue to show the light of Jesus in these times that darkness is trying to take over. Love one another and remember His mercies are new everyday!

DeColores

Melody Holcomb

Ruth McCaleb

2021 Presidents

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

This position is currency open. See qualifications in this newsletter. If you are interested contact President Couple

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR CORNER

Where does your hope come from?

Here we are over a year later than the start of this pandemic and we are still being told to stay home and stay safe. I continue to limit my time of exposure to the press and Facebook. Information changes by the hour. While I need to stay informed, I too am in search of words of encouragement and hope. Still so many stories of gloom and doom and not too many on the positive aspects of what we're going through. Yet God's Word reminds us that God will make good of all things (Rom 8:28). Much of it is a matter of faith and perspective. If we don't look for the good, we will never find it. How are you looking for the positive outcomes (more people searching for God, more time with family, and refocusing our priorities are examples) from this pandemic?

It is in faith that we believe we will one day gather again and have a DeColores weekend that bears some semblance of past weekends. We will come together to pray, laugh, learn, sing, and hug to name a few, all without fear of spreading a virus. In the meantime, we must find ways to stay connected as a community and continue to learn and grow in our faith.

While off work at the beginning of this pandemic we headed north to the cottage and hunting property. As we were cutting and stacking wood, I

was singing/worshipping God and making up my own songs, as I usually do. These words came to mind...In this time of chaos and calamity, fear and anxiety, in a world that is out of control, where can I find peace in my soul? Only in my God, the God of my salvation, the One who reigns supreme, the hope of all the nations. From the onset of this virus' invasion, I have been searching for hope for our nation and for myself. If I don't actively search for it, I won't find it. There are too many voices without hope crying out loud and clear. God's voice is louder! "I love you! I will never leave you! I have plans for you, to see you prosper. Cast your cares on me. I sent my Son to die for you so you may have living hope from a living Savior, Jesus Christ."

Romans 15:13 states, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." This verse has several components to it that are worth noting. It is only when we trust in God that we are given joy and peace by the power of the Holy Spirit. The word trust carries a lot of weight. To trust means to surrender and put it into God's hands. Hope is defined as expecting with confidence and trust. How can we say we trust, yet worry at the same time? How can fear and joy, or anxiety and hope coexist? They can't. In whom or what do you put your trust in? Where do you find hope?

It is my prayer that in these times of uncertainty, you are able to put your trust in God, so that through the power of the Holy Spirit you will be overflowing with joy, peace and hope.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Donna

Greeting Cursillistas,

Have you lived long enough to know why you need a Savior? "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Ephesians 2:8) "Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..." (Romans 8:1) At the same time, have you ever heard of, or used the expression, "Nobody's is Perfect?" This is true, because we are works in progress. "Yet to all who received Him, to those who Believed in His name, he gave the right to become children of God..." (John 1:12) For Example, as "children" we go from infancy to adulthood in the normal maturation process. Or again, as "children" we need and receive education whether informally or formally int the normal maturation

process. I love the expression, “God has no grandsons or granddaughters.” He thinks so much of us that He wants only first generations “children of God” . We “grow up” in the family of God!

We are “born again” through repentance. I love the DeColores expression. “Living a repentant life”! As we grow up, we “stub our toes” and “skin or knees”. Some things we learn the easy way; sine things we learn the hard way. As we live a repentant life, we learn and mature from “growing pains” and God’s loving discipline.

As we begin a new season, let’s resolve to keep “short accounts.” 1John 1:9-2:2 says it all: “if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness... I write this to you so that you will not sin, Bit if anybody does sin, we have One who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

DeColores and Godspeed,
Lowell Wood

From the WSD Board

Opportunity to Bless

To say this last year has been difficult for people is an understatement. COVID has affected each one differently. For some it’s the loneliness, fear, and despair, for others it’s their health and well-being, and yet for some it’s a financial disaster. The Westshore DeColores Ministries is not immune. We’ve had to cancel and postpone weekends and a renewal. This has directly affected our finances since the normal bills still need to be paid like insurance, CCLI, and the post office box. While these are not huge expenses, we are going on our second year of no income and having to pay out. Our goal is to have a weekend and a renewal yet this year, but there is much to work out before they can take place. As well, our goal is not to make money off weekends, but in transparency, we need to pay the bills and have money to host the weekends. That being said, if you are in a position where you have tithed to your church (we do not want to take the place of your church) and find

yourself in a position where you have more to give, please consider Westshore DeColores Ministries. Whatever amount, big or small, will be a blessing to the ministry we intend to carry out. You can give by sending to: P.O. 961, Grand Haven, MI 49417 or contact a board member.

Upcoming events

May 10 Board Meeting

June 14 Board Meeting

June 12 Day of Prayer

July 12 Board Meeting

July 25 Evening of Praise Ravenna Baptist

August 9 Board Meeting

September 13 Board Meeting

September 28 **** Men's Weekend 118

****Stay tuned to July's newsletter for information on upcoming weekends and updates on how Covid19 will affect those weekends.

Vice president qualifications

This is a 3 year commitment, the first year you will serve as Vice President, second year as President and third year as past President. This position is voted on by the community.

The Board will be accepting letters for Vice president couple for 2021 at the October board meeting. we ask that you be present when your letter is read. The October meeting is on October 12 at 7:00 pm at Fellowship Reformed Church 4200 Apple ave Muskegon, Mi. 49442.

The qualifications for Vice President are as follows.

*Must have completed (3) three DeColores weekends as team member or Have completed at least (2) two DeColores Ministries weekends plus one (1) substantially similar weekend in the Cursillo tradition as a team member.

*Have been a Rollista on a weekend in the Cursillo tradition.

*Have been a coordinator on a weekend in the Cursillo tradition or completed a Fourth-day Training (leadership training) workshop.

*Have been a member of Westshore DeColores Ministries community for at least three (3) years at the time of the nomination

*Be a person whose life typically exemplifies the DeColores community

*A written resume of the nominee's qualifications SHALL be presented at time of nomination

*Vice president Couple- (1)one SHALL meet all requirements. (1) one SHOULD meet all requirements

*Single person- SHALL(must) meet all requirements

Rector/Rectress

The board is still accepting Rectress letters for the 4th quarter (October, November, December) at the May board meeting.

The board will be accepting letters for Rector/Rectress at the July board meeting for First Quarter 2022 (January, February, March)

Rector/Rectress Qualifications

*Have been a Rollista on a weekend in the Cursillo tradition.

*Have been a coordinator on a weekend in the Cursillo tradition or completed a Fourth-day Training (leadership training) workshop.

*Have been a member of Westshore DeColores Ministries community for at least three (3) years at the time the letter is read

*Be a person whose life typically exemplifies the DeColores community

If you have something that you wish to share in our newsletter send the information to wsdnewslettereditor@gmail.com

For urgent prayer requests use the contact us link at the bottom of the home page on the Website, post on our Facebook page or contact a board member. For upcoming events please go to the website www.westshoredocolores.com

MISSING

Westshore Decolores Supply trailer is missing a milk crate full of Song Books. If you are in possession of this milk crate please contact Leo Garland.

Thank you

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

DO YOU WANT TO WORK A WEEKEND?

DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE OUTSIDE TEAM?

**Use the want to work form available on the website to
update your information.**

Men's Veterans Weekend

There is a Veterans Men's Weekend in the works. If you are a veteran and may be interested in working this weekend please update the want to work form available on the website being sure to mark yes that you are a veteran.

Do you know a Cursillista who needs a newsletter mailed to them due to lack of internet access? Feel free to print off and mail this to them. To have them sent to them directly from the newsletter editor sent an email to wsdnewslettereditor@gmail.com with their name, address and phone number.

Secretariat Meetings 2nd Monday of each Month

7:00 pm at:

New Creations Church, 1641 East Pontaluna Rd Spring Lake

Everyone is Welcome. Please Join Us!

Open Board Positions

Equipment Coordinator: The equipment coordinator is responsible for delivery of the DeColores equipment trailer to the appropriate church for upcoming DeColores weekends. A capable truck or van with a heavy duty hitch and compatible electric braking unit and light hookup. You will also set up the sound equipment. You will be a member of the board and will need to attend the board meetings. For more information contact the President or attend the next board meeting.

Church Contacts: Is the Lord leading you to serve on the board but just not sure where to start? If your church is not represented, consider becoming a church contact for your church. Requirements are to keep in contact with those that have made a WestShore weekend, engage with those that have not. Keep your church informed of WestShore

activities by writing a letter to members, placing info on a bulletin board or in your bulletin and maybe even placing info on the screen for announcement time. Come to board meetings the second Monday of each month and give a report of your church activity concerning DeColores.

National Board Representative: Responsibilities are to attend the National Board Meetings Quarterly and report back to the Board. Come to board meetings the second Monday of each month and give a report of your activity

Vice President Couple: See above for more information

If you are interested in any of the open positions contact any board member for information or attend the next board meeting.

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