

Westshore Decolores Newsletter

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September 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Greeting WestShore DeColores family!

I don't know about you but I am loving this warm weather, But I know cold weather is coming soon, which means snow! Burr!!! I do have to admit though, there is something about that first snow of the year, it is so white, beautiful and pure! Just as Christ is!

We finally had our first weekend of 2022, but it did come with some difficult decisions and learning moments. But God still showed up in powerful ways and the men were truly blessed. The devil Covid tried to derail the weekend and quite honestly tried to cause strife, hurt and anger amongst our sisters and brothers. But God pulled it all back together and we are all better prepared and know that with prayer, grace and favor we can do all things in Christ. So with that said we want to keep the community informed, we have as a board made the following decisions as Covid is still rearing its ugly head. Praising God that people are not getting as ill with the new strains.

We ask that if you are not feeling well please discern whether it is best to come on a weekend.

If anyone during the weekend becomes ill, we will have Covid tests available. If the test is positive, unfortunately you will need to leave the weekend.

It will be announced to the team and every precaution will be taken to keep others as safe as possible. Hand sanitizer and masks will be available to anyone who wants them, and extra cleanings will continue to take place.

There may be other tough decisions that may need to be made concerning holy hour, Serenade, Sunday church service and closing. Before any canceling of these events they will be prayed over, talked through by the executive board and any and all other possible avenues to keep these events going will be discussed and then relayed to the community via email blast and our Facebook page. We are praying that we won't have to make these decisions, but we want to be transparent and the health of our community is very important to us all. We also want the community to make the decisions to attend as well for themselves.

We are asking the community to stand in faith that God will cover all upcoming weekends in protection from any illnesses or Satan's tactics to try to keep the candidates from seeing Jesus with skin on!

We have a Women's weekend Oct 6th-9th at Holton Methodist see website for further details and contacts.

We will also be accepting letters for the Vice president at the October board meeting. We know that there are many people in our community who are qualified and we are praying they are listening to Gods leading!

We also have many other board positions open and would love to see you at the board meetings to help make future decisions for WestShore DeColores.

God has big plans, and we all need to be ready to listen and act when He calls!

DeColores

Melody Holcomb & Ruth McCaleb

Co-Presidents

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR CORNER

“Fall” Back

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Living in Michigan makes us privy to the changing seasons. No longer are there warm summer days. Instead, we are entering the fall season where we are seeing the change of colors on the trees and feeling the cooler temperatures. We confirm, to everything there is a season.

All of us have been through a season of perseverance as we have endured the pandemic and the changes in our culture and environment. It has been a time for the history books, and while the virus remains, we are finding our way back to what we remember as “normal”. Through this season of isolation and anxiety for many people, we have become complacent and comfortable. We know longer feel compelled to spend time in the company of others. We can order our groceries, do take out, and watch church online. A recent study revealed less than 1/3 of the people have even gone back to church since March 2020. Yet scripturally we are told to be in fellowship with one another. Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us, “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as in the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Acts 2:42 does as well, “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” The time has come for a new season. It is time to devote ourselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship. The best way is to get back in the pews and back into the ministries we were so passionate about. DeColores allows for fellowship and ministry, independent of our denominations, and helps us further the kingdom of God here on earth. While you don’t have to commit to a weekend, could you commit to praying, serving a meal, attending Holy Hour, or closing?

DeColores is in a new season too. We are rebuilding and looking for people willing to pray for and serve in the ministry. We have all been privy to a season of absence, but now we are being called to a

season of activity. “Fall back” into your old habits of fellowship and start with going back to church and rekindling your love of DeColores so that others can have that same experience that you did when you made your weekend.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Donna Rick

From the WSD Board

While it is very much appreciated when the team has outside help, there are boundaries that must be followed on a Westshore Decolores weekend.

If you are an outside team you must not be in chapel or in the talk rooms during talks.

If you are there during 24 hour prayer and a weekend concern enters the prayer chapel you must excuse yourself and pray in another area unless you are invited to stay and pray.

If you are at set up follow the direction of the Head coordinator even if you think your idea is better they have been planning the set up with the Rector/Rectress for weeks. If you are there to clean up, follow the direction of those in charge of clean-up, they were selected by the Rector/Rectress for a reason. Do not come in expecting breakfast.

When you come in for kitchen help, you must have your hair restrained and may need to wear a hat or hair net or beard net if directed to do so by the head cook. Closed-toe shoes are also required. Be prepared to follow the directions of the Head cook and their team. Do not plan on eating food from the weekend or eating with the team.

While coffee and cookies may be available for 24 hour security do not expect it. Plan accordingly. You must remain outside the church and not interact with the team or candidates unless necessary

WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S WILLINGNESS TO SERVE BUT THESE GUIDELINES ARE IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE SANCTITY OF THE WEEKEND.

Other Letters

Dear Westshore Community and Secretariat,

I would like to thank you for letting me Rectress a weekend. I know I have had a lot of help from God and the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will be there on the weekend and make it amazing.

Your Sister In Christ Diane Hogan-Travis

Women's Weekend 120

Westshore Decolores Weekend #120

Date October 6-9, 2022

Location: Holton United Methodist Church

Theme: We say Thank you, Thank you

Scripture(s): Mathew 19:26 Proverbs 31:29

Rector/Rectress: Diane Travis

Co-Rector/Co-Rectress: Anna Vanderheide

Sponsor's Chapel Thursday 8:00 pm

Holy Hour Friday 7:30 pm

Reflection dinner help: Brian Norton 231 578 5665

Reflection dinner set up: Tom VanDerHeide 616-520-7180

Past Rector/Rectress Serenade Saturday 6:30

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Serenade Sunday 5:30 Closing 6:30

24 hour prayer: Kristy Miles 231-683-7415

Kitchen Help: Nikki Knop 231-670-1280

Guard Duty: Tony Travis 231-531-1990

Men's Weekend 119

#119 New Cursiestas

Please welcome our new Cursiestas and pray for them as they are on their 4th day journey.

Robert Langan David Bennett William Walker Tim VanDerHeide Doug Shane

Renewal Weekends

Renewal Rectors and Rectresses are needed.

Are you a past Rector or Rectress and are feeling led to lead one of these awesome weekends contact the Renewal Committee Representatives Bob & Yvonne Dixon 616-402-3423 for more information.

Upcoming events

Women's Weekend # 120 October 6-9, 2022

October 10 Board Meeting

November 14 Board Meeting

December 12 Board Meeting

Rector/Rectress

The board is accepting letters for the second quarter at the October Board meeting for both Rector and Rectress. Please be in prayer for those God had chosen.

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**

Immediate Open Board Positions

Vice President

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 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**

If you are interested in the Vice-President position, bring your letter with your qualifications to the next board meeting.

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.

Women's Registration: Receive applications and contact candidates and sponsors for weekend availability. You will also work check in at the weekend.

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.

Positions opening up in 2023

Each position is a 3 year commitment and those serving in those positions 3 year is up in 2023. If you are feeling led to fill these positions let a board member know or attend the next board meeting, Showing your interest now will allow you to work side by side with the person currently in position and learn their trade.

Secretary: Responsibilities include taking notes at board meetings, creating the meeting minutes and bringing them to the next meeting, Keeping a file of all minutes.

Treasurer: Keeps track of the ministries monies, pays the bills and reconciles the accounts every month and brings a report to the board meeting.

Men's Registration: Receive applications and contact candidates and sponsors for weekend availability. You will also work check in at the weekend.

Historian: Keeps files of all weekend information.

Newsletter Editor: Produces and sends Quarterly newsletter and sends out necessary emails from the board.

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

FAQs

How can I work on the weekend?

You need to be asked by the Rector/Rectoress of a weekend, fill out a want to work form available on the website, there is an online submission or a print and mail version, mailing address at end of newsletter.

How else can I help on a weekend?

There are several opportunities to serve on a weekend from set up to tear down, kitchen and meal help, 24hour prayer, and guard duty. See the website for who to contact on each weekend to sign up and for times.

Just a reminder that when you serve on a weekend you are part of an outside team which means you are coming to serve only in your assigned area. You do not get to wander the church to see what is happening or listen to any talks, do not come expecting to mingle with the team and candidates. This is to protect the sanctity of the weekend.

Do not come expecting to be fed but to serve, food is purchased from monies donated and the cook buys what is needed for the number of people on the weekend, leftover food may be needed for a later meal or snack. You are there to support the team and candidates. You are not permitted to eat with the team and candidates. You should be taking care of serving or cleaning needs so the kitchen team and sit and enjoy a meal with the team and candidates.

Are there other ways to help?

Yes you can attend Holy Hour and Closing/serenade and sponsor a candidate. Candidate applications are available on the Website. You can check the website for Holy Hour and Closing times for each weekend. You can send Palanca or coordinate your cursiestas from your home church to do group Palanca. Just a reminder only those that have attended a weekend can attend Closing.

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

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 added to the newsletter email list, have them visit the website and sign up. If anyone is having issues email the editor directly wsdnewslettereditor@gmail.com with their name, and email address.

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!**

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