

Notes from Secretariat Meeting  
August 20, 2005

Letter to Bishop

Kyla has sent a letter to Bishop Wimberley requesting attention to three outstanding issues the Secretariat has with the Bishop's office, including:

1. approval of our By-laws,
2. scheduling a meeting with the Secretariat to discuss issues in the movement, and
3. a pledge letter to be sent out over his signature to all cursillistas requesting donations.

The last item was done five years ago and resulted in an outpouring of funds which have been of great help over the past few years when our attendance on weekends has been low. Kyla has not yet received a reply from the Bishop.

New Check Depositing Policy

Our new Treasurer presented her first report, which was approved. For several reasons, including a dramatic recent increase in the number of checks returned for NSF, she proposed a change in the Secretariat policy of holding checks until after the event has taken place. The Secretariat agreed and, as a result, **as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, all checks given to the Secretariat will be deposited immediately.**

Days of Deeper Understanding

There are 2 Days of Deeper Understanding (DDUs) scheduled for this year. The first will be at St. Mark's in Beaumont on September 24<sup>th</sup>; the second will be at St. Martin's in Houston on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both will be from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. and will be free (donations only).

Cursillo Family Reunion

There are several options for attendance at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Reunion, "Come to the Well", in January. To get the cheapest rates, payment needs to be received by September 30<sup>th</sup>. I have a flyer for this and am expecting an electronic version soon – I'll send it to Steve when I get it for posting on the website.

2006 Weekends

2/23 – 2/26	#212	Northwest Convocation
6/1 – 6/4	#213	Galveston
8/24 – 8/27	#214	West Harris
11/2 – 11/5	#215	Central

The first weekend in 2006 has also been set so that that rector(a) can be trained and have plenty of time to plan. Weekend # 216 is scheduled for 2/1 – 2/4/07 by the Southeast Convocation. Rector training is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>. I asked Martha to include the current publication date for Lay and Clergy Talk Handbooks in the training materials. Each convocation is responsible for purchasing a current library for their teams to use.

### NECC

Kyla Smith and Martha Polasek will be representing us at NECC this year. Rebecca Taylor was nominated by the Secretariat to run for Woman Representative from our district to the NEC.

### Clausura

Jane and Neal Neilsen from Port Arthur have volunteered and been approved to provide babysitting at Clausuras for free. Yay!!

### Convocational Rep Replacements

I reported that I have been turned down by one person I asked to replace me and that another person is currently discerning a call to this ministry. My replacement needs to be in place ASAP because I begin Spiritual Director training in September and those class sessions are the same day of the month as Secretariat meetings. Three other convocation reps are also in the process of finding replacements to begin serving in January.