

DOES YOUR CHURCH WANT AN EXCEL WEEKEND RETREAT?

Greetings fellow Christians in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ:

Do you want to experience a life changing experience where you can regain and renew what it means to be a Christian? Do you want to become more involved as a member of the laity in your congregation and church?

We offer a spiritual retreat over the course of a powerful weekend (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon) where we will share the basic tools to live our lives as Christians and to become more active in the life of our local church!

Excel International de Colores has recently created a suitcase traveling “National Excel Team” to bring our message to your church, your congregation, and community of faith anywhere in the world. It is our intention to share our message to live our lives “ In Union With God”!

If you would like to know more about Excel and would like to be contacted by Excel International to explore the possibilities of a weekend spiritual retreat hosted by your church(s) and to be presented in your area of the world, please contact:

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WHAT IS EXCEL?

EXCEL is a spiritual renewal Christian educational program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian 'Saints' and leaders.

The EXCEL experience begins with a 45 hour short course in Christianity, comprised of 9 talks by lay leaders on themes of God's grace, the Christian Ideal, commitments and related topics. The short course involves prayer and meditation, special worship times and the celebration of Holy Communion. There will be many people who will support the weekend throughout the world by upholding the weekend and all the participants in a vigil of prayer. The EXCEL Weekend experience begins Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon. Men and women are welcomed to the same weekend. During and after the 45 hour short course in Christian Community Living, EXCEL leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small family groups. The members of these small family groups challenge and support one another in love and faithful living. Also, each participant will be encouraged to seek to Christianize their own environments of family, their employment or job, and the community where they live through ministry in their congregation to which they belong.

EXCEL International de Colores, a not-for-profit Christian Educational ministry, sponsors EXCEL Weekend courses and offers them through local EXCEL Teams around the world. The 45 hour experience and the 'sharing with friends' groups strengthen and renew Christians as disciples of Jesus Christ and active members of the body of Christ.

Many church leaders acclaim EXCEL as much more than a program or a retreat. It is a powerful movement of spiritual renewal that is making a difference for countless individuals and congregations in many denominations. Between 1973-2006, nearly 17,500 have participated in EXCEL. During the same period, the EXCEL movement has been offered in over 20 sites around the world, including the U.S.A., Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Australia and South Africa.

Where Did EXCEL Originate?

EXCEL is an adaptation of the Roman Catholic Cursillo Movement, which originated in Spain in 1949. Cursillo de Cristianidad means “little course in Christianity.” The original Cursillo leaders designed the program to empower the laity to transform their living and working environments into Christian environments. In 1968, Cursillo was brought to the U.S.A. and Waco, Texas. During the 1960-1970s, the Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists along with other non-denominational groups (including the UFMCC “Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches”) began to offer “Cursillos”!

In 1979, after several “Cursillos” were offered by the congregation of MCC Los Angeles, California, EXCEL International was founded and further adaptations were made to the original program and the name “EXCEL” was adopted for continued growth within the Fellowship and to other non-denominational congregations and Christian churches.

For more information, please contact us at: www.excelinternational.org