

WHAT IS A VDC?

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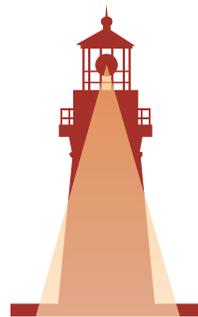
- Spanish for "THE WAY OF CHRIST"
- A 3 day spiritual renewal for adult Christians. Men and women alike will enjoy singing, praying, talks, and sharing.
- An opportunity to grow in our understanding of God's great love and grace.

You will find that:

- You will experience more joy, happiness, and satisfaction from your Christian faith.
- You will experience a closer walk with Christ as you learn, and witness Christ's love for you.
- More joyous fellowship develops with your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Sharing your faith with others is easier and more enjoyable.



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GOOD NEWS! VIA DE CRISTO

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A Method for Christian Renewal



Via de Cristo is a three day seminar for all Christians who seek more joy, purpose, and meaning in their lives. It is for those who desire to grow in their faith and learn more about prayer, Bible study, and sharing their faith with others.



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WHO WE ARE

History of Via de Cristo

The movement originated as "Cursillo" in the late 1940's in the Spanish Catholic church and moved to the United States in the late 1950's. It began in the Lutheran church when lay people and clergy attended a Catholic Cursillo in 1971, both in Iowa and Florida. The first Lutheran sponsored weekends were held in 1972 and have now been held in over 25 states and some foreign countries. Via de Cristo is the Lutheran expression of this method, which is currently being used in many denominations including: Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Reformed churches.

Purpose of Via de Cristo

Via de Cristo is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The focus is not on Via de Cristo itself, but on the local church. ***The objective of the movement is to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and communities.***

History of Good News! Via de Cristo

The first men and women's weekend was held in the fall of 1987 and sponsored by Central Michigan Cursillo. They called and trained the first team, making use of as many people from Southeastern Michigan churches as possible, and supported the new movement financially. Only a few people were required from Central Michigan to support the second weekend and by the third weekend, the Good News! community was entirely self-supporting. The Good News! Secretariat has sponsored at least two sets of weekends since 1987.

Mission Statement of Good News! Via de Cristo

By Grace, with the Holy Spirit, we challenge leaders to discover and achieve their personal calling, assisting them with a method for influencing their environment.

WHAT HAPPENS

What Happens at Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo is not a retreat. It begins on Thursday night and ends on the following Sunday evening. During the three days participants live and study together with singing and prayer in a safe, loving environment. Via de Cristo centers around 14 talks, with five given by clergy and nine by laity. Following each talk, small round table discussions focus on the main point of the talk. The talks, in an overlapping fashion, present the Christian life, based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ, as an ideal. Via de Cristo gives those attending, a living understanding of basic Christian tools.

Who Should Attend a Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo is for all Christians who seek more joy, purpose, and meaning in their lives. It is for those who desire to grow in their faith and learn more about prayer, Bible study and sharing their faith with others.

In the case of married individuals, both husband and wife are encouraged to attend a Via de Cristo to strengthen their relationship as one with Jesus Christ. It is strongly recommended that the husband and wife attend the same set of weekends. The husband should attend first if possible. The application form has a section for the Pastor's signature. We suggest the Pastor and one or two couples attend a weekend and then sponsor additional members from their church.

FOURTH DAY

Via de Cristo Follow Thorough

Your Fourth Day is actually the rest of your life. After you've experienced a Via de Cristo weekend you are encouraged to use the tools you've learned to:

- Expand your inner spiritual life through study and church participation, and
- Become a more active witness for Christ in your daily life.

Via de Cristo offers two ongoing means of perseverance:

- ULTREYA, meetings of the local community for encouragement and study, and
- GROUP REUNIONS, small groups of men or women who meet weekly for a short period to help one another in their quest for spiritual development.

Participation in these two groups is a voluntary part of the Via de Cristo, but is strongly encouraged.

For more information please call: 1-888-468-3295 or check us out on our web site: www.gnvdc.org.



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