

Who should attend a Via de Cristo weekend?

Via de Cristo is intended for people from every walk of life. The weekend is for lay people, pastors, for people who live strong and active lives in Christ, and also for those who seek to be renewed and strengthened in their relationship with Christ and the people around them.

God came alive...

I relaxed. I closed my eyes.
I listened. God came alive.

Grace enveloped me totally at Via de Cristo.
God entered my daily life that weekend.
His presence. His grace. His love.

I heard nothing new.
I heard only God's words, but repeated
through the voices of Christian fellowship.
My new family.

Back to nature.
Away from all wordly cares.
Amid mud and trees. And loving hugs.
God came alive

~Gene Holiman (2018)

Questions??

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txluvdc.org



Texas Lutheran

Via de Cristo

A grace filled weekend for
spiritual renewal



What is Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo is a Spanish phrase meaning "Way of Christ". The Via de Cristo Ministry includes a structured three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, bringing them to a new awareness of living in God's grace.

What is the 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 environment of the community of believers. The objective of the movement is to inspire, challenge and equip people for Christian action in their homes, churches, and communities.

What can I expect on a Via de Cristo weekend?

A Via de Cristo weekend is three days in length, beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday evening. The participants live, study, worship, and commune together daily.

Talks are given by lay people and by clergy. Following each talk, small round table discussions focus on the main points of the talk. The talks present the Christian life, based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ.

There is music and singing, food and fellowship, a time for laughter, and for prayer.

What happens after the weekend?

You may only attend a Via de Cristo weekend as a pilgrim once. You are asked to build on what you have learned and experienced for the rest of your life as a member of the Fourth Day Community. The Fourth Day Community is made up of others who have attended a Via de Cristo weekend. You are encouraged to nurture your spiritual life through study and church participation, and to become a more active witness for Christ in your environment.

By joining or forming a renewal group and attending Ultreyas you will be encouraged in your spiritual walk. A renewal group is a small group, usually 4-6 people, who meet regularly to share their journeys and encourage one another. An Ultreya, meaning onward, is a larger gathering of the Fourth Day for fellowship.

**TEXAS LUTHERAN Via de Cristo Weekend # 105 October 16-19, 2025 @
Disciple Oaks Camp & Retreat Center, 673 Private Rd 3381, Gonzales, TX**

Request to Serve on Team Application

Please Print

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ Church: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate: (month/day/year) _____

Circle 1: Male Female Circle 1: Lay Person Lay Minister Clergy

Please circle all positions you have previously held:

Rector, Asst. Rector, Palanca Rector, Asst. Palanca Rector, Spiritual Director Rollo room,
Spiritual Director Palanca team, Table Leader, Music Team, Chapel, Dining Room, Cabins,
Registration/Finance, Computer Support, Photographer, Mailroom.

Previous Lay Rollistas, please circle which Rollos you have done in the past.

Ideal, Laity, Piety, Study, Action, Leaders, Environment, Christian Community in Action, Total
Security

Previous SDs, please circle which Rollos you have done in the past.

Grace, Grace Too, Means of Grace, Obstacles to Grace, Life in Grace

FEES AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Inform the Rector of your intention to serve on the team by call or email.
2. Fee is \$240 per person Includes lodging & 9 meals. Lunch on Thursday is an extra \$10 for team for total \$250 if you come for lunch. Must have lunch count by 10/08/25. \$100 deposit is due with application and balance is due by the last team building. Applications already received and amounts previously paid for January weekend will be applied as deposit. Make checks payable to Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo. Mail to registrar; Samantha Neuzil, 6535 Wind Trace, San Antonio, TX 78239.

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Email: deneice.cheves@gmail.com 210 573-6743

Team Buildings: In person team buildings are scheduled August 23rd, September 20th, & October 4th at Peace Lutheran Church, 1147 S. Walnut Ave., New Braunfels, TX 78130. 8:30-2:30.

Serving on team and being able to share the weekend experience with others can be a tremendous way to share God's love, grace, and blessings. However, participating on a weekend requires commitment, time, and sacrifice which can impact all the members of your family. Prayerfully consider this as you contemplate your desire to serve. Team assignments are made by the Rector, after prayerful consideration to God's charge.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE IN SERVING A VIA DE CRISTO WEEKEND

I _____ am called as a Christian, chosen by God, to serve on this Via de Cristo weekend, using the gifts that I have been given. As a member of this team, I am joining in covenant with my brothers and sisters in Christ to not discuss beliefs of politics, denomination, or culture that may divide us.

I uphold the belief that Via de Cristo is a Lutheran “Fourth Day” movement which exists autonomous of any church body. As a matter of policy, Via de Cristo does not endorse, denounce or pass judgement on actions taken by any church body pertaining to human sexuality, any social statement position, or any topic which has the potential to be divisive to the core purpose of Via de Cristo.

The core purpose of Via de Cristo is to provide a three-day weekend retreat intended to inspire, challenge and equip Christians for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities. Via de Cristo is not a church, a church within a church, or a para-church organization. It is a movement within the Lutheran church for the purpose of teaching the gospel of grace, helping participants to influence their environment with this gospel, and encouraging a renewed personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I promise that my work, my conversation, and my service with my fellow team members will be centered on the gospel of God’s Grace as we work hand in hand to fulfill the purpose of Via de Cristo on this weekend.

I promise to focus my interactions with pilgrims and team members on the method of living the faith that people can use in daily life and encourage others to develop and continue in a vital relationship with Christ when they return to their home church, which includes a vital relationship with their pastor.

It is my prayer that God’s love and grace becomes known in all of our relationships, presentations, and activities. I pray that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the authentic love of God our Father, and the true fellowship that is provided by the Holy Spirit, embrace us all as we work as a team to bring this weekend of Via de Cristo to the pilgrims.

Signed: _____

Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo Team Health Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Cell #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of church/city: _____

Any allergies/dietary restrictions/medical problems we should know about:

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name and relationship: _____

Cell #: _____

E-mail: _____