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Dear Via de Cristo Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God has done it all!

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

God promised us everlasting life; ***What do I have to do?***

Nothing, ***God has done it all!***

Romans 3:23-24 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

God has done it all! He created us. He provided for our salvation through the death and resurrection of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. He justified us freely by His grace. His love for us is everlasting.

What can we do?

God asks us to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind”, Matthew 22:37. “Love your neighbor as yourself,” Matthew 22:39 and spread the gospel “go and make disciples of all nations,” Matthew 28:19.

This is what Lutheran Via de Cristo of Minnesota is all about!

Via de Cristo is an effective ministry. By encouraging the opening of the door as in Revelations 3:20: “*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my word and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me,*” we reach people who need to hear the invitation of Jesus Christ, worship and glorify our Lord and we spread the Good News.

Please pray for Via de Cristo, that lives may continue to be touched by Christ through this ministry. There is a corresponding message for us all, “*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in various forms.*” *I Peter 4:10.* Keeping this always in mind will help us to faithfully serve His kingdom.

Will you help Via de Cristo continue to worship God and spread His “Good News?” We have set our budget for 2012 and we are calling on those who are able to give. Our goal is \$45,000, and we can only reach this goal with your help.

Please consider making a special one-time gift or pledge to support Lutheran Via de Cristo of Minnesota? For your convenience, there are various ways that you can participate.

- Send your check directly to our office using the enclosed envelope.
- Use your credit card by accessing the Internet. Go to our web site, **www.mnviadecristo.org** and connect on the link to the donation page. Here you will be entering a secure site that will allow use of your credit card.
- Other options still remain such as participation through The Greater Minneapolis St. Paul United Way program. Additionally, the Human Resources department of your employer may be willing to provide matching funds to charitable organizations such as Via de Cristo, a 501(c)(3) organization.

However you assist your Via de Cristo ministry, it will be appreciated. We thank you for your prayers and financial support as you do your part enabling others to reach out to our environments, and invite Christ into the hearts of those we touch.

We thank you for your prayers and the financial support that enables this ministry to reach out and share the love of Christ with those in our communities. With your enthusiastic support in this effort and God's grace, we all pray for well-attended weekends in 2012.

May God richly bless you in the coming year!

Lutheran Via de Cristo of MN Council