

- Minnesota Lutheran Via de Cristo Guidelines -

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.”

Matthew 22:37-38

Via de Cristo Weekend Participant Information:

- Via de Cristo is an ecumenical ministry. Members of any Christian church are invited to participate provided they have a sponsor. It is recommended that a person be over 21 years old.
- The weekend begins at 7:30 pm on Thursday and ends at approximately 6:00 pm Sunday. Complete attendance is required for the entire weekend.
- Each weekend is coordinated by a team, which has gathered and trained together for that weekend only. The same format and time schedule is followed for each weekend.
- Weekenders and Via de Cristo team members live together as a community in a host church.
- Via de Cristo is open to both single and married people. The weekends are operated in pairs; men attend the first weekend and women attend one week later. However, if both husband and wife plan on attending, they should attend the same pair of weekends.

Team Selection

- If at all possible, of 50% of the team should be first time team members.
- Team members should be in a renewal group.
- No person should serve on a team more than once a year unless called to leadership as Rector or Assistant Rector on any of the four (4) teams.
- Teams should be all male or all female (this does not include Spiritual Directors).
- Readiness for serving as the Rector of a support team includes the following experiences:
 1. Served on at least two teams – including once as an Assistant Rector.
 2. Served on other support teams.
- Weekend Rectors are required to:
 1. Be in a renewal group.
 2. Attend the two leadership training sessions provided for the weekend.
 3. Be committed to support and follow Council policy.
 4. Be an active member of a participating Lutheran Church.
- The head Spiritual Director of a weekend must be an ordained Lutheran Pastor and have previously served as an Assistant Rollo Room Spiritual Director.
- Maximum team participation from any one church is limited to two (2) per support team.

Rollo Room

- Speaker systems which amplify the sound within the Rollo Room are permitted; none carrying the sound from the Rollo Room to the Palanca Chapel, Fourth Day Center or Kitchen are allowed. If facilities allow, a separate specified room for invited guests of the

Rollista may listen to amplified sound.

- A few invited guests of the Rollista can listen to Rollos outside of the Rollo Room if approved by the Rector and the Rollista. Guests should not be in the Rollo room.
- Rollo Room Team members and the weekenders are the only people to be in the Rollo Room with the exception of the various team introductions and the Decuria on Friday and Saturday evenings.
- Rollo Team members should attempt to be with the weekenders at all times.

Kitchen

- No wine is to be served, except at Eucharist.
- All invoices shall be paid by the designated weekend Treasurer. An advance of funds shall be made to the Kitchen Rector for the purchase of supplies.
- The reception following Clausura is limited to beverages and remaining food from the weekend only.
- Disposal of excess food from the weekend is the responsibility of the Kitchen Team. Check with the host church or local food shelf for potential donation sites..
- The Kitchen Team will take all necessary steps to return the kitchen to better than original condition.
- Agape Dinner 2nd setting is for the support teams and Kitchen Team guest only.
- The roll of the Kitchen Representative (Seniorita, senior, chicken, rooster etc.) ends at the opening of the doors at the Agape Dinner and is never seen again.

Palanca

- One item of Bed Palanca (written notes only) provided by sponsor will be given to the weekender on Friday night. All additional Palanca received will be placed in the individual's bag and presented to them at the end of the weekend.
- The Fourth Day Room, not the Palanca Chapel, is to be used as a Fourth Day lounge.

Clausura

- Stomping, whistling, yelling, or editorial remarks by Fourth Dayers is inappropriate. This should be announced to the Fourth Day community prior to the arrival of the weekenders.

Serenades

- Each Kitchen team member may invite one guest to serenade at the Agape dinner. The Kitchen team will coordinate the music and musicians.
- Sponsors and team are the only participants in the Sunday morning serenade.
- The Sunday afternoon serenade is open to all 4th Day communities.
- Flowers for the weekenders at the Agape Dinner are given only if received as Palanca.

Miscellaneous

- Use of candles is at the discretion of team leadership and only after receiving permission from the host church.
- Sale of all merchandise is limited to the 4th Day room and consists only of Via de Cristo materials approved by the Via de Cristo Council.
- Teams are to pay for their own team meeting expenses (i.e., coffee, meals, etc.). You may set out a basket for donations.
- It is strongly suggested that Rollo Room Palanca be addressed to all weekenders as a group rather than as individuals and the emphasis be placed on spiritual and sacrificial Palanca as opposed to food Palanca.
- Only Cursillistas are permitted to participate in the weekend as a team member.
- Sponsors should not greet other Cursillistas with the abrazo on Thursday night. Sponsors usher weekenders to Rollo Room (or reception area) and go immediately to the 4th Day Room.
- Team and weekender rosters are not to be used for business networking or solicitation.
- Smoking will be restricted to a designated area in accordance with policies of the host church.
- Graphics, symbols and slogans used on Via de Cristo weekends must be of a Christian nature.

Lost and Found

- Minnesota Via de Cristo assumes no responsibility for items brought to the weekend.
- Lost & Found items are to be displayed and announced at the weekend Ultreya (i.e., towels, cups & misc. palanca, etc.). Any items remaining may be disposed of at the discretion of the 4th Day Rector (Salvation Army, etc.). Items are not to be put on the truck.
- Valuable items should be turned into the Via de Cristo Office after the Weekend Ultreya.

Music

- Use the Song books provided on the weekend. As it relates to copyright law, it is illegal to:
 1. make a photocopy of a copyrighted work.
 2. print words only of a copyrighted work on a one-time basis for uses such as church bulletins or song sheets.
 3. print songbooks or song sheets containing copyrighted works and use them in churches, Bible studies, or home prayer groups as long as they are not sold.
 4. make a transparency or slide of a copyrighted work for works by projector.