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(Applications are requested a minimum of 30 days prior to retreat weekend)

Name _____ Preferred Name _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Address _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

E-mail Address _____ Phone # _____

Married Single Divorced Widowed No. of Children _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Spouse's First name _____ Has your spouse made a Via de Cristo retreat? Yes No

If so, when and where _____

Home congregation _____ Spouse's congregation _____

Leadership positions held in the church _____

Why do you feel that you would like to attend a Via de Cristo retreat? _____

Please describe any special diet, prescription medications of medical conditions _____

Has your sponsor explained the Fourth Day program to you? Yes No

Sponsor's Name _____ Phone _____

Date of retreat requested _____ (Date will be honored dependent upon availability.)

Information I have provided on this form or which I may subsequently provide may be shared within the Tennessee Via de Cristo organization for use in preparing for and during the weekend retreat and then it will be returned to me or destroyed.

Date submitted _____ Applicant's signature _____

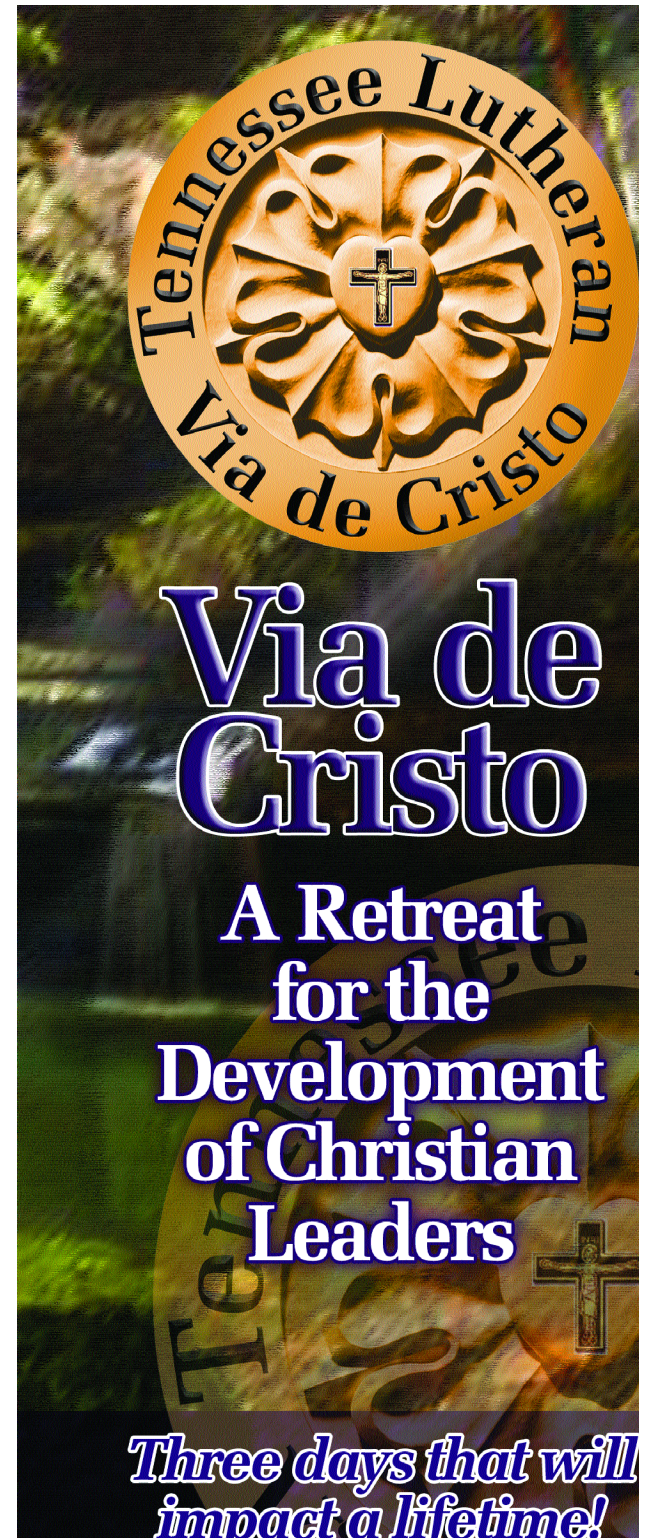
Signature of your pastor _____

Pastor has attended a Via de Cristo retreat? Yes No **Please return this form to your sponsor.**

You will be notified of your acceptance.

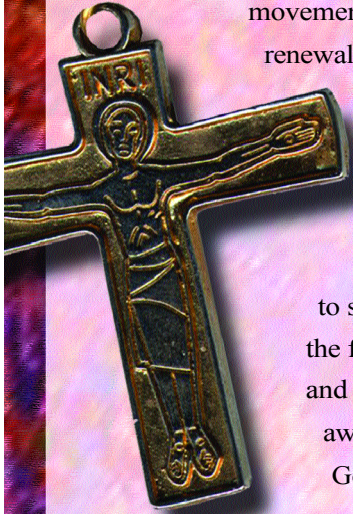
The cost of the weekend is \$225, payable on the Sunday of the weekend. *There are scholarship monies available.*

Talk to your sponsor if you are in need of scholarship assistance.



What is Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo, meaning 'the way of Christ,' is a name used by Lutherans to describe a movement of personal Christian renewal.



It is a highly structured, three day weekend retreat designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's grace.

This renewal movement is presented as a combined effort of trained lay people and clergy to assist congregations in the development of Christian leaders.

The purpose of 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, 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.

What is a Via de Cristo Weekend?

A Via de Cristo weekend is a three-day retreat that takes place twice a year. It begins on a Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday.

During the three days of a Via de Cristo weekend, participants live together, study together, worship, pray and communicate together seeking to gain a deep, personal, living awareness of their faith and of the responsibility that such a deep awareness involves.

Who Should Attend a Via de Cristo Retreat?

The retreat is designed for those Christians who, having been informed of the methods and aims of the movement, believe that the retreat can strengthen them in their faith and bring them closer to Christ in their discipleship.

Tennessee Via de Cristo currently offers co-ed weekends, meaning that the retreat is for couples, and/or single men and women.

**If you are ill or under unusual stress, it is recommended to postpone attendance until you can approach the weekend undistracted and thus can concentrate on the experience.*

What Happens After a Via de Cristo Retreat?

The Via de Cristo movement recognizes the need for helping and supporting the Christian community. The focus of Via de Cristo, therefore is on the local church; to supplement what we learn in our own congregations, equip us to help strengthen and renew the faith of other Christians and, through them, their far congregation and the environment in which they live, work and play.

After the retreat, participants are encouraged to expand their own inner spiritual life, and to become more active disciples of Christ. In the Via de Cristo movement, the community spirit is continued after the three days through reunions of a small group, (*often referred to as reunion groups*), who meet weekly to support one another in their ongoing experience of spiritual growth and discipleship.

For more information please visit the Tennessee Via de Cristo website at <http://www.tnvdc.org> you have any questions please email the Lay Director, Head Spiritual Director or Pre-Week chair listed on the Contact page.