

**Living Water Via de Cristo**  
Application for the Lutheran Spiritual Renewal Movement  
Affiliated with the Illowa Lutheran Coalition

**I. Applicant Information** *(Please print. Return application to sponsor when completed.)*

Full name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (18 minimum) \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Name or nickname you would like on name tag \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home church \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Church address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person *(other than spouse)*: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your current church involvement - activities, positions held, etc. *(Attach sheet if needed.)*

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Please note any special medical or dietary needs, physical limitations, or sleeping arrangements needed:

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Marital Status: Single \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

If married, spouse: has \_\_\_\_\_, will \_\_\_\_\_, will not \_\_\_\_\_, attend(ed) a Via de Cristo or similar weekend  
*(Spouses are encouraged to attend consecutive weekends.)*

Weekend you wish to attend \_\_\_\_\_ Would you be available on short notice if a cancellation occurs? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Pastor's Signature** *(See information on back.)*

As the applicant's pastor, I offer my support and prayers for my parishioner's participation in this opportunity for growth as a Christian leader.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Sponsor's Information** *(To be filled in by sponsor.)*

Sponsor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Are you involved in a reunion group? \_\_\_\_\_

Date & location of your VdC or other weekend \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend number \_\_\_\_\_

**Note to the applicant's pastor:**

This member from your congregation has applied to attend an upcoming Via de Cristo weekend sponsored by the Illowa Lutheran Coalition. These weekends are designed to provide faith renewal for Christians by grounding them more fully in God's grace and in the disciplines of prayer, study and service. It is our hope that participants in the weekend will return to their home parishes renewed and better equipped to serve their church as leaders. Therefore we expect participants in the weekend to be active members of their church. Like Marriage Encounter, which seeks to strengthen healthy marriages rather than heal troubled ones, Via de Cristo is designed to strengthen faith rather than provide spiritual conversion for a struggling Christian.

In addition, it is our hope that married persons will be able to attend consecutive weekends so that they can share the experience together. This can be a very positive thing. If one partner is unable to do this, but could at a later date, we encourage the couple to wait. If one partner simply doesn't want to attend a weekend and is unlikely to ever do so in the future, then we wish to know whether or not you as their pastor have any concerns about the impact of the weekend on their marriage.

If you do not have any concerns about your parishioner's involvement in this weekend, we ask for your signature of support. If you have any apprehension, we would appreciate hearing from you in writing. If you wish to talk further to one of our spiritual directors concerning Via de Cristo, please call Pastor Randy Willers at 309-764-5614. Thank you for taking this under consideration.

**Sponsor's Checklist:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ The applicant's portion of the application (Part I) is complete.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The applicant's check is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The applicant's pastor has signed the application (Part II).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I believe this applicant will benefit from a Via de Cristo weekend.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have read the responsibilities of the sponsor and agree to abide by them.

Sponsor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed application, along with a non-refundable deposit of \$25 (make checks payable to Living Water Via de Cristo), to the Pre-Weekend Chairs:

**Jerry and Krista Hanson**  
**1624 S Main St**  
**Princeton, IL 61356-2629**  
**815-875-2359**

The deposit will be applied to the suggested contribution of \$110.00. Financial assistance is available when needed. **Applications should be sent at least five weeks prior to the weekend.**

*Thank you for helping to expand the reach of the VdC movement.*