

## A weekend and more. All of this, really?

If you have not made a weekend then please prayerfully consider this as a gift to yourself. We make it very easy for pastors and AIM's to attend. Pastors who have gone before you have benefited greatly from this weekend and will gladly:

- Pay all your expenses to attend a weekend.
- Pay for the supply preaching cost for your congregation.



- AND since attending a weekend takes time from your family, we give an additional gift to you to share quality time with your family on a FREE three day/two night stay at a cabin in Gatlinburg, TN.

All that we ask is that, if you appreciate the weekend (as we believe you will), you "pay it forward" to someone else by paying the way for them later.

Just say, "Pastor Dave sent me!"



For the latest dates of upcoming weekends, please visit our website at [www.inkyvdc.org](http://www.inkyvdc.org)

Note - Co-ed weekends are for all adults, not just husbands and wives. Separate sleeping arrangements are provided.



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## Pastor's Guide



## ► Via de Cristo three-day Weekend



[www.InKyVDC.org](http://www.InKyVDC.org)

## ▶ What does Bishop Stuck think about Via de Cristo?

"Via de Cristo is a powerful, Spirit-fed and Spirit-led movement of our church. I have been privileged to attend a weekend and also be a spiritual director for other weekends. Lives are changed and the ministry of the people of God is enhanced by the congregation's involvement in Via de Cristo. I would encourage all pastors and leaders of our congregations to be in prayer asking for the Spirit's leading in finding a way for the message of God's grace in Jesus to be proclaimed and the walk in the "Way of Christ" to be encouraged through this ministry."

## ▶ National VDC Spiritual Director is an In-Ky Pastor!

The Via de Cristo is an exciting lay lead movement to grow Christian leaders. It is the Lutheran expression of the three day retreats that many denominations have. There are weekends for men and women only as well as co-ed. During the weekend your folks would hear talks on the Christian walk (things like study, piety, and action), enjoy wonderful fellowship, and worship, along with great food and fun.

Once your congregation has completed a weekend they are equipped and sent back to serve the Lord with greater zeal and passion. Pray for us and don't hesitate to contact me for additional information. I have served on teams since 1996 and now serve as the National Spiritual Director for this great mission of Christ: to make disciples and raise strong Christian leaders.

There are separate weekends for men and women. In the case of married individuals, the husband attends first. The Via de Cristo is not structured to solve one's deep-seated personal problems. It is designed to provide to those attending a deeper understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Pr. Doug Givan, Christ Lutheran Church, Crawfordsville, IN  
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## Pastor Dave's incredible offer!

Via de Cristo is not just a short, intense course in Christian living, it is also a short, effective course in Christian Leadership. Whoever experiences VdC with an open mind and heart will not only be boosted to a new level in their love relationship with God, but also in their leadership for God in their home, their workplace, their neighborhood, and especially their church.

Via de Cristo does not supplant involvement in a local church, but enhances and expands it. After experiencing God's amazing grace and love for them through Via de Cristo, these men and women come back energized and equipped to serve and lead in the church. They are more welcoming, inviting, giving, hungry for learning, volunteering, helping and serving than ever before. Our congregation is experiencing an incredible blessing of new energy, creativity, growth and love as a result of Via de Cristo.

I have been pastor here 22 years, and my greatest regret is that I didn't go myself or get Via de Cristo started in the parish sooner than I did! If it will help any Pastor experience for himself or herself, I would consider it a privilege to personally pay all your costs to attend, including paying for your supply pastor, -- anything just so you can experience a weekend and judge for yourself. I believe you will appreciate what you experience, and if you do, I only ask that you "pay it forward" by sponsoring a pastor, AIM, or congregational member you know to receive the blessing and then pass it on themselves.

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## What Pastors say about VDC!

At Southwest Lutheran we have found VDC to be one of the best ways to train and mentor our people into positions of spiritual leadership. The strength of VDC is the establishing of Christ centered relationships where the values of prayer, spiritual growth and accountability are lived out. Any pastor who is concerned about growing strong lay leadership should consider sending them to a VDC weekend. --Pastor David Maki, Southwest Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN

Our God is an Awesome God! This is a three-day retreat where participants will walk the way of Christ - the Via de Cristo. They will hear messages shared by both pastors and lay people, as well as worship together and spend time in fellowship. I have found it to be a wonderful opportunity for both pastors and the people of the congregations they serve to come and experience the love and grace of God in a new way.

This three-day retreat is an opportunity for Christians to deepen their faith and understanding of God as they hear messages that share a basic discipleship pattern for living one's life walking in the way of Christ.

As a pastor, I am glad that I have attended this retreat and continue to be involved in this community by helping lead weekends for other Christians. If you have not experienced a weekend like this, I would encourage you to consider attending. It will not only give you a time of spiritual renewal, but it will then allow you to share this experience with the congregation you serve as you encourage others to attend. --Pr. Heather Apel, Bethel Lutheran, Noblesville, IN