

Iowa Via DeCristo Weekend Application

Pilgrim's name _____ Phone _____
Street _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
e-mail address _____
Your age _____ Male _____ Female _____
Single _____ Married _____ Year Widowed _____ Year Divorced _____
Occupation _____ Place Employed _____
Education completed: Grade School _____ High School _____ College _____
Vocational _____ Grad.Sch _____ Other _____
Special Interests _____
Special Talents _____
Church/Secular Groups in which you are active _____

State your reason for wishing to attend ViaDeCristo _____

Special needs (dietary, medicinal, handicap, assistance)? Specify: _____

Your spouse's name _____
Your Doctor's name _____ Phone _____
City _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
City _____
Your Pastor's name _____ Denomination _____
Name of Your Church _____ City _____

This is not a permanent record. It will be destroyed after the weekend the pilgrim attends. A \$10.00 deposit is requested with this application. At the close of the ViaDeCristo, you will be informed as to how you can contribute so that others may participate. Revised Fall 2008

Guideline for Pilgrim Acceptance

The following guidelines were adopted March 13, 1993, by the Iowa Lutheran Secretariat for the selection of pilgrims and the order in which applications are accepted for the weekends. These are guidelines and not laws. The Rector, or the local Ultreya or local Pastor of a pilgrim may make reasonable exceptions as they consider individual cases. Great care shall be exercised in recruiting appropriate pilgrims that are likely to benefit from the weekend experience and who will not be disruptive to others at the same weekend. The Rector will determine the number of pilgrims that may participate in a particular weekend. The Rector's judgment of manageable numbers shall be based on the facilities available. Pilgrim Applications will be accepted in the order received by the Registrar. Applications received after a weekend is filled will be returned and be resubmitted for a future weekend.

Guidelines for Pilgrim Selection

Pilgrims are to be baptized members of a Christian Church that believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

The weekend is not intended as a primary evangelism effort for un-churched persons. A Christian foundation is essential. No testing or memory work will happen during the Via de Cristo.

Pilgrims should normally be at least 22 years of age.

In case of married persons, it is hoped that both spouses will attend the same year. Weekends have proven most beneficial when both husband and wife share the same experience, without delays of time. If an exception is made, care must be exercised that the experience does not create distance or tension between the couple.

Persons who are widowed, divorced or suffered deep, significant loss should not attend until healing and adjustment are well begun, because the weekend may become a stressful or emotional experience. One year's delay is suggested.

If a pilgrim is unable to afford the deposit of \$10.00, encourage them to pay what they feel they can. Do not let the lack of funds prevent anyone from attending a weekend. This year the retreat has been paid for with funds given by participants from last years' retreat.

Sponsors should help pilgrims travel to and from the Via de Cristo retreat. Sponsors should also make a follow up visit with a participant after the Via de Cristo weekend. Sponsors are encouraged to invite Christians from their own church, neighborhood and community. Sponsors should attempt to make Christians from any denomination feel welcome and comfortable with the Via de Cristo retreat.

Any exception to these guidelines should be explained below in the "comments" section.

Name of Sponsor _____ Phone _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip _____
Sponsor e-mail address _____
COMMENTS ABOUT APPLICANT: Talkative _____ Shares easily _____ Quiet _____ Not easily _____
Other comments: _____

Mail application and deposit to:

Cynthia Brandt
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Everly, IA 51338

Please see www.iowalutheransecretariat.org/weekends.php for current week end dates and times.