

- **Do you want to feel closer to God?**
- **Could your faith walk use a boost?**
- **Would you like to serve God more enthusiastically and intentionally?**

### ***The Mission of Via de Cristo***

By grace, with the Holy Spirit, we encourage Christians to recognize and respond to their personal calling, empowering them to influence their environments with the Gospel.

Via de Cristo, meaning "the Way of Christ," is a Lutheran Lay movement designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring you to a new awareness of living in God's grace. This structured three-day weekend, is a combined effort of lay people and clergy, that strives to give you time apart with God and give you tools to help you on your spiritual journey and walk with Christ.

Via de Cristo is not a church and Christians of all denominations are welcome. We point Christians to Christ and encourage you to serve where you already are – your home church, your workplace and your community.

In today's world, can Christianity penetrate the many secular areas of life? Can it live there? Can it grow there? Can it transform the world? The Via de Cristo movement thinks so.

Here are some thoughts from attendees.

*“Jesus calls us to proclaim the Gospel together, in community. Through Via de Cristo, I have a better understanding of community and my role in service to our Lord through community at my church, my office, and my home.”*

*“When you are feeling burned out..., Via de Cristo can relight your fire and shine the way for you to see which direction God wants you to go.”*



*“For years, our churches have tried to grow by receiving more members, but Jesus’ plan for church growth is making more disciples. This is what I see happening through Via de Cristo. I continue to be amazed at how, in one weekend, members of the church become more confident and faithful disciples of Christ.”*

*“When was the last time you spent 72 hours away from all responsibilities for family, home, work, meal preparation...so you could focus on nothing but your relationship with God? Why not treat yourself to such a wonderful experience?”*



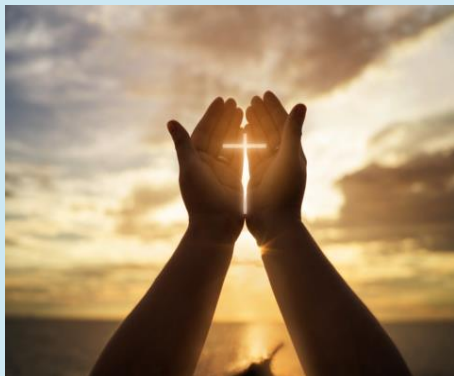
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## *What Takes Place on a VdC Weekend?*

The Via de Cristo weekend is an experience in Christian sharing and living. The focus of the retreat is to grow in Christian faith, love, and grace. On the weekend, you will:

- Experience God's grace with and through a community of faith
- Attend chapel daily with communion and meditations on the Word
- Sing! Lots of music!
- Listen to talks by lay people and clergy on how to grow in your faith walk and serve Christ more intentionally
- Eat...great food and lots of snacks!
- Participate in group discussions on living in faith



## *How long is a VdC retreat?*

A Via de Cristo retreat starts on Thursday evening and ends late Sunday afternoon.

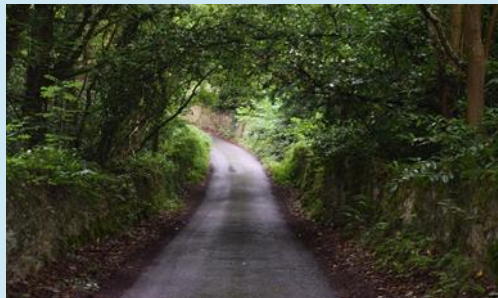


## *Where are weekends held?*

Via de Cristo weekends are often held at Camp Agape in Fuquay Varina, NC.

## *Where will I sleep?*

Housing provides multiple shared bedrooms. Normally 2-3 people share a room; each room has its own or shared bathroom.



## *Who goes on weekends?*

Via de Cristo is for all believers in Christ who want to be more intentional in serving Him and His church. The retreat is designed for those people of faith, who by walking in faith, believe that it can strengthen and bring them closer to Christ in their discipleship. Each of us is called to influence others for Christ.

### **The weekend is a beginning – but only a beginning**

Our sincere hope is that you will take what you learn on the weekend and put it into practice in your church and community.

The weekend is more than just inspirational – you will learn some practical ways you can strengthen and sustain your walk with Christ. You will be supported by others who have attended a Via de Cristo and invited to join a small group, where you will be encouraged and affirmed as you share the Christian life of grace.

### ***Christ is counting on you!***

***Join us on a retreat and learn to serve Him even better!***