

Application to Attend a Vía de Cristo

Are you thinking of someone who would make a good candidate for a Vía de Cristo weekend? Here is a two-part application that provides necessary information about the candidate and also clarifies your role as a sponsor. Please have your candidate complete the candidate portion, and complete the sponsor portion yourself. Send both applications to the address listed. Applications can be copied and distributed freely.

SPONSOR GUIDELINES

Candidate Checklist

Does / is the candidate:

- ☐ Desire to grow as a Christian?
- ☐ Have potential for leadership in his/her environment?
- ☐ Have the capacity for careful listening and understanding?
- ☐ Seriously open to change?
- ☐ At least 18 years old, mature, responsible, and in good emotional health?
- ☐ Physically capable of fully participating in the weekend?
- ☐ Understand that Vía de Cristo is more than just attending a weekend?
- ☐ Really want to attend a weekend?

Sponsor Checklist

Have you or do you as sponsor(s):

- ☐ Been living the fourth day and understand the goals of Vía de Cristo?
- ☐ Prayed for guidance before taking action to sponsor this candidate?
- ☐ Told the candidate about the Post Via de Cristo and the fourth day?
- ☐ Ensured that the candidate really wants to participate and is not just doing you a "favor"?
- ☐ Offered to assist the candidate with baby/pet/house sitting, etc.?
- ☐ Offered the candidate transportation to and from the weekend?
- ☐ Agree to support the candidate through prayer, palanca, and your presence at the sendoff and the closing?
- ☐ Agree to actively assist the candidate join a reunion group?
- ☐ Agree to support the candidate in their fourth day for at least six months after the weekend?



Procedures

1. A Vía de Cristo weekend is an emotional and deeply spiritual experience that is not suited for everyone. Anyone attending a weekend must be a committed Christian, an active participant in a Christian church, and be physically and emotionally able to experience the weekend completely. Pray and consider these requirements fully before speaking to a prospective candidate.
2. If a prospective candidate has experienced emotional trauma recently, you are encouraged to discuss the situation with their clergy. This information should be communicated to the pre-weekend chairperson.
3. Check the LVCCM website or ask the pre-weekend chairperson for additional information about sponsoring a candidate.
4. Approach the prospective candidate, and answer any questions. Explain that a free-will offering will be taken at the weekend for support of future weekends. Assist them in filling out the candidate application, to ensure accuracy and completeness. Ensure each application contains all required signatures, and is legible and complete (especially church information and "name for name tag").
5. For each applicant, send the fully completed candidate and sponsor applications to:
LVCCM
P.O. Box 1092
Midland, MI 48641-1092
Or email: preweekend@lvccm.org
6. Stay in contact with your applicant and give your active support. Applicants and sponsors will receive an acknowledgment of their acceptance for the weekend, and will be sent specific instructions prior to the weekend. You will also be asked to confirm your candidate's attendance at that time.

SPONSOR APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE, AND COMPLETE A SPONSOR APPLICATION FOR EACH CANDIDATE.

Carefully review the sponsor guidelines before sponsoring anyone. Send both completed candidate and sponsor applications to the address given below.

Your name: _____
FIRST LAST

Your address: _____
NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE ZIP

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please print clearly)

Phone: (____) _____ (____) _____
HOME Mobile

Weekend you attended: _____

Candidate's name: _____

Did you discuss Vía de Cristo with candidate's spouse, if applicable?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Will both attend a weekend?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If not, explain briefly: _____

Why is this person a good candidate? _____

Briefly state the candidate's attitude toward Vía de Cristo: _____

Specifically, how will you support this candidate during his/her fourth day? _____

Other pertinent information about the candidate: _____

Note: LVCCM confesses and teaches a conservative biblical approach to “culturally sensitive topics” during the weekend, including, but not limited to abortion and LGBTQ+ related issues. We recognize that not everyone attending the weekend will see eye-to-eye on these issues so we do our best to present these issues in a loving manner, but this is not the appropriate environment to defend a contrary viewpoint. If you are concerned that this will be an issue for your candidate, the pastor on our leadership team is available to discuss this with you prior to the weekend.

I/We have prayerfully considered sponsoring this candidate, understand my/our responsibilities as outlined in the sponsor guidelines, and with the Lord's help will do my/our best to meet these responsibilities.

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

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