



November 2017

VDC Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

You are receiving this letter because you attended a VDC weekend at some point in your life. Maybe that weekend was 25+ years ago, maybe it was only last month. Whenever you attended, the weekend was a chance for you to be a part of a **grace filled experience** centered on Christ's unconditional love for you. Many of you that attended a weekend, have accepted the VDC challenge of "**Christ is Counting on You**" by serving on team on subsequent weekends and/or by contributing financially to the MN State VDC organization. This letter is a request for you to continue supporting the mission and vision of Lutheran Via de Cristo of Minnesota.

From a financial perspective, your financial contribution to MN VDC is needed and is more crucial than ever for 2018. Even as the cost of hosting weekends and administrative costs continue to escalate, the financial giving from our 4th day community continues a year over year decline. From October 2016 thru October 2017, our very limited cash position has decreased by \$10,000 due to lower income from our 4th day community. From an involvement perspective, we find ourselves struggling to fill weekends with team members and most importantly with weekenders. **MN VDC needs your continued and increased support to bring the grace-filled weekend experiences to those that are yearning for such an experience.**

Financially, we need to raise a minimum of \$50,000 through this appeal to support our ministry into 2018. **The \$50,000 needed is double what we received in last year's annual appeal.** Our past history shows that only an average of 225 individuals contribute to our yearly annual appeal which unfortunately is only a very small fraction of the 12,000+ individuals that make up the active MN 4th day community. If you haven't contributed to our annual appeal in the past, please consider doing so this year. Financial support can be made by using your credit card on the secure donation page of our website (mnviadecristo.org), by mailing a check to our VDC office, by designating funds to VDC through participation in the Greater Twin Cities United Way, or by designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to MN VDC.

As you think about Via de Cristo and its ministry, will you please:

- Pray for the organization, its ministry and its leaders
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will renew the excitement in every one of us that we had when we left our weekend
- Commit yourself to sponsoring a weekender
- Commit yourself to working on a weekend team
- Support the organization financially
- Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ

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Lutheran Via de Cristo of Minnesota



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Via de Cristo of Minnesota 2018 Schedule

<i>Weekend</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Location</i>
658	Men	January 11-14	Lutheran Church of the Master
659	Women	January 18-21	Brooklyn Center, MN (Metro)
660	Men	March 1-4	Faith Lutheran
661	Women	March 8-11	Staples, MN (North)
662	Men	April 5-8	Peace Lutheran
663	Women	April 12-15	Winthrop, MN (South)
664	Men	May 31 - June 3	Lord of Life Lutheran
665	Women	June 7-10	Maple Grove, MN (Metro)
668	Men	October 4-7	Zion Lutheran
669	Women	October 11-14	Grand Rapids, MN (North)

More weekends will be scheduled soon!

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www.mnviadecristo.org

Via de Cristo Newsletter

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