

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE IN SERVING A VIA DE CRISTO WEEKEND

I _____ am called as a Christian, chosen by God, to serve on this Via de Cristo weekend, using the gifts that I have been given. As a member of this team, I am joining in covenant with my brothers and sisters in Christ to not discuss beliefs of politics, denomination, or culture that may divide us.

I uphold the belief that Via de Cristo is a Lutheran "Fourth Day" movement which exists autonomous of any church body. As a matter of policy Via de Cristo does not endorse, denounce or pass judgment on actions taken by any church body pertaining to human sexuality, any social statement position, or any topic which has the potential to be divisive to the core purpose of Via de Cristo.

The core purpose of Via de Cristo is to provide a three-day weekend retreat intended to inspire, challenge and equip Christians for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities. Via de Cristo is not a church, a church within a church, or a para-church organization. It is a movement within the Lutheran church for the purpose of teaching the gospel of grace, helping participants to influence their environment with this gospel, and encouraging a renewed personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I promise that my work, my conversations, and my service with my fellow team members will be centered on the gospel of God's Grace as we work hand in hand to fulfill the purpose of Via de Cristo on this weekend.

I promise to focus my interactions with pilgrims and team members on the method of living the faith that people can use in daily life and encourage others to develop and continue in a vital relationship with Christ when they return to their home church, which includes a vital relationship with their pastor.

It is my prayer that God's love and grace becomes known in all of our relationships, presentations, and activities. I pray that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the authentic love of God our Father, and the true fellowship that is provided by the Holy Spirit, embrace us all as we work as a team to bring this weekend of Via de Cristo to the pilgrims.

Signed _____