Lutheran Via de Cristo of Minnesota, like most of the world, has had to pause the last few years due to the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. We want you to know that we are alive and well! Your State board has been meeting regularly and working to make sure that we hit the floor running when things get back to whatever the new "normal" will be.

We have already hosted a successful weekend in Brooklyn Park in October 2021 and plan to hold more weekends in 2022. We also hosted a successful ultreya in August and plan to host more in 2022. We have a new Coordinator and a new financial staff to keep a closer eye on expenses and operate more efficiently. We are working on streamlining and updating the manuals and making them available in an electronic format. We are working on updating and modernizing the website as well.

With that said, we need your help. While ultreyas and weekends have been on hold, our expenses have not. The number of weekends we have hosted in the last few years has decreased, as have the donations from the fourth day community. Many of the leadership positions in both Metro and North and on the state board are vacant. Lutheran Via de Cristo of Minnesota's greatest resource is it's people. For the last two years, our inability to gather together and fellowship as a community of Christ has weakened our ability to effectively deal with these issues face to face.

OUR QUESTION'S FOR YOU

Is God nudging you to rekindle or recommit to VDC?? Is God nudging you to get more involved?? Are you feeling you could serve on the board or subcommittee?? Please contact your board through the website, www.mnviadecristo.org and see how you can help VDC to continue to flourish.

IF YOU CAN, PLEASE DONATE

Lutheran Via de Cristo of Minnesota continues to ask for your financial support. Checks can be mailed to the office at 240 Hudson Ave East, Mankato, MN 56001, or to our treasurer, Beth Ferris. At 8016 Gary Blvd, Cottage Grove, MN 55016. You can still make donations via credit card through our secure website, (mnviadecristo.org) or by designating funds through participation with the Greater Minneapolis/St Paul United Way or through your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

I pray that out of his glorious riches, he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16-19)

Dave Biedermann, asst convener

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