



## Criterion for Selection of Candidates for a Lighthouse Via de Cristo Weekend



In the selection of candidates for a Lighthouse Via de Cristo (LDVC) weekend, one must keep in mind what the weekends are and what is intended to be achieved through them. The LDVC weekend offers tools for Christian renewal. Its aim is to concentrate on the Person, Teachings and examples of Jesus Christ. The focus of LDVC is not on itself, but on the local church. Its objective is to be used of the Lord to help inspire local church members to a growing, closer personal relationship with God that is expressed through Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work, and community. The joyous task of selecting candidates is of the greatest importance and consequence—both for the effectiveness of the weekend, and for the work towards these objectives.

A LDVC weekend is ***not*** for everyone. Indiscriminate distribution of applications is not desired. While there may be authentic experiences of conversion that occur from time to time, the LDVC weekends are ***primarily*** for renewal and are not intended as an instrument for conversion. Also, the weekend is not a place to send people to solve their problems (it is in this area that the Pastor's serious consideration of approval, or disapproval if necessary, is vitally important).

The following are some basic guidelines to consider ***before*** recruiting applicants:

1. The importance of **PRAYER** and care in considering applicants cannot be overemphasized.
2. Age— Minimum 21 years old (over 25 preferred)
3. If married, (the husband should have previously attended a LDVC, or Cristo-like weekend).
4. Denomination. Equal consideration shall be given to all who apply. Each applicant should discuss their application with their Pastor (whose signature ***must*** be on the application).
5. Those selected should be persons with the physical strength and emotional stability to partipate in the weekend.
6. All special problems should be discussed with the Spiritual Director.

This criteria is formulated not to exclude anyone, but to better facilitate the selection of candidates most qualified to assist in the attainment of LDVC's objective—**CHRISTIAN RENEWAL OF SOCIETY**.

**REMEMBER ~ SPEAK TO GOD ABOUT A PERSON  
BEFORE SPEAKING TO THAT PERSON ABOUT GOD!!!**