



SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR NLS Nominee Information Form

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Home Secretariat VdC of Western WA Church Affiliation Trinity Lutheran (ELCA)

Weekend Attended (please include year): Southern CA and the Central Valley #10 in Oct 2000

First and foremost pray for guidance before and while completing this form.

I have read through the current Job Description located at <https://viadecristo.org/job-desc/SD.pdf> and have a good understanding of what the position entails: Yes No

Are you active in a reunion group? Yes No. If "No", Explain: _____

Any family information you would like to share: My wife, Megan, is also involved in the movement as well.
She has been on multiple teams serving on music teams and as a table leader

Background of churches served: Pastor at Medina/Streeter parish (ND); Light of the Cross Lutheran, Bothell, WA;
St Stephen's of the Valley Lutheran, Palmdale, CA; Zion Lutheran, Camas, WA; Trinity Lutheran, Pullman, WA.

Your experience in your local Secretariat and VdC weekends: I have served in various roles on 20+ weekends in CA, OH,
MN/ND, WA and CO. I have also served on youth, prison, and ecumenical weekends plus SD on CA secretariat

Your experience on behalf of the NLS in attending and working: I've attended four NLS annual gatherings.
I served on the lay rollo rewrite committee in 2020-21.

Computer skills: Word Excel Email Power Point Other _____

Your experience with Spiritual Direction: In my role as pastor, I have had the honor of walking with people through many
aspects of life in faith.

Your experience with event planning, attention to details and visioning: _____
I have helped to plan many worship services over the years in church and municipal settings. From Memorial Day
remembrances, to graduation recognitions, along with services in and around congregational worship.

Your experience with conflict resolution: _____ I have seen and experienced the best and worst of life together in
the body of Christ as church.

Communication skills/experience: _____ Monthly newsletter articles and other such pieces to relay information to
the communities I serve in. Created my own bible study materials to help facilitate understanding of scripture.

Other experience which would help you as the Spiritual Director: _____ I care deeply about the VdC movement.
VdC helped shaped my faith life and was the catalyst for me to become a pastor. I've seen how powerful these
weekends can be. Not everyone will have the same experience I did, but can get a deeper glimpse of God's love.

Special interests: _____ Sports, history, travel, family

How do you see the position of Spiritual Director promoting and supporting the growth and health of the Via
de Cristo ministry? _____ By working in close, authentic partnership with the lay leadership to show God's love and grace as
shown in Jesus to promote a caring environment where others can be met where they are at

Why do you feel that you are well suited to serve in this position? _____ My enthusiasm for the movement. The fact
that I have served in lay and clergy positions on many weekends in various places throughout the whole Cursillo
movement brings a great deal of experience within the movement. I desire to have people see the God that works
in, with, and through them to show love and grace as found in Christ Jesus.

Signature: _____ Reverend Christopher M Hogstad _____ Date _____ May 28, 2026 _____