

10 Critical Things to Consider When Birthing a New VdC Community

- 1. Pray for clarity and discern God's will.**
- 2. Identify a core team of other Disciples who share the vision and ready to take on the task.**
- 3. Begin to identify and build your community**
 - a. Meet with leaders of other 4th Day Communities, especially those ecumenical communities (Walk to Emmaus, Tres Dias, Episcopal Cursillo, and Presbyterian Cursillo) Ask for support to build 4th Day community.
 - b. Host 3-6 Joint Ultreya's with other 4th Day communities throughout the Region
 - c. Encouraging everyone to participate in a Reunion Group
- 4. Map the Geography of the Community**
 - a. Have someone identify all of the ELCA and Missouri Synod Lutheran Churches within a reasonable geography
 - b. Identify the other denominations in your geography for future outreach
- 5. Outreach – touch base with those Lutheran Churches**
 - a. Attend the Synod Assembly or District Meetings
 - b. Tap into the Lutheran Churches in your Synod/ District
 - i. Ask VdC pastors to carry the message of VdC to the Synod or District meetings and find other Pastors who have attended a weekend or interested in learning more.
 - ii. Don't hesitate to leverage other 4th Day Spiritual Directors to support the Pastor to Pastor dialog/invite
 - c. Conduct 'temple talks' at local churches and pass out brochures on VdC after worship service
- 6. Choose a Name for the Community**
 - a. Through prayerful consideration a number of ideas were generated
 - b. An internet search to see if the name was in use was conducted
- 7. Elect the Secretariat**
 - a. With a small core group, It is recommended that the initial Secretariat would only be required to serve one year as opposed to a full two-year term. This may make the commitment easier to swallow for some.

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- b. Begin to build your community. Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring your Friend to Christ. Invite people to attend a weekend
- c. Leverage 4th day communities local to the area to introduce concepts of Cursillo. Tres Dias or Walk to Emmaus are always welcoming

8. Creating By-laws and Constitution

- a. No need to re-invent the wheel. Start with another communities By-laws and Constitution and revise for your own purposes. Go to www.viadecristo.org/share

9. Begin process for Incorporation and filing for 501c3 status

10. Begin Planning for your first weekend

- a. Identify Financial Resources
 - i. Work with the Regional Outreach Coordinator and the National Outreach Vice President to help with this effort.
 - ii. Other VdC communities from your area will often provide financial support as well as supplies and personal to help host your first weekend.
 - iii. Again, reach out to other 4th Day communities like Tres Dias, Walk to Emmaus to help build initial team. They are a great resource to us!
- b. Identify Weekend Supply Resources
 - i. Other VdC communities will donate most of the supplies needed to host an initial weekend.
 - ii. The financial support also will come from VdC communities in your Region.
- c. Identify a Facility to Host the weekend.
 - i. The Secretariat should develop a sub-team to research and visit a number of potential places. Camps, Churches, and Retreat Centers.