

NLS Spiritual Directors' Support Committee - 2021

Purpose

The Spiritual Directors' Support Committee will assist the Elected Spiritual Director and the Executive Committee in fulfilling its commitment to serving all the clergy within the Via de Cristo Ministry - as well as provide support for local secretariats in recruiting new clergy. The committee will report its activities to the Executive Director by-monthly or when requested.

Membership

The Executive Committee will appoint an organized lay person to co-chair with the elected National S.D. The remainder of the committee will be filled by two or three additional lay persons, supported by two or three experienced S.D.s who will serve as advisors. Each committee member will serve at the will of Executive Committee for a three-year term. The Executive Committee will fill committee vacancies and may remove a member from the committee at any time without cause.

Responsibilities

- Build a strategy for recruiting clergy to the ministry.
 - Review existing SD Video and Brochure.
 - Discuss how to use this product to the best advantage.
 - Does it need to be updated and if so, prepare the update.
 - Are there other products that might be created to assist SDs in secretariats for recruitment of clergies?
 - Prepare a plan to explain and implement the use of the video and brochure.
 - Ask the elected SD on each governing board to prepare a list of clergy in their area that should be invited to attend a Via de Cristo weekend.
 - Discuss forming a Regional SD Committee.
- Post monthly messages on the website from various SDs and through emails to all clergy.
- Request each Secretariat SD to provide a list of SDs who have worked a Via de Cristo weekend in their secretariat, (names, addresses, phone #s and email addresses) to the NLS SD Support Committee Chair.
- Prepare a schedule for Seasonal Messages to be prepared by the NLS SD and the SD Support Committee (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Pentecost Season (3 messages)).
- Create a plan to provide immediate, compassionate and prayerful messages to the VdC community following a national catastrophe/disaster...flood, tornado, mass shooting, etc.
- Prepare a schedule for making quarterly prayer partners for all clergy in the VdC database.
- Set up quarterly ZOOM Meetings for all clergy to include topics for discussion, presentations, Q and A sessions, etc.