

**VIDA NUEVA INTERNATIONAL
WEEKEND SCRIPT**

FRIDAY EVENING

At the reception in the conference room, meet as many candidates as you can. Make sure the team is mixing well with the candidates and not talking with other team members only. The food should be in the dining room when you arrive from send-up. After 20-30 minutes have everyone sit down and give the first Director's talk. Also, have the Chas introduce themselves.

6:55 pm

Director:

Good evening. I would like to welcome you to the beginning of your Vida Nueva weekend.

My name is _____ and I will be your Director for the weekend.

I worship (with my family) at _____.

I attended _____.

This is _____ (Men's/Women's) Weekend # _____.

Vida Nueva is Spanish for "new life". That is what we can have in Christ, a new life.

There are many people who have been working and will continue to work to make this weekend a success. I would like some of those people to introduce themselves to you at this time. Would all of the Chas (except the Kitchen Chas) come to the front and introduce yourselves to the group. Please start with the Head Cha, Youth Director, and all Dorm Chas.

*** * * INTRODUCTIONS * * ***

After team introductions:

If you need anything at all this weekend, ask one of these (men/women). They are here to serve you and take care of your needs so you will be free to participate. For example, if you are having a discussion at your table and you would like a coke, juice, or coffee, just raise your hand and one of the Table Chas will bring it to you. Please do not get it yourself. Remember, "ask and it shall be given to you".

Now I would like for you to meet the men who will be serving as our Spiritual Directors for this weekend.

Introduce Head Spiritual Director LAST.

Feel free to talk to these men about anything at any time during the weekend.

Pause

Youth Director:

The people who run the Camp of Colors are kind enough to let us use this facility for this weekend. They do have a few rules that we need to respect and follow. One is that there is no smoking allowed on the weekend.

Next, due to insurance concerns we ask that no one leave the Campground during the course of the weekend.

Also, we ask that you dress appropriately. We all want to be comfortable while we are here, but please consider your attire when dressing this weekend.

With the intention of becoming acquainted with everyone here, and of forming new friendships, we have made room assignments for sleeping. If you will look at the back of your nametag, you will find _____ (the letter "A" or "B" or the colors _____ or _____). These _____ (letters/colors)

correspond to the rooms up the hall where we will be sleeping. Look on the doors of the rooms to find your name. When you get in the room, you will find your name on the bed that has been assigned to you. Some of you may have planned to room with someone you know; however, we thought it would be nice for you to meet some new people.

We really would like to get to know each one of you this weekend, and it would help us if you would wear your nametags at all times.

One other thing that is very important this weekend is that there be no practical jokes of any type. Every practical joke has a perpetrator and a victim. We are not here this weekend to do anything to one another that Christ would not do. That includes anything that would have a negative impact on any person or their property.

If you brought radios, cell phones, pagers, watches, CD players, knives or any other weapon, we ask that you leave them packed in your bag for the whole weekend. Your cooperation is appreciated.

\We are going to give you a few minutes to unpack your things and make your beds. All your things should be beside or on your bed. If anything is missing, there will be a Dorm Cha there to help you. Please unpack your things and make your bed promptly, so you will be ready to begin when everyone else is. Remember, if you need help, or forgot to bring anything, like toothpaste or soap, just let one of us know. Do not leave personal valuables unattended. We would not want to have an unfortunate incident to mar your weekend.

7:20 pm

Director:

When we ring this bell - **Ring bell** - go promptly to the conference room. The conference room is the last room on the right at the end of the hall. There will be Chas in the hall to help you find it. During the weekend, we cannot begin any activity until everyone is present. So, please try to be as prompt as you can, when you hear the bell.

You may now go to the dorm and make your beds. You will have this much time (**finger time for 15 - 20 minutes**). When you hear this bell, go to the conference room. We cannot begin the next activity until everyone is present.

After all candidates have gathered in conference room -

7:40 pm

Have Music Cha lead one or two upbeat songs as they enter.

7:45 pm

Director:

"Why are you here?" That question has probably entered your mind. Perhaps you are curious about what happens on one of these weekends. Perhaps a friend asked you to come. Perhaps your parents or someone else made you come. Perhaps you just wanted to get away for a few days.

These may seem like good reasons, but the real reason we are all here this weekend is because Jesus wants us here. That may seem like a strange concept to some of you, but I believe it is true.

Some of you left behind jobs, school activities, and (boy/girl) friends. Try not to worry about any of that this weekend. Your sponsors, your families, and Jesus will take care of you this weekend.

Try not to anticipate what will happen this weekend. As a matter of fact, you will hear us frequently saying, "Participate...don't anticipate."

I do need to ask a few things of you...The first is to be open to what Jesus would have you receive this weekend. At some point this weekend, you may feel like you are not getting anything out of what is happening at the moment. During those times, we ask your cooperation in realizing that someone else may be being blessed. Please try not to do anything that may distract from the moment.

Secondly, please remove your watches, cell phones and your pagers. We are not going to put posters of you in the most wanted list if you don't, but you really will not need to know what time it is. We will wake you, feed you, and take care of you. Make the most of this time away from your busy life and let us worry about the little things such as the time of day. Your sponsors and families know how to reach us in case of emergency.

If any of you need medication, let _____ know, and (he/she) will let you know when it is time to take it. _____

Please stand up so we will know who you are. This is the person to see about your medication. Also if you have special diet needs, please let

_____ know. _____ please stand up.

When an activity is about to start, I will ring this bell. **Ring Bell.** We cannot start any activity until all of you are there, so when you hear this bell - **ring bell** - please go to where you are supposed to be and give us your attention. Most importantly,

try to make your heart a blank sheet of paper, and let God write on it for you this weekend.

Pause -

What is Vida Nueva? I am sure that this is a question that you have already asked, and probably did not get a clear answer to. It is difficult to describe, because Vida Nueva is something to be experienced, not explained.

Vida Nueva is a weekend retreat for young people. The purpose is to allow you to get away from the pressures of the world and spend time getting to know each other, and especially spending some time getting to know Jesus.

One of the adult weekends like this one is known as Tres Dias. That means "three days" because it is three days with God. Other weekends are TEC (Teens Encounter Christ), Chrysalis, Emmaus and Cursillo. There is even a version for people in prison, called Kairos. We will tell you more about those later. All of these weekends grew out of Cursillo de Cristiandad "a short course in Christianity" which was started in Spain in 1949. "Weekends" are now held throughout the world.

We ask you to be receptive in three ways in order to get the most out of this weekend:

- 1.) Receive things with a spirit of idealism.
- 2.) Receive things with a spirit of cooperation.
- 3.) Receive things with a spirit of love.

Please do not pre-judge Vida Nueva. Vida Nueva is an instrument for Christian renewal. Like any other instrument, it is made up of parts. Each part has a function and is important. So, please, keep your heart and mind open. Just let

each part fall into place. "Participate, don't anticipate." Vida Nueva is a once in a lifetime experience, so I ask that you be open to all that you can get from it.

Pause

Briefly explain theme and verse.

8:05 pm

Director - Introduce the Youth Director, and elaborate on the position and the person.

Youth Director:

We are now going to form table groups or communities. We ask that you stay with your group or community for the remainder of the weekend.

Would you all please stand and form a circle around the room.

When I call your name, please go to your table and be seated in the chair that your Table Cha is holding for you.

We ask that you remain in that same position for the entire weekend. Lasting friendships will result from these three days. Each table will begin to form a community of friendship.

Call candidate names according to the seating chart. Be sure to seat the Ideals speaker first.

***** FOR YOUNG WOMEN’S WEEKENDS *****

The first table will be the table of **Deborah**. Deborah was a prophetess and a judge in Israel. God raised her up and gave her leadership abilities. Deborah lived in a time when everyone did what was right in their own eyes, but she followed what was right in God’s eyes, and He honored her devotion to Him.

Your Table Cha will be _____.

As I call your name, please take the seat that _____ is indicating.

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Ladies, I give you the Table of Deborah.

The next table is the table of **Rahab**. Rahab hid the Jewish spies who had come into the land of Canaan to search out the Promised Land that God was about to give them. Although we do not know how Rahab came to possess her faith, she showed a great level of faith in the only True God. Even though she was a woman with a tainted past, after she put her faith in God, He blessed her and honored her trust in Him, and didn’t care about her past. She is mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus in the line of David. Although she was not a child of Israel, God allowed her to be a part of His family.

Your Table Cha will be _____.

As I call your name, please take the seat that _____ is indicating.

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Ladies, I give you the Table of Rahab.

Next is the table of **Naomi**. Naomi means pleasant, delightful lady. She must also have been a fine example of a Godly woman, for Ruth's understanding of Living God had to have been learned from Naomi. Ruth was the woman chosen to be the great grandmother of King David.

Your Table Cha will be _____.

As I call your name, please take the seat that _____ is indicating.

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Ladies, I give you the Table of Naomi.

Next is the Table of **Hannah**. Hannah was a woman of great faith who was childless. Barrenness in the Jewish tradition was viewed as a curse from God. She went to the Temple to pray. While there, she prayed so fiercely that her lips moved, but no words came out. The Temple priest, Eli, thought she was drunk! Once he learned of her plight, he told her to go in peace, for the God of Israel would grant her petition. When she had her child, she dedicated him to the service of God, and her son, Samuel, was one of the priests of the Old Testament.

Your Table Cha will be _____.

As I call your name, please take the seat that _____ is indicating.

1.	5.
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4.	8.

Ladies, I give you the Table of Hannah.

The next table is the Table of **Abigail**. Abigail showed herself to be a woman of understanding. God used her to protect King David from causing bloodshed. Not only did she have the discernment to keep David from sin, but she also had great character to take responsibility for a situation that was not really her fault. Abigail proved worthy of becoming the Queen of King David.

Your Table Cha will be _____.

As I call your name, please take the seat that _____ is indicating.

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Ladies, I give you the Table of Abigail.

Last, but certainly not least, is the Table of **Mary**. Even though she was young, she possessed incredible faith and purity. She is called most blessed among women, for she was the mother of Christ Jesus, God in flesh, Savior of the World.

Your Table Cha will be _____.

As I call your name, please take the seat that _____ is indicating.

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Ladies, I give you the Table of Mary.

***** FOR YOUNG MEN’S WEEKENDS *****

The first table is the Table of **Timothy**. While Timothy was a young man, the Apostle Paul commended the faith that he possessed - faith that he learned his mother and grandmother. Paul understood the difficulties that are often encountered by young leaders, and encouraged him to fulfill the ministry that God had entrusted to him. Timothy was a leader because he listened to God, and not to man.

Your Table Cha will be _____.

As I call your name, please take the seat that _____ is indicating.

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Gentlemen, I give you the Table of Timothy.

The next table is the Table of **David**. While there are many things that David is famous for - killing Goliath and reigning over Israel to name only two - it would seem that the greatest characteristic of David is that he was “a man after God’s own heart”. David understood responsibility, but he cherished relationship. While it is true that he made many mistakes, it is truer still that he wished to dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Your Table Cha will be _____.

As I call your name, please take the seat that _____ is indicating.

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Gentlemen, I give you the Table of David.

Next is the Table of **Daniel**. When Daniel found himself in a strange land, he demonstrated the courage of his convictions by requesting that he not be made to defile himself. Daniel was able to stand for God, and was therefore granted the ability to calmly rest in the presence of those the world said he should fear - even lions!

Your Table Cha will be _____.

As I call your name, please take the seat that _____ is indicating.

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Gentlemen, I give you the Table of Daniel.

The next table is the Table of **Jonathan**. Jonathan is one of the clearest representations that we have of what true friendship is meant to be. Jonathan stood by his commitment to his God, and to his friend, David. In so doing, he allowed us to catch a glimpse of the commitment that the Lord has for us, and gives us an idea of the self-sacrificing love that our friend, Jesus, showers on us.

Your Table Cha will be _____.

As I call your name, please take the seat that _____ is indicating.

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Gentlemen, I give you the Table of Jonathan.

The next table is the Table of **James**. When we look to the New Testament for men bearing this name, we find two brothers - the brother of John, and the brother of Jesus. Both were men who understood the value of brotherhood. While James, the brother of Jesus, seems to have come to faith late, he is the author of the Book of James, and serves to remind us that faith that is not accompanied by action is of little value.

Your Table Cha will be _____.

As I call your name, please take the seat that _____ is indicating.

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Gentlemen, I give you the Table of James.

Last, but not least, is the Table of **Stephen**. Stephen was the first person named as a deacon in Acts, chapter six, and was said to be a man full of faith and the Holy

Spirit. This fullness allowed him to keep his eyes focused on Jesus, even as the stones that brought his death were hurled at him.

Your Table Cha will be _____.

As I call your name, please take the seat that _____ is indicating.

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Gentlemen, I give you the Table of Stephen.

8:20 pm

After all candidates are seated:

Thank you. You will now have about this much time (**finger time**) to get to know one another and to select a "nickname" for your table for this weekend.

Any nickname that is clean, legal, and acceptable to the members of your table is o.k. Please make a sign for your table name using the poster board that your Table Cha will give you.

Is there anyone who did not fill out an information sheet at sendoff? If so, your Table Cha will give you one now.

Allow approximately 10 minutes for discussion and poster making. Give two minute warning.

8:35 pm

Director

Table Chas, please pass out the "Pilgrim's Guides".

Please put your name on the front of the booklet being given to you. Keep this book with you this weekend, wherever you go, because we will be using it often.

It is now time for the first talk of the evening. Except for the talks given by Spiritual Directors, all the talks we will hear this weekend are being given by people just like you. They are not professional speakers. They are people just

like you who have volunteered to give of themselves this weekend to share with you. What they will share with you may sometimes be of a personal nature and we need to respect the confidentiality of what they have to say. What is said in this room needs to stay in this room.

Please give the speakers your undivided attention as they speak, and avoid getting up and moving around during the talks. It may be a good idea to take notes so you can use them during your table discussions.

Pause

Music Cha - Lead song prior to talk.

Please stand (or remain standing) and turn to page 14 in your Pilgrim's Guide.

Candle lighter - light candle. Director greet speaker, hug them and give them the pocket cross. (NOTE - there are slight differences here between boy's and girl's weekends).

IDEALS TALK: _____

After the talk, hug the speaker and get back the pocket cross.

8:55 pm

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Please take a moment for silent meditation to think about how this talk might apply to your life.

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STANDARD DISCUSSION/POSTER TIME:

- Talk _____ minutes**
- Silent meditation 1 minutes**
- Discussion/posters 20 minutes**
- (Give 2 minute warning for poster wrap-up)**

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You now have about this much time (**finger time**) to discuss the points of the talk with the others at your table.

Table Chas, please hand out the poster paper and markers.

Please draw a picture of what this talk says to you as a table. Also, please make sure that everyone at your table participates in the making of your poster. In a few minutes, I will ask each table to come to the front as a group.

One person should be prepared to present your table's nickname and explain why it was chosen.

One of you should be prepared to present a summary of your discussion and one of you should present your poster to us and describe its meaning. Don't worry about who you choose, all of you will have an opportunity to present a summary or a poster before the weekend is over.

9:10 pm

It is time for the poster presentations. As I call your table, please come to the front as a group and everyone stay at the front until you are all finished.

When you come up, we would first like all of you to introduce yourselves by giving us your name, the church you attend, the name of your school, if you are in school, and the name of your table. We would also like for you to tell us something unique about yourself. Then have someone present your table name,

someone summarize your discussion and someone present your poster.

Youth Director

Table of: (David / Rahab) _____
(Jonathan / Hannah) _____
(Stephen / Mary) _____
(Timothy / Deborah) _____
(Daniel / Naomi) _____
(James / Abigail) _____

9:40 pm

After last table presents:

Director:

We will now take a short break. Please stay in this room, or if you do need to go to the bathroom, go and come right back.

Kitchen Chas should bring in snack trays during this break.

9:55 pm

Have Music Cha lead a song or two.

After all have returned:

Please stand and turn to page 14 in your Pilgrim's Guide.

Candle lighter - light candle. Greet the speaker, hug them and give them the pocket cross.

10:00 pm

NEW LIFE TALK: _____

After the talk, hug the speaker and get back the pocket cross.

10:20 pm

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Please take a moment for silent meditation to think about how this talk might apply to your life.

PAUSE

You now have this much time (**finger time**) to discuss the points of this talk with the others at your table. We will not be doing a poster for this talk.

10:30 pm

Music Cha - lead one song.

Please stand and turn to page 14 in your Pilgrim's Guide.

Candle lighter - light candle. Greet speaker, hug them and give them pocket cross.

PRODIGAL TALK: _____

After the talk, hug the speaker and get back the pocket cross.

11:00 pm

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Please take a moment for silent meditation to think about how this talk might apply to your life. Also, remember our commitment to confidentiality. The speaker that you have just heard has shared his/her life in a special way - possibly sharing thing for the very first time. They have trusted you in a very special way. Please honor their openness by holding the contents of this talk in complete confidence.

You now have this much time (**finger time**) to discuss the points of this talk with your (brothers / sisters) at your table. We will not be doing a poster for this talk.

11:15 pm

Youth Director: ring bell to end discussion.

We will now take a short break ***(FINGER TIME)** - you may go to the bathroom if you need to, otherwise stay in this room. The next break will be a long time off, so take advantage of this opportunity to use the restrooms.

11:30 pm

CRUCIFIXION SERVICE: _____

Conference Room Supplies:

Votive candles for tables with lighters

Mirrors for tables

Pellon strips and markers

Watch with second hand for Youth Director.

Flashlight for Youth Director, if needed

Chapel Supplies:

Basin for burning strips

Urn to carry ashes to chapel

Kitchen set up:

65 chairs in circle, extras along the wall for team

General outline of service:

- **Introduction of talk with explanation of the mirror process**
- **Self-examination with mirrors. Table Chas will bring out candles and mirrors to tables. Lights will be turned off. Youth Director will ring bell every minute to signal to move the mirror.**
- **Spiritual Director will instruct candidates to write those**

- things that God has revealed on the strips and then follow him in silence to the dining room.**
- The strips will be tied onto one of the other Spiritual Directors, and the candidates will be taken to the chapel for the reading of the Passion story.**
 - After this reading, the candidates are brought back to the dining room and are instructed to remove a strip, but not theirs.**
 - They are then led past a burning basin and allowed to burn the strips and are led back to the chapel for the conclusion of the service.**

12:30 am

At the closing of chapel -

Youth Director:

Let us pray:

Lord, we offer this prayer for those who may resist your mercy and grace. We offer this prayer so that we can make good use of our time on this Vida Nueva weekend. We offer this prayer for those who feel they need it the most, and we offer this prayer for the one who thinks (he / she) needs it the least. We offer this prayer for those who are sacrificing themselves for our sake on this weekend.

Amen

Pause

Director:

Listen to this message from Jesus: Listen (sons / daughters) of God. I have picked you ahead of everyone else and I have called you to be here this weekend in my company because I want you and I love you. Because I love you, I need you. I am your God and I want to be your friend. The world in which you live is more demanding than I am. It is not coincidence that you are here. It was not a friend,

not a parent, not a pastor that chose you, it was I, the Lord your God.

This weekend will depend on your idealism, your cooperation, and your spirit of love. Try to be the most cheerful, the most optimistic, the most courageous, and the most friendly...try to be the most enthusiastic of all.

Forget about everything else. Forget about time. Forget your own name and the importance you attach to it. Let those who do not already know what it is to live in my name, my friendship, my grace, see it in your life.

Use this time well. Be on time when the bell rings. If you will give me your idealism, your cooperation, and your love, you are going to have a very special weekend.

Pause

Continue to listen to what Jesus says:

For everything you need, I am here. Come to this chapel anytime you want to. In your school, your work, your family, have you lost or gained? In all these things, have you been satisfied?

Understand that from now on, I want you to be one of my faithful ones. From here on, I am counting on you. What are you counting on? I am here for your. Rest in Me this weekend.

Pause

Youth Director:

Please turn to page 5 in your Pilgrim's Guide and pray with me.

Lead Prayer:

O GOD, Father of light, we confess to You and to each other and to all the faithful in heaven and earth, that another day has passed and that we have fallen short in action, word, and thought of being all that You have made us to be.

*O GOD, have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Bring us to life everlasting.
AMEN*

Director:

We are now going to bed. We are all tired and we need rest, so that we may enjoy the full benefit of the second day of our Vida Nueva weekend.

Each day of Vida Nueva has a theme. The theme for tomorrow is "Rise in Christ".

Before we can rise with Christ we must die to self. That has been the theme for this evening, "Dying to self." The goal has been to build a community of faith in which we can experience an encounter with Christ. You alone can answer whether or not you have contributed to this goal. I hope that you have given serious consideration to dying to self so that you may rise in Christ, not only tomorrow, but for the rest of your life.

If anyone would like to remain in the chapel and talk to a pastor, please feel free to do so.

It has been a long and intense evening. Many of you were up early this morning and had a long day at school or work before even coming here. All of us are tired.

Tomorrow is another full day and we will rise early.

Try to get some sleep. Remember to be considerate of others. Don't do anything that others might not appreciate. Once you go to your room, please go immediately to bed. If you need assistance during the night, contact your dorm cha. There will also be adults awake throughout the night praying and walking the building and grounds. If you need to leave your room, they will be available to assist you.

When we wake you in the morning, you will have this long **(finger time for thirty minutes)** to get dressed and meet back here in the chapel.

Your cooperation and generosity were great today. I'm looking forward to spending another great day with you tomorrow. Remember if you need anything, just ask one of the team members.

Get some sleep. Get a good night's rest. Good night (sons / daughters) of God, see you in the morning.

After all candidates have left, have team meeting in dining room. At least have a group to pray for special needs and next day's Speakers. Remind team of "no practical jokes". Other items at the Director's option.

Friday Script revised for COC send-up
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