VIDA NUEVA INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCRIPT

7:30 am

When all have gathered in the chapel, have Music Chas lead one song.

Director:

Good morning (brothers / sisters) in Christ. I hope you had a good night's rest.

Friday, we looked at dying to self so that we can rise in Christ. Saturday, we looked at what it means to live a life in grace and in the abundance of Jesus' love. It is not enough that we live the life of grace, but we must pass the love of Jesus on to those that we meet and greet as we go through each day. Jesus says in John 20:21, "As the Father has sent Me, I now send you...You shall be My witnesses...to the ends of the earth." Today we will look at going forth in Christ.

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

CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST MEDITATION:

Youth Director:

We have another full day ahead of us. Let us prepare for that day by spending a few minutes in prayer. Please turn to page 4 in your Pilgrim's Guide and pray with me.

O LORD, support us all the day long in this mortal life.

We give You our thoughts. We give You our actions. We ask You to use them for Your purposes.

When evening comes and we need our rest, give us a safe lodging place and a holy rest and peace at last.

We pray this in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ.

Amen

Now, let's spend a few moments in silent meditation.

7:55 am

Amen.

Please follow me to breakfast.

Sing Grace. After breakfast, sing Thanksgiving.

8:20 am

Please take about this much time (finger time for 10 minutes) for a bathroom break and then gather in the chapel, when you hear the bell.

8:30 am

Youth Head Cha: ring bell to gather in the chapel.

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Worship and Communion.

Youth Director:

Lead prayer:

Please bow your heads.

Lord, we pray for this day, that it may be lived to your glory. We give you our idealism, our cooperation, our love. We know that you would do for us even if we, as we often do, do nothing for you. We pray for the needs of the Church. We pray for all the clergy. We pray for our nation. We pray for the president and all the leaders of our government, national, state, and local.

We pray for the problems each one of us has, and for the one who has the tremendous problem of not having any problems at all. We pray for the one among us who needs your help the most, and we pray for the one among us who thinks (he / she) needs it the least.

We pray for those who have sacrificed for us this weekend and who will continue to sacrifice for us throughout the day.

Amen.

We will meet in the conference room after a short break (finger time for 5 to 10 minutes). Please listen for the bell.

9:40 am

Youth Head Cha: ring bell to gather in the conference room.

Have Music Cha lead one or two upbeat songs while candidates gather. Sunday - Page 3 of 15

Youth Director:

The Table Chas are handing out 3x5 cards. After the next talk, you will have a chance to ask questions. If you have a question write it down on the card and give it to your Table Cha. The Table Cha will give it to the speakers and they will answer it.

9:45 am

Please stand and turn to page 14.

Candle lighter - light candles. Candle lighter or Asst Head Cha greet speakers, hug them and give them the pocket cross.

MARRIAGE TALK: _____

Question and answer session

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

10:45 am

Youth Director:

We will now take a short restroom break, this long (finger time for 15 minutes)

11:00 am

Youth Head Cha ring bell to return to conference room.

Have Music Chas lead one or two songs while candidates gather.

Youth Director:

After the next talk, you will have another chance to ask questions. Does anybody need more cards? (Have Table Chas hand out, if needed)

PALANCA BREAK

11:05 am

Please stand and turn to page 14.

Candle lighter - light candles. Candle lighter or Asst Head Cha greet speaker, hug them and give them the pocket cross.

SINGLE LIFE TALK: _____

Question and answer session.

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

Youth Director:

We have just enough time for a short restroom break. Please go quickly and come right back.

12:10 pm

Youth Head Cha: ring bell to return to conference room.

PALANCA BREAK

12:20 am

Please stand and turn to page 14.

Candle lighter - lighter candle. Candle lighter or Director greet speaker, hug them, and give them the pocket cross.

CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD:

Hug speaker and get back the pocket cross

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

We will now take a short break. Please return promptly when you hear the bell.

12:40 pm

Youth Head Cha: ring bell to return to conference room.

Director: Have music and worship until time for lunch.

Please rise and follow me to lunch.

Sing grace.

Sing thanksgiving.

We will now take a break this long (**finger time for 20 minutes**) for you to go to your rooms and make sure that all your things are packed and on your bed. If you have already done this, you can just hang out in here, or go outside the conference room, but please do not leave the general area. When I ring the bell, it will be time to meet in the conference room.

1:35 pm

Youth Head Cha: ring bell to gather in conference room.

Music Cha lead one or two songs while candidates gather.

Please stand and turn to page 14.

1:45 pm

Candle lighter - light candles. Candle lighter or Director - greet speaker, hug them, and give them the pocket cross.

CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION:

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

Youth Director:

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

PAUSE

You will now have a few minutes to discuss this talk with your (brothers / sisters) at your table.

This would be a good time for palanca.

Allow discussion time, depending on how you are doing on the schedule.

2:15 pm

Director

There are some other team members who have given of themselves for us this weekend that we have not introduced. Would the Silent Table Leaders please stand. These (men / women) have agreed to be one of you this weekend, even though like all the other team members, they have been through a weekend before. Would the Silent Table Leaders introduce yourselves.

After Table Leader introductions:

There is one other team member I would like to introduce. Part of the preparation for being Director is to attend the weekend before the one you lead in order to meet the candidates and make notes that will help you in leading a weekend. That person is called the Rover cha. I would like to introduce our Rover Cha, and the Director of Young (Men's/Women's) Vida Nueva #_____, _______.

If you would be interested in serving on the next weekend, be sure to let ______know.

PASS OUT SERVICE CARDS.

We are passing out what we call "Service Cards". These cards will be explained to you in the next talk.

2:30 pm

Please stand and turn to page 14.

Candle lighter - light candles. Candle lighter or Director greet speaker, hug them and give them the pocket cross.

BEYOND VN:

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

Please take a few minutes to discuss this talk and the service card with those at your table.

<u>*3:00pm</u>

Director:

We have something else for you. You may have noticed that many of the team members are wearing crosses this weekend. Some of them are from Chrysalis, some are from TEC, some are from Tres Dias, Emmaus, and other weekends. Some are from Vida Nueva. The different crosses show the diversity of weekends represented among the team that God put together to serve you. We would like to give you your Vida Nueva crosses.

Youth Director: As we call you forward by tables, the Director will present your cross and give you a hug. Then, the Spiritual Directors will want to give you a hug, also, so just go down the line.

3:20 pm

Director:

We will now take a short restroom break (finger time for 5 to 10 minutes). When you hear the bell, please return promptly to the conference room.

3:30 pm

Youth Head Cha: ring bell to gather in conference room.

Music Cha lead singing while group re-gathers.

We have placed an information packet about this weekend, and about Vida Nueva, in general, on your table. There is also a web site that has information about upcoming events and community news. It is <u>www.ngvn.org</u>. Please write that down.

This packet contains a list of names and addresses. The list is organized by table. Please check your name, address, and telephone number and make sure they are correct. We will go around by table and get corrections.

Give a couple of minutes for them to check the information.

Call names of table to get corrections. Make sure the group can hear you.

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

Make sure a corrected copy is given to the Council Representative

After all corrections are made: Prepare room for distribution of palanca bags.

3:50 pm

Distribute palanca bags. Allow 15 minutes for candidates to read palanca letters. (You may adjust this time upwards if you find that you have more time on your hands. Closing is scheduled for 4:30.)

4:20 pm

Director:

The bag that you have just received contains a group of letters. You will find several wrapped in a rubber band. Please read those first.

After the candidates have had time to read several letters.

May I have your attention? I know that you have other letters to read, but we have a couple of things we still have to do today. Please put all your letters back in your bag for now.

Pause

Do you remember how you felt on Friday as you came here?

Remember the mixed feelings, the nervousness, the anticipation. Some of your friends, family, and acquaintances who have not been on a weekend like Vida Nueva will feel the same way you did.

You are going to be asked many questions. What is Vida Nueva? What is it like? What did you do? These are the same questions you may have asked before you came here. And now you know why those you questioned had such difficulty in answering. Vida Nueva is something that must be experienced, not explained. When someone asks you about Vida Nueva, be honest. However, I would caution you not to mention palanca, and the candlelighting/serenade. Feel free to tell people that you heard lots of talks given by adults and young people just like you. Tell them that you sang songs, worshipped, laughed a lot, met some new friends and shared in God's love together.

Let me remind you once again to respect the confidentiality of the talks. Those who came to speak to you, bared themselves to you, and they trust you to keep what you have heard to yourselves.

It is very important that in our enthusiasm, we guard against pushing anyone into Vida Nueva. Our actions and love should set an example to others that would make them want what we have. We should be careful that we don't act like Vida Nueva is a "church within a church". We should also be careful not to act like a clique, or that we are better than someone who has not had the opportunity to attend Vida Nueva.

The important thing is to share Christ with our friends and family. Vida Nueva is only a vehicle for sharing Christ's love; it is not "magic" in and of itself.

Be careful about saying things like "De Colores" around those who have not made a weekend. To them it may sound like a secret password! Vida Nueva is not a cult, it is only an experience.

I would like for you to take a couple of minutes to reflect on three last questions: The first is "What does Jesus mean to me now?" and the second is "What am I going to do about it?" The third is "what special moments have I had this weekend?"

After 2 or 3 minutes:

Please join hands around your table and join me in singing (Amazing Grace or Bind Us Together)

Director:

Please gather up all your belongings and follow me. Be sure to get everything

because we will not be coming back to this room.

4:30 pm

Lead candidates to closing - have them sing De Colores on the way to the dining room. As soon as everyone is in place in the dining room, have the Music Cha lead the weekend theme song or another song of your choice.

Vida Nueva of North Georgia CLOSING SCRIPT

Would you please stand and turn to page 14 in your Pilgrim's Guide.

Lead Meditation. "Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts.....

My name is _____

I worship (with my family) at ______. I attended ______ where I sat at the table of ______.

This weekend, I have been privileged to serve as Director for North Georgia Young (Men's / Women's) Vida Nueva #____.

Do we have any visiting clergy? If so, would you stand and introduce yourself.

We are now going to begin closing of Vida Nueva # _____ for Young (Men / Women). Welcome to all of you, and thank you for coming. God bless you.

I would like to remind you turn off your cell phones and pagers. Also, the use of cameras and recording equipment is not allowed during closing.

We had a wonderful weekend, but I will let the new butterflies tell about that in just a moment.

We will call you by tables to speak to us. When we call your table, all of you come up here together. One of you should explain the nickname of your table. Then everyone who would like to will have the opportunity to answer three questions for the community. The questions are "What does Jesus mean to me now?"; "What do I plan to do about it?" and "What special moments have I had this weekend?"

Don't worry about remembering them; I have placed them here on the podium. Sunday - Page 13 of 15 Butterflies, this is not the time to praise or thank anyone. Your sharing is all the thanks we need. Remember...only two minutes please.

This is not usually the time for team members to share, but we are going to let one them come up and answer the questions for us first. Would ______

_____ please come forward.

Pick someone who has been blessed or has been a special blessing during the weekend to do this.

Next, have Youth Director call the tables by name to come forward.

Youth Director:

My name is ______. I worship (with my family) at

_____. I attended ______

_____ where I sat at the table of ______.

This weekend, I have been privileged to serve as Youth Director.

As I call your table, please come to the front.

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

After each table is finished, stand and say "Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the Table of ______, before calling the next table.

After all have been called:

Director:

It is now my pleasure to introduce to you our Spiritual Directors for the weekend.

These men really went the extra mile in reaching out on a one on one basis to each

person here this weekend.

Write a short introduction about each pastor ahead of time. INTRODUCE HEAD SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR LAST.

Now I would like for you to meet the rest of God's team...would the team for North Georgia Young (Men's / Women's) Vida Nueva #_____ please stand.

There is another group of people without whom it would have been very difficult, if not impossible to have had this weekend. These people were here the night before you came to set things up and get the facilities ready for the weekend, and they will be here tonight long after we are gone, to reset everything and to clean up before we return the facilities to the Camp of Colors. These people are called the Set up/Take down team. Would the members of that team please stand.

Don't forget the next gathering. It will be held at *(location)*

_____ on *(date)* ______ at

(time) ______. Also, be sure to check our web site, <u>www.ngvn.org</u>, for upcoming events, community news, and applications for VN weekends.

And now I would like to introduce to you, the Director of the next Young Mens/Womens weekend. The Director for North Georgia Young Mens/Womens Vida Nueva Number ______ will be ______. Would ______ please stand.

Will everyone please stand and join hands in a circle around the room. Join us in singing ______ and then meet our new butterflies.

Sing Amazing Grace, Bind Us Together, or weekend theme song. # # #

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