

Vida Nueva

A Weekend for Teens

How To Start A New Community

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<http://www.vidanueva.net/>

Getting Started

1. Start with prayer
 - a. Engage in prayerful determination to fully understand God's will for Vida Nueva in your area.
2. Contact other communities in your area (Tres Dias, Cursillo, Emmaus, etc.)
 - a. Solicit prayer, financial, and/or physical support
 - b. Obtain names of people who would be willing to serve in starting your community as well as serve on the first teams.
 - c. Good resources for finding other communities in your area are:
 - i. www.vidanueva.net
 - ii. www.3dayol.org
 - iii. www.cursillos.ca/en/liens.htm
3. Contact a Vida Nueva Community to assist you with:
 - a. Possible planning Retreat
 - b. Materials and/or or other assistance
 - c. Team members ... possibly first Directors
 - d. Prayer and palanca
 - e. Earmarking a number of positions for butterflies, team members, and/or observers on upcoming weekends.
4. Organize a Steering Committee.
 - a. The structure should resemble a VN Council, at a minimum.
 - b. You would want a commitment to serve for one to two years after the first weekends.
 - c. This group should meet frequently with one person designated as the leader. This group should orchestrate the establishment of your community. They should also commit to constant and ongoing prayer for guidance in your efforts.
 - d. Seek God's timing for your community. Prayer and patience should go hand in hand. Be willing to wait upon the Lord and allow Him to guide. Do not be too eager to "start things moving" in your own way.
 - e. Ideally, the local Council should be operational for six to twelve months before undertaking a weekend rather than rushing unsuccessfully into one.
 - f. It is not the number of months that is important. What is important is to have a firm foundation upon which to build the VN community. Remember that God is in charge.
5. Contact Vida Nueva at www.vidanueva.net for
 - a. Statement of Faith
 - b. Essentials of Vida Nueva
 - c. Sample By-Laws
 - d. Links to other VN communities
 - e. Contacts for ordering supplies (crosses, Bibles, etc.)
 - f. Materials or links to materials depending on the model you will be using
6. Comply with local and national legal requirements (IRS, etc)
 - a. Incorporation

- b. Non-profit status – 501(3)(c)
- c. Mailing permits
- d. Insurance

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For further information contact:

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or visit our web-site: www.vidanueva.net