

# WAY OF CHRIST

APPLICATION FORM FOR A WAY OF CHRIST SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEKEND

## APPLICANT INFORMATION (PLEASE SEE NOTE ON REVERSE. RETURN TO YOUR SPONSOR WHEN COMPLETE.)

Name:		Nickname for name tag:	
Birthdate:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Address:			
City, State, ZIP:			
Email address:			
Your occupation:		Work Phone (if you wish):	
PLEASE INDICATE ANY SPECIAL MEDICATION OR DIETARY NEEDS, PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS, OR SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS YOU MAY NEED.			

Marital Status:		Spouse's Name:	
Please check one from below regarding spouse's attendance on a Way of Christ or similar 3 day weekend. Spouses are encouraged to apply together for consecutive weekends.			
Has attended: <input type="checkbox"/>	Will attend: <input type="checkbox"/>	Not currently planning to attend: <input type="checkbox"/>	

## CHURCH INFORMATION

Your Church:		Denomination:	
Church Address:		Church Phone:	
City, State, ZIP:		Pastor's Name:	
Your church involvement; list activities:			

## APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Applicant's Signature:		Date:	
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## PASTOR'S AFFIRMATION (PLEASE SEE "NOTE TO THE APPLICANT'S PASTOR" ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM)

Pastor's Signature:		Date:	
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## SPONSOR INFO (TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR. PLEASE SEE "NOTE TO THE APPLICANT'S SPONSOR" ON REVERSE.)

Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Email:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Date, Name & location of your first weekend:			

## SPONSOR CHECKLIST

Applicant's portion complete: <input type="checkbox"/>	\$45 Application fee enclosed: <input type="checkbox"/>	Pastor's Signature on form: <input type="checkbox"/>
Sponsor's Signature:		Date:

## SPONSOR: PLEASE SEND THIS FORM WITH THE APPLICATION FEE TO:

Ed & Lori Cole 601 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave Fulton, IL 61252	Questions? Contact us by phone or email: Lori cell: 563-212-6320    Email: edandlori@mchsi.com Ed cell: 563-212-6654    Email: ecole71@gmail.com
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## Way of Christ Application form

**Note to the applicant** There is no charge to you for the weekend. The total cost for the weekend, about \$150, has been covered by your sponsor's application fee of \$45 and by contributions from past weekend attendees who desired other persons to have the opportunity to attend as they did. At the close of the weekend you will have the opportunity to make a donation if finances permit, and if you are so inclined, to help offset the weekend cost for a future candidate.

**Note to the applicant's pastor** This member of your congregation has applied to attend an upcoming Way of Christ weekend, a lay movement of the Church of the Brethren, the Brethren Church, and the Mennonite Churches of Illinois. It is patterned after Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Via de Cristo, The Great Banquet, Tres Dias, and other similar Christian weekend retreats you may already be aware of. Way of Christ is designed to strengthen faith rather than provide spiritual conversion for a non-believer. These weekends provide faith renewal for Christians by grounding them more fully in God's grace and the disciplines of prayer, study, and service. The purpose of the weekend is for participants to return to their home churches renewed and better equipped to serve in their own congregations.

If you and the applicant are members of a denomination not mentioned above or of an independent congregation, rest assured that Way of Christ does not call persons away from their present affiliations; rather it calls them to walk with Christ in their present environments! At last count we have had attendees from over a dozen denominations, and from several independent congregations. We have found that people are invited along lines of friendship, wherever those lines exist within a congregation, a family, or through social and work associations.

We do hope that married persons will be able to attend consecutive weekends so that they can share the experience together. This can be a very positive thing. If one partner is unable to do this, but could at a later date, we encourage the couple to wait. If one partner simply does not desire to attend a weekend, then we encourage the spouse who wishes to attend to do so.

Some have asked why men's and women's weekends are separate. There are several reasons. Among these are: Most attendees have a family; it is far easier to make arrangements for one parent to be away for three full days, than for both. ... Experience has shown that weekend speakers, parts of whose presentations are personal experiences, feel much freer to share among those of their own sex. ... And, many weekend facilities are church camps which generally do not offer hotel-like lodging for couples.

If you do not have any hesitation about your parishioner's involvement in this weekend, we ask for your signature of support. If you do have any questions or concerns, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please call one of our spiritual directors about Way of Christ. They are Dan Rusmisl, 815/238-3421 or Cal Zehr, 815/646-4819, both ordained Mennonite ministers. By the way, although Way of Christ is a lay-led organization, there are usually three ordained/licensed ministers (always at least one of them an ordained minister) in attendance at each weekend. They take part in making presentations and leading worship, and make themselves available to those who simply wish to talk with a pastor.

Thank you for responding to our request.

**Note to the applicant's sponsor** No later than two weeks prior to the weekend, earlier if possible, please send this completed application along with a non-refundable deposit of \$45.00 (checks should be payable to "Way of Christ") to:

Ed and Lori Cole (Pre-weekend Committee)  
601 19<sup>th</sup> Ave  
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Email: [ecole71@gmail.com](mailto:ecole71@gmail.com)  
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Questions about Way of Christ? Contact:  
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