



PRESIDENT NLS
Nominee Information Form

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Home Secretariat: Western North Carolina Via de Cristo

Church Affiliation: Christ Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC

Weekend Attended (please include year): Western NC Women's #24 in the fall of 1990

First and foremost, pray for guidance before and while completing this form.

I have read through the current Job Description located at <https://viadecristo.org/job-desc/pres.pdf> and have a good understanding of what the position entails: Yes No

Are you active in a reunion group? Yes No If "No", Explain:

Any family information you would like to share: children: Lydia (19) and Josiah (14);
parents: Lois and Larry Witham

Experience with servant positions in churches: church council, treasurer, vision steering committee, spiritual leader for two capital campaigns, women's circle president, youth advisor, VBS leader, spiritual gifts workshop leader, various mission teams (Stewardship, Christian Education, Youth, Finance), synod delegate, 4th Day community coordinator, SS teacher, etc.

Your experience in your local Secretariat and VdC weekends: served on WNC secretariat in Pre-Via de Cristo and National Delegate positions, ultreya host chair, congregational ambassador, planned and assisted in facilitating first Region 6 retreat, served on ~25 weekends

Your experience on behalf of the NLS in attending and working: NLS VPA July 2010-July 2014, Executive Director selection committee, attended many national gatherings – 10 as delegate or NLS board member, 2017 national gathering host committee leadership team

Computer skills: Word, Excel, Email, Power Point, Zoom, MS Teams, GoToMeetings

Your experience as a leader of an organization/ministry: NC Synod call committee trainer, served on TEC and Presbyterian Pilgrimage teams, leader for local Happy Birthday Jesus ministry for 18 years, Hands on Charlotte past board member, Girl Scout (GS) troop leader, GS district leader, GS council trainer, GS recruitment leader

Your experience with event planning, attention to details and visioning, setting agendas and running meetings: planned 4 national gatherings as VPA plus one as a member of the Host Committee core leadership team, planned and led multiple other large events, very detail oriented, strong visionary, through vocation as a Price Waterhouse consulting manager, Bank of America Senior Change Manager and many people and work manager roles with Hewitt/AON/Alight Solutions – have set agendas and facilitated meetings for more than 25 years

Your experience with managing from a distance: I've worked from home for the last 20 years and managed people/work teams for more than 30 years; since 2015, I've specifically been responsible for managing the work of 25 or more people geographically dispersed throughout India, Poland, Canada, Texas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Georgia, Virginia and North Carolina

Communication skills/experience: excellent communication skills, table leader/speaker on more than 15 4th Day weekends; presented sermons at church and witness stories at ultreyas

Other experience which would help you as the NLS President: patient, kind, humble, wise servant regularly seeking to live and serve according to His will

Special interests: spending quality time with my family playing games/cards, doing puzzles and attending Christian concerts; writing and scrapbooking

How do you see the position of President promoting and supporting the growth and health of the Via de Cristo ministry? As a movement, Via de Cristo will healthily grow as personal relationships are cultivated and strengthened as we each individually share our lives and experiences with one another. As President, I will promote this through living it. I will encourage Secretariats and 4th Day movements to share their successes and challenges with each other.

Why do you feel that you are well suited to serve in this position? I've been active in Via de Cristo's ministry for over 30 years. I have a wealth of national level historical Via de Cristo knowledge. God has blessed me with spiritual gifts including leadership, administration, and discernment. By working together and putting all our gifts passionately to use in our common mission, we will accomplish great things for Christ.

Signature: *Carolyn Witham*

Date: July 10, 2021