

VIDA NUEVA (VN) OF MAINE

Do you sometimes feel along as a Christian?

Are you yearning for a family of believers to support and encourage you?

Are you eager to know Christ more personally as your Savior and friend, but not sure where to turn? Read on! This may be for you!

Vida Nueva of Maine is a community of youth seeking to follow and know God more. This is not a substitute for youth group, church, or any other Christian fellowship group. We are an interdenominational weekend where one particular denominational doctrine or theology is preached. We focus on what unites us in Jesus Christ and not what divides us. No one will walk away knowing all of life's answers or God's entire plan for their lives. The goals of these weekends are:

- To provide youth with tools for seeking God's will and guidance.
- To further understand, live in, and share the love of our Heavenly Father; and
- To be introduced to the family of believers committed to caring and praying for each other and the world.

The Weekend

Vida Nueva of Maine is a cloistered weekend experience for Christians aged 15 to 50 years of age based on the Tres Dias, adult, weekend model. Young men and women "live" separate weekends which run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon at Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop, ME. Throughout the weekend those involved live, laugh, fellowship, and study together and grow in their faith individually, and as a community. They also learn more of the joys and responsibilities that come with living in a committed relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Team (leaders) on each weekend are there as servants dedicating months of prayer, planning, and work to the candidates before, during, and after the weekend. Team members have all previously lived a **Vida Nueva**, or Tres Dias equivalent weekend. Both youth and adults serve on Team. With the exception of two Clergy, Spiritual Directors, all of the Team Members are Laity from various churches around New England. There are 14 talks given by youth, adults, and clergy over the course of the weekend. Topics cover such topics as: Ideals, God's Love, Christian Life, Faith, Marriage, and Single Life. Each talk is geared toward life in today's world for Christian youth. In addition to the talks on the weekend, candidates experience times of music, worship, personal prayer, Holy Communion (in Protestant tradition), and lots and lots of fellowship (and great food!).

Though modeled and encouraged by Tres Dias, **Vida Nueva** is a separate and unique experience that can only be lived once in a lifetime. Those who have lived a **Vida Nueva** weekend as a youth are invited and encouraged to live a Tres Dias (adult) weekend after their 21st birthday.

The Sending Forth

After the weekend, as a VNER, youth are encouraged to go out as beacons of light into their churches and communities, refreshed and renewed for service. There are many ways to stay connected to the VN community. To stay connected, youth are encouraged to participate in reunion type gatherings held sporadically throughout the state, or in smaller local groups. There are also some joint events with the larger Tres Dias family, as well as some specifically for **Vida Nueva**. Youth can also prayerfully consider going to VN Leaders School and serving on the Team of a future weekend. They can be part of an extensive state(s)wide prayer chain. Through strengthening the members, whole body will become stronger in their schools, jobs, families, churches, communities, and friendships.

How to Get Involved

PRAY!! **Vida Nueva** is not meant for everyone – only those seeking God's love and will more deeply, Jesus' friendship more earnestly, and the Holy Spirit's guidance more clearly. Each VN weekend experience begins with the attitude each

person brings to it. Upon deciding to participate, have someone who has lived a **Vida Nueva**, Tres Dias, or similar three-day weekend sponsor you. Maybe the person who gave you this brochure! That person, your sponsor, will commit to long-term prayer and support for you in your walk with Christ.

Then continue to pray for direction to receive the guidance, love, lessons, and experiences God has planned for you and your new brothers and sisters in Christ.



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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)