

2023 Annual Report of the Region 7 Coordinator

Two years into my tenure as Region 7 Coordinator has continued to be a pleasure for me to serve the secretariats of this region and develop stronger relationships with their leadership. I have tried to make it clear that I'm available to them at any time and I'm happy to say that some of them have reached out to me with questions and/or concerns. Although we have not set up any regular Zoom meetings for just our region, I'm happy to see that many of them attend NLS President John Aclin's Lay Director Roundtable Zoom meetings and I'm able to see them and hear their questions or hear their comments in this format.

Region 7 consists of the following secretariats:

- Gold Coast VdC
- Indian River VdC
- Lighthouse VdC
- Sonbeam VdC
- Sonshine North VdC
- Sonshine VdC of South Florida

It seems like most of our secretariats are getting back to normal since Covid. Attendance on weekends has been pretty good and people are meeting in-person for training, Ultreyas and other events. Below is a summary of the weekends we have had so far through June 2023.

- Gold Coast VdC Men's #102 – March 23 thru March 26, 2023
- Gold Coast VdC Women's #102 – April 20 thru April 23, 2023
- Indian River VdC Men's #72 – April 20 thru April 23, 2023
- Indian River VdC Women's #72 – May 4 thru May 7, 2023
- Lighthouse VdC Men's #58 – March 9 thru March 12, 2023
- Lighthouse VdC Women's #58 – March 23 thru March 26, 2023
- Sonbeam VdC Co-Ed #6 – May 4 thru May 7, 2023
- Sonshine North VdC Co-Ed #14 – April 27 thru April 30, 2023

Our Lighthouse Secretariat had to postpone their fall weekends last year due to Hurricane Ian that caused a lot of flooding in the New Smyrna area as well as the devastation it did to the southwest coast of the peninsula. I'm happy to report that they are back on track and going strong.

I don't think there were any reports of people becoming ill with Covid this year. However, there was an issue with one of our secretariats being on the verge of splitting over some morality and leadership issues. Several folks from that community spoke with me about the various complaints they had. I listened patiently to them and tried to offer them guidance and suggestions on how to move forward together in Christian peace and love. Things got better with new Lay Directors in leadership, and I see hope for reconciliation and healing.

I have seen an example of cooperation in our secretariats working together to help each other out this year, which has been encouraging to me. Sonbeam was short a few Pilgrim's Guides for their spring weekend and Indian River graciously overnighted what they needed. Then Indian River needed more team members to cover their spring weekends. So, some folks from Lighthouse stepped up to help.

Plans for weekends later this year are:

- Gold Coast VdC Men's #103 – September 28 thru October 1, 2023
- Gold Coast VdC Women's #103 – October 19 thru October 22, 2023
- Indian River VdC Men's #73 – September 14 thru September 17, 2023
- Indian River VdC Women's #73 – October 19 thru October 22
- Lighthouse VdC Men's #59 – October 12 thru October 15, 2023
- Lighthouse VdC Women's #59 – October 19 thru October 22, 2023
- Sonbeam VdC Co-Ed #7 – November 9 thru November 12, 2023
- Sonshine North VdC Co-Ed #15 – October 12 thru October 15, 2023
- Sonshine VdC of South Florida Women's #124 – August 24 thru August 27
- Sonshine VdC of South Florida Men's #126 – November 16 thru 19, 2023

God loves you and so do I,
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