

2023 Annual Report of the Vice President for Outreach (VPO)

The 2022/2023 year has been another year of ups and downs. We have had many secretariats hold successful weekends. There are several secretariats planning renewal and/or training events. And sadly we have had a few secretariats decide to close their doors, or limit their events to Ultreyas only. Together with the Regional Coordinators and John Aclin, President of the NLS, we have supported the communities around the country through email, phone calls and in-person meetings. I am continually grateful for the hard work and dedication of the Regional Coordinators. John continues to hold Lay Director Zoom calls, while the RCs hold quarterly sessions with the Lay Directors. I hold regular meetings with the RCs as well. These calls and connections continue to lead to important discussions about how to accommodate necessary changes without sacrificing Via de Cristo essentials. We welcome these discussions and encourage communities to share how they are facing their challenges with one another. The RCs have put forward some suggestions on how to reach out and better assist the communities. Watch for more information in the months to come.

At last year's AG we were able to re-engage Pam Gross as Regional Coordinator for Region 4. Also following the AG, Cindy Perkins stepped down as RC for Region 3 and Jerry Gray replaced her. We thank Cindy for her years of service. We welcome Jerry and Pam with our appreciation for their continued commitment to Via de Cristo. Unfortunately, we still have not been able to find an RC for Region 2. In addition, Rose Briggs will be ending her tenure as RC for Region 5. Therefore, we are ardently seeking dedicated individuals to serve as RC for 2 and 5. If anyone is interested, please contact me at Karenweires@gmail.com.

Our community continues to move forward post-COVID. We look forward to more in-person events in 2024.

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Respectfully Submitted

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