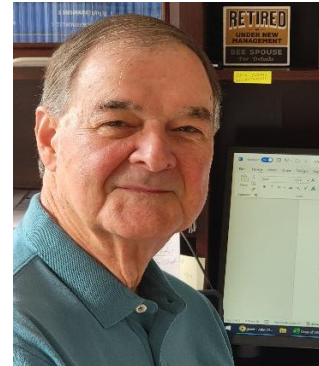


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The total pilgrim count in 2023 for Region Six was 100 (11 weekends), compared to 67 in 2022, 7 in 2021, 46 in 2020 and 141 in 2019. For the first half of 2024, Region Six has had 58 pilgrims in the six weekends held. Six more weekends are scheduled for the fall of 2024. We are recovering from the Covid 19 shutdown but we're not back yet. And we have an optimistic attitude that we can continue to grow our pilgrim counts if we simply are obedient to God's call on our lives to share His love with others.



Here is a brief summary of the 2023/2024 activity within the Region 6 Secretariats:

- **Atlanta VdC** – I am sad to report that the Atlanta VdC movement, after 50+ years, has decided to end their movement. It was a hard decision that did not come easily but they chose to close their movement in March of 2024. They held a “Homecoming” Ultreya on March 9, 2024 with about 80 people in attendance. Atlanta VdC has not held a pilgrim weekend since before Covid 19, but the Atlanta VdC movement was the original movement in Region Six and has served 4,186 pilgrims (7th highest in the USA). They started in the early 70’s (from Miami Cursillo) and reached out and started the “Cursillo” movement in North Carolina in 1976 which soon thereafter split into Eastern NC and Western NC movements due to geography. Then the WNC movement later started the Tennessee and South Carolina VdC movements. 14,809 pilgrims have made their weekends in Region Six movements over the past 50+ years and the Atlanta movement started it all. Please pray for the Atlanta VdC cursillistas as they grieve the end of their movement. This brings to mind John 12:24 which says “.....unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.” Dear Lord, may new life spring up out of all of the fruitful work that the Atlanta VdC has done.
- **Eastern North Carolina VdC** – The Eastern NC movement is getting back up to speed as they missed holding weekends for 2 ½ years during Covid 19. The ENC movement holds mixed (men & women) weekends almost exclusively. They were the first movement to hold a mixed weekend back in the mid-1980’s. They held two weekends in 2023 and served 35 pilgrims. The pattern they are currently using is two weekends each year in February and September. They have also held 2 renewal weekends in the past two years and have plans to do more in the future. Their Secretariat holds 11 meetings per year – 4 in person and the rest virtually. The president (lay director) of the ENC movement is Doug Austin.

- **South Carolina VdC** – South Carolina VdC held one weekend in September of 2023 and served 10 guests. They also held a weekend in May of 2024 with 11 guests. Their Secretariat continues to meet virtually about 10 times per year. They have at least two Ultreyas per year and hope to have three this year. Debbie Kopitskie is the new Lay Director for SCVdC.
- **Tennessee VdC** - Tennessee VdC held two mixed weekends in 2023 and served 20 pilgrims. TN VdC has consistently held a spring and fall weekend each year followed by an Ultreya shortly after each weekend. Weekend teams average about 40 team members. Their annual meeting is held in September each year. John McCay is the Lay Director of the Secretariat which continues to meet 12 times a year, including 3 in person.
- **Western NC VdC** - Western NC VdC holds six weekends per year with men's, women's & mixed weekends held in the winter/spring and summer/fall seasons. Six weekends are scheduled again for 2024 and 2025. Led by Lay Director, Gary Roseman, the WNCVdC Secretariat meets 11 times a year and has scheduled 8 months to meet virtually and 3 months to meet in person. Four Ultreyas have been held in the past year, roughly quarterly, all in-person, with total attendance exceeding 300 people. Over the past year, WNCVdC has held a total of six weekends that served 37 pilgrims. WNCVdC continues to use the strategy to keep the 4th Day community strong by building 6 teams each year.

The Via de Cristo movement as well as many of our churches are being challenged today to persevere. Hebrews 10:36 tells us – “You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised”. James tells us in chapter 1, verses 1–3: “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” Via de Cristo builds strong Christian leaders for our churches and our environments. Let's persevere!

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