

2026 Annual Report - Region 5

De Colores!

I have enjoyed working with the region this past year and getting to know more people.

Here is a snapshot of the year for the Region 5 secretariats:

- **Lutheran VdC of Central Michigan** had a set of weekends in the fall and in April There were a total of 77 candidates. (Wow! 😊)
- **Good News** had 2 Fall weekends and also had 2 weekends in April with more pilgrims than they have had in recent years and there is a new sense of excitement and enthusiasm in the secretariat.
- **Vineyard**
 - 2 weekends this spring, with the men's weekend being almost full.
 - Last fall they had a Vineyard Beyond Weekend event to help strengthen their community including table leader skills and deepening prayer techniques. These events have continued to grow and thrive, creating meaningful opportunities for encouragement, leadership development, discipleship, and deeper connection within our community. The workshops have become an important part of sustaining and strengthening our Fourth Day walk together.
 - They are holding another event November 13-14.
 - A successful spring ultreya with more than 99 in attendance
- **Living Stones** had a co-ed weekend in the fall. Their April weekend has been bumped until this coming fall.
- **Journey in Faith** holds their co-ed weekend in October and has used RaiseRight for fundraising to help offset some costs of their weekends.
- **VdC of Ohio** held a co-ed weekend in August.
- **Damascus Road** - I am still looking for updates as of late.

Specific Prayer Requests

- **Living Stones:** Please continue to pray for our community as we have lost our long-time location (closing operations) for our weekends and we are urgently seeking another venue to hold our weekends.
- Assistance with encouraging and welcoming younger pilgrims
- Encouraging and working with busy spiritual directors.

I look forward to a successful annual gathering filled with much fun and fellowship as well as the year ahead.

Soli Deo gloria,
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