

## **2026 Region 7 Annual Report**

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**As July approaches, I am concluding the first year of my second stint as Region 7 Coordinator. Region 7 consists of 6 secretariats all in the State of Florida. Our secretariats are as follows:**

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

**While most of our secretariats continue to hold weekends, some have had to postpone a weekend or 2 due to lack of sufficient candidates. Others are consistently enjoying the blessing of quite a few participants each weekend. One thing that seems to be true across the board is related to the number of team members. We have found that most candidates are sponsored by team members each weekend and secretariates with larger teams have a good number of candidates each time.**

**Our secretariats have the same concerns and struggles as many around the USA. Some have an abundance of Spiritual Directors while others seem to have to use the same each weekend with the concern that they may burn out. Some have very talented musicians including both men and women whereas some have to rely simply on singing a cappella. Some have great attendance for Ultreyas and some don't. We all agree that sponsorship is a huge commitment not to be taken lightly and follow-through is a must. Gold Coast in West Palm Beach sent out a survey to gather information regarding members' gifting in order to encourage them to use those gifts in service to their community.**

**At least two of our secretariats are enjoying attracting younger men and women candidates to our weekends and one is in the process of putting together their very first TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekend for summer of 2027.**

**Many thanks to Pastor G. Karl and Jeanne Gaston who have been instrumental in working with Sonbeam near Tampa which has been struggling. Rather than allow them to fold, these faithful servants are moving that secretariat farther south to the Port Charlotte area where we hope it can be revived.**

**Overall, Florida is blessed to have VdC communities all around the state that are overflowing with faithful servant leaders who have a strong love for our Lord and a shared purpose to help others taste and see that He is good.**

**In His service,**

**Cindy Kirk**

**Region 7 Coordinator**