

Region 1 Annual Report

What a joy it is to serve Region 1! I have had the pleasure to visit my communities over the years and continue to be grateful for the relationships that have been formed. It is my prayer that we will all continue in all our actions to be that friend to one another.

As with many Secretariats, Region 1 has prayerfully considered each facet of upcoming weekends in 2020. With the global pandemic there was a deep concern for all of our brothers and sisters. Most of the Secretariats have decided to not hold weekends for the remaining 2020. Those decisions did not come easy and we felt a huge responsibility to those who placed us in the leadership role for our communities. The risk is simply too great.

With those decisions made we each find ourselves asking questions such as:

- How do we keep the momentum in a time of social distancing?
- How can we keep people engaged?
- How can we be a resource for our communities through prayer and grouping?
- How should we set up Zoom Ultreyas and Virtual Reunion Groups?
- What is possible?

All those questions our communities have discussed. We are fortunate to hold Region 1 Lay Directors phone conferences every couple of months. Those benefits are immense. First and most importantly, we get to know other brothers and sisters in Christ. Secondly, we bring new ideas and our struggles to one another. From any one of our phone conferences I can tell you that I walk away with an idea to help our community. It is amazing all the gifted people in our community and the ability to utilize those gifts to share with one another. What an amazing act of friendship! Thirdly, we share information – documents, outlines, schedules, and plans with each other and offer help to one another. We invite each other to our events. I was blessed to attend a weekend in Washington State this year and see one of the various flavors in our Region. I would encourage each of you to consider spreading your wings in the future. Lastly, we pray for each other. Isn't that what it's all about? We are to walk with others and love them.

This will be my last season as the Region 1 Coordinator and it has been such a wonderful journey! I have been blessed with our amazing communities, Light in the Desert, VdC of Western Washington, Oregon VdC, Utah VdC, S. Arizona VdC, VdC of S. California and Central Valley, and Colorado VdC who have been the hands and feet of Jesus to our Region. With that said, we are all shouting a huge hello and welcome to Karen Weires who will be

taking over as Region 1 Coordinator. Karen resides in Vegas and is very active with the Light in the Desert. She has a heart for Jesus and brings wonderful energy and ideas to the group. I have no doubt that they will continue growing and learning from each other as we tackle our new way of doing things in this strange time. Please keep her in your prayers along with all your friends out west!



God loves you and so do I.

Kim Brownlow

