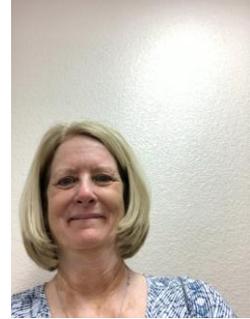


Annual Gathering Regional Coordinator Report Region 3 - 2020



2020 started with the first Clergy experience in Texas on February 10th through 13th. There were 3 team buildings in Texas, which was a 7-hour drive one way for me, one in December, January and February. I was asked to be the Palanca Rector and let me tell you that was an eye opening experience, the A-OK and North Texas have 2 separate teams, one is the Team and one is the prayer team. The prayer team's job is to pray. Two people are in the chapel at all times 24hrs each day praying in 2hr shifts. The rest of the prayer team is reading the Rollos as the Rollitas is presenting it to the pilgrims. So stepping in the role as Palanca Rector was very challenging for me. I had great help and a very manual to follow.

The 3 lay directors of the Texas Secretariats were the Rectors for the weekend. Jane Winge took lead and Rhonda Balsley and Sue Bathe were assistant rectors. When you bring 3 secretariats together and each do things differently and try to put a weekend on and it turns out as if we worked together for years then you know God was in it all. We had many different voices saying "but that's not how we do it" or "that's not an essential" or "are you kidding we are going to do what?" and then the weekend comes and goes and the blessings flow throughout the entire weekend and when it was all said and done our 3 leaders brought us all together in the end and accomplished something I will never forget. God is truly the heart of Via de Cristo and we are His hands and feet.

During the annual meeting in 2018 at the region meetings, Region 3 voted to host the 2021 annual meeting in Texas with North Texas VdC, Texas Gulf Coast VdC, Texas Lutheran VdC and AO-K VdC coming together to host it. The Texas secretariats were tasked with going back and submitting proposals to colleges in their area to see which would be the best fit. It was decided that we would hold the annual gathering at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas. A site visit was made and contracts made up. This July the contracts will be signed. We have had conference calls and decided who will be lead in each area. After contracts are signed we will move forward with finalizing our plans and meeting with our committee members. If the clergy experience tells me anything it is that we can all come together and work through our differences and the 2021 annual meeting will be awesome and one you don't want to miss.

As the Regional Coordinator for region 3, I have made many new friends, works with the best people and walked with God even closer. I look forward meeting with my new friends in Texas working on the 2021 annual meeting and watching for what God has in store for us as we walk our path alongside Him every day.

May God continue to bless each of you!
In His Service together

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