

## Annual Gathering Regional Coordinator Report

Region 4 – 2020

I have been trying to reach out more to the Secretariats in Region 4 this past year. I did have the privilege of attending INKY's Ultreya and annual meeting last October. They had a great turnout for their business meeting electing new board members for the year. They had a good discussion about their weekends in the north and the south of their region and wanted to support both areas. Of course a big part of their year was hosting all of us at Indianapolis University for the Annual Gathering in July, 2019.

Due to conflicts, I could not make it to Heart of Illinois Ultr. I was invited to one of their Ultreyas in September which they held on a river boat out of Peoria. They held weekends but have struggled with filling teams and getting pilgrims.

Living Water held 2 weekends in the spring and a renewal weekend in the fall. The Renewal weekend – Rekindling the Fire- was very uplifting for those who attended. Doug Burroughs was the Keynote speaker and gave a great over view of the history of Via de Cristo and the 3 day method. He is a past president of NLS. Ultreyas were held 6 times during the year.

I did not have the chance to visit with Prairie Sunshine yet, but hope to this year when Ultreyas can be held. They did hold weekends and Ultreyas in 2019.

I did attend an Ultreya for River's Edge in March, 2019. They were having a discussion about disbanding or going inactive due to lack of involvement in team members and pilgrims. They were split in their decision so they went inactive for the year. They are now trying to get the secretariat active again with the help of new clergy that moved into the area and they have a weekend scheduled for the fall of 2020.

For this year there has been a lot of prayer for these secretariats and others as they face the Covid-19 situation with stay at home orders. Some weekends are planned for later this year and others have just been moved to 2021. Many Ultreyas have been cancelled. Let us all be in prayer for the governing boards of the secretariats for persevere in moving forward in these challenging times.

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