

## **2019-2020 Annual Report**

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The last half of 2019 was eventful for some of our secretariats. One secretariat in particular finally accepted female and non-Lutheran lay directors as long as they were serving in their church. Some proposed signing a commitment contract for secretariat members and others started to combine weekends into co-ed weekends to avoid weekend cancellations. Attendance on weekends have been holding steady in Region 5. A renewal weekend was even successfully held in October in Michigan. Some discussion was made to have a possible renewal weekend north of the Washington DC area.

2020 has definitely been a challenging year so far due to Covid19. All spring weekends were cancelled as well as Ultreyas. Some secretariats opted for a virtual Ultreya as well as virtual meetings. I was able to attend one secretariat meeting in one of Region 5's communities and planned to attend more, but Covid19 interfered with those plans. As soon as travel is recommended again, I will plan to attend secretariat meetings with all the rest of the VdC communities within Region 5. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!!

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