



Dear Friend in Christ:

Welcome! On behalf of the National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS) Executive Committee, I am privileged to share that you are part of this historic online adventure for the 2020 National Via de Cristo Gathering/Annual Meeting. We have rallied with a servant heart to host our first online meeting. The Executive Board has been making plans and preparations for several months now.

We encourage you to dress comfortably and to throw yourself into the experience if this is your first time as a delegate/guest.

We began on **Monday, July 20th** with the nominee's videos for you to prescreen prior to the Annual Business meeting.

There is a PowerPoint presentation for your Orientation and it will be very informative, so please don't miss it!

Today, **Friday July 31st**, you are given the open wide Virtual Binder, which you can review at your leisure. Everything from the Keynote Speaker, Forums and Annual Reports will be available all day for you to look over on your time. Our entire Annual Gathering is available online even after the Annual Gathering is over. Our Keynote Speakers, Forum addresses and even our "Logos" workshop will be available to you at 2:00 central time. This workshop will help you and give you ideas on how to bring in the younger generation. Please join us to learn, grow and take back information to your Secretariat!

On **Saturday, August 1st**, our Business Meeting is starting at 1:00 central time. As the Vice President of Administration, I encourage you to watch the orientation PowerPoint presentation so you can be ready and informed on how to participate with the online meeting. Orientation can be helpful to anyone, but it is especially appreciated by anyone who has not attended a Teleconference meeting. The Annual Business Meeting will begin promptly at 1:15 after all **delegates representing the affiliated Secretariats are announced and formally recognized as present. These delegates will represent the "voice" of the NLS. Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend. During the business meeting, guests will be able to chat/type/ask questions but cannot vote. The Annual Gathering is your opportunity to grow, learn and share with brothers and sisters in Christ from across the country.**

The meeting concludes with a formal prayer by our Spiritual Director. The business meeting will most likely not be more than two hours long.

If I can be of assistance to you with this 2020 National Via de Cristo Annual Gathering, please feel free to contact me. You can text or call me at 210-204-3709.

I pray for God's mercy for all those affected by the Coronavirus and pray the Lord will continue to watch over us.

My hope is in the Lord,

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