

2021 Former VP for Administration Annual Report

It has been quite a remarkable and memorable year like no other! Let's hope this pandemic has been bookended.

I want to say thank you for the opportunity to serve this ministry. It was a privilege to be your Vice President of Administration for National Lutheran Secretariat for Via de Cristo. I will greatly miss the all the memories, challenges and successes of the role that I played. I will also miss our monthly meeting with the other board members. I know I can call each of them my friends.



As you now know, I had to resign my position on the board. After exhaustive discussions with my husband, we concluded that my time spent on the Executive Board for Via de Cristo had to come to an end. For a couple years now, I have been battling with my Autoimmune Disease and had multiple hospital stays, which put me further and further behind with my service as VPA. As well as raising our grandson, the stress and health issues made it necessary to resign immediately. I want to apologize to the board for leaving you stranded and behind by several months on preparing the Annual Gathering. Thankfully, the position has been filled temporarily until an election can be made. Thank you, Jane Winge, for stepping up and filling the role of VPA.

When I was able to work on the Annual Gathering, it was all about organization and operations. Working with the Host Committee and the Executive Board is a balancing act and I loved every minute.

I want to thank the entire Region 3 Host Committee and especially the Host Chair, Sue Bathe for their dedication to this ministry. We again had to postpone the Texas Annual Gathering. I am overcome with gratitude for everything they have done thus far. Unfortunately, we could not hold the Annual Gathering in person because of the Covid-19 Pandemic but we will persevere once more.

In conjunction with the host committee, we are continuing our work on next year's Annual Gathering 2022, here in Texas. I am very excited to work on the Host Committee and the new VPA as we prepare for the gathering at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, right outside San Antonio, Texas.

The future is bright and this ministry will move forward with God's help. Let's help prepare the way for Christ!

My hope is in the Lord,
Debbie Klatt