

## 2021 Region 4 Annual Report

This past year has really changed plans for all our secretariats. I have been in touch with all five Secretariats in Region 4. All had to postpone their planned weekends and Ultreyas for 2020 and some are holding weekends in 2021 in the summer and fall; while others have postponed until 2022. In our region, some of the Lay Directors do not have good internet service due to being in rural areas and have not done Zoom meetings.



- INKY has held virtual Ultreyas, which were a great option when in-person was not an option. INKY is holding an in-person Ultreya in July and has three weekends scheduled for the fall.
- River's Edge is trying to restart weekends with a dedicated group of people who have been moving forward, so please pray for them.
- Heart of Illinois has not announced weekends,,but were invited to a virtual Ultreya hosted by Peoria Cursillo.
- Living Water started in person Ultreyas in June and will have two fall weekends.
- Prairie Sonshine has scheduled a summer weekend. I am working to get them listed on the NLS website.

One thing I learned this past year during COVID-19 is that it is OK to slow down; to just be quiet, take time to rest and notice the little things that have been put into our lives. Appreciate the simple things that can be taken away, such as hugs or person-to-person conversations. I was very thankful for computers and smart phones, but not the same as in-person time with one another.

We hope that from this point forward we will be able to get back to our more normal routines. It has been a pleasure to serve as the Regional Coordinator these past years and get acquainted with the other Secretariats.

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