

2021 Region 6 Annual Report

The year ending May, 2021 has been a year of adjustment and change for all VdC Secretariats across the country including the six Secretariats in Region 6. Most VdC weekends scheduled during this year have been either canceled or postponed due to the COVID-19 epidemic.



Secretariat members have learned to meet by video conferencing and hold Ultreyas in the same format. Many reunion groups have learned to meet using the same technology. While the hugs are missed, everyone learned that the contact with like-minded Christians is still very important. We have all prayed for those who were forced to endure the isolation without close contact with Christian friends.

Here is a brief summary of the activity within the Region 6 Secretariats:

- **Atlanta VdC** - Like most VdC movements, Atlanta VdC has held no weekends in 2020 or thus far in 2021. A weekend is currently scheduled to be held in late August of 2021 and a weekend is also on the schedule for the spring of 2022. Led by Lay Director Chris Strudthoff, the Secretariat has continued their monthly meetings in virtual mode throughout the pandemic. Atlanta VdC also has their 3rd "Back to the Mountain" reunion weekend scheduled for November 12-14, 2021 at Lutheranch, which is located about 1 hour west of Atlanta.
- **Eastern North Carolina VdC** - Eastern NC VdC had its last weekend in February, 2020 and has scheduled its next weekend for May, 2022. They have held two virtual Ultreyas this year and have missed no Secretariat meetings as they have met virtually each month throughout the pandemic. The outgoing Lay Director for SCVdC is Kris Sloman and the incoming one is Terry Park.
- **Lake Gaston VdC** - Lake Gaston VdC is a relatively new Secretariat and has postponed their first weekend due to the pandemic twice now. It is now scheduled to be held in March, 2022. The Acting Lay Director is Scott Miller and he is also scheduled to be the rector of Mixed #1.
- **South Carolina VdC** - South Carolina VdC is scheduled to hold its first weekend since 2019 in late September of 2021. SCVdC holds its Secretariat meetings 10 months per year and is currently holding them virtually. Jim Ullery is the Lay Director for SCVdC.
- **Tennessee VdC** - Tennessee VdC is scheduled to hold its first weekend since 2019 in late October of 2021. Led by Lay Director Susan Mason, the Secretariat continues meeting 8 times a year and returned to an in-person meeting in May, 2021. Tennessee VdC held an

outdoor Ultreya that included their annual meeting in September, 2020.

- **Western NC VdC** - Western NC VdC normally holds six weekends per year with men's, women's & mixed weekends held in the winter/spring and summer/fall seasons. WNCVdC has three weekends scheduled for the fall of 2021 and six weekends scheduled for 2022. The last weekend was held in March of 2020. Led by Lay Director Ann Lashley, the WNCVdC Secretariat meets 11 times a year and has continued meeting virtually throughout the pandemic. Five Ultreyas have been held in 2020 and 2021, most virtually, but the next one in August, 2021 is scheduled to be held in an outdoor setting. WNCVdC also has its first renewal weekend, "Fan the Flame" scheduled to be held August 27-29, 2021 at Ridgecrest Conference Center which is located 20 miles east of Asheville, NC.

Like many of you, I'm sure, I am hopeful that this pandemic will soon be behind us and that we can resume holding weekends that draw other Christians and ourselves closer to Christ. May we all be empowered Christian leaders not only in our churches, but in our families and all of our environments.

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