

**Heart of Florida Via de Cristo
Secretariat Workshop
January 14, 2005**

Present: Sheila Bender, Bob Blasberg, Rich Buhl, Diane DeMark, Jim DeMark, Artie Grindle, Del Harriman, Martha Harriman, Jill Heroux, Pam Hoepner, Rich Hoepner, Pat Linden, Sandy Moore, Tammy Ortiz, Jane Pohlrad, and Joyce Rodriguez.

The workshop was facilitated by Pat Linden.

Each person introduced him/ her self by giving name, weekend attended and church.

Pat went over the agenda and goals for the workshop.

Before beginning, the attendees went to the Sanctuary for prayer around the altar.

After returning to Schaeffer Hall, Pat passed out a copy of the Weekend Demographics for the last six sets of weekends. It was noted that the largest number of Pilgrims attending the weekends come from St. John Lutheran, Prince of Peace Lutheran, and Other Local Churches. **Also noted that the last six sets of weekends were only 60% filled.**

Those present joined together in *Come Holy Spirit*.

Pat Linden said she felt that the weekends are strong as noted from the Closings when the Pilgrims return after their weekends. Therefore, our time will be spent brainstorming ideas to improve Pre Via de Cristo and Post Via de Cristo. After giving instructions, the large group divided in to small groups of 4 for brainstorming.

The following are the **Top Possibilities for Action by the Secretariat** as taken from the brainstorming ideas.

Pre-Via de Cristo – Pastors

1. Spiritual Director gathering (breakfast or lunch)

2. Get all pastors that have made weekends involved to a minimal level
3. Encourage pastor input for potential pilgrim names, ideas, Spiritual Direction for groups, etc.

Pre-Via de Cristo – Liaisons

1. Identify potential liaisons **in various churches** who **will** have planned, regular contact with Outreach
2. Write job descriptions and develop materials for church liaisons
3. Secretariat members assigned to specific churches

Post Via de Cristo

1. Secretariat members as greeters at Ultreyas
2. Encourage pilgrims and team members while most enthusiastic to **be a sponsor**
3. Experienced pilgrims start new groups

Pat Linden passed out a copy of the Areas of Focus and Top Action Items from the Secretariat Workshop from April 2002. The items that have been implemented were in bold print.

Pat asked members of the Secretariat to pray about who would be good possibilities for Outreach. The names will be sent to Sandy Moore. She will compile a list for the Secretariat to consider.

Before leaving for the evening, Pat passed out to the participants a copy of their Job Description. She asked each person to read the description and make notes as to questions or comments regarding their responsibilities.

The workshop will continue on Saturday, January 15, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Rodriguez, Secretary

