



Regional Report for Annual Membership Meeting

November 18, 2020

2:00 PM EST

Region Information

Name: Ed Hopfner

Region: XI (CA, NV, HI)

Current Term: finishing 3rd year (1st 3 year term)

Accomplishments *(Briefly list up to three accomplishments in 2020)*

- Care for Whole Person Initiative (CWPI – from CA bishops in conjunction with local hospitals – training parish teams to care for those in end stages of life and their caregivers)
- Mental health ministry (in 5-6 diocese; training parish teams to provide support for those with mental health issues and their caregivers, and education and resources for their parish and pastor)
- “Charting towards Intimacy” – NFP podcast (by millennial) – 12 episodes to date

Challenges *(Briefly list up to three challenges for the region)*

- most Family Life directors in the Region are new (2 years or less)(this is also an opportunity)
- limited representation / connection with Spanish-speaking population (our biggest demographic in many places)
- lack of focus/knowledge for clergy on Marriage/Family life issues; difficulty connecting and engaging with parishes and parishioners

Goals *(Briefly list up to three goals for 2021)*

- platform to share best practices for CWPI (from different dioceses)
- sharing best practices to connect / engage with parishes
- continuing assistance with formation of seminarians/clergy in M/FL issues