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Vermont Tres Dias Newsletter

September - October 2012

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Secuelas

September 15th
Northfield Bible

October 20th
United Church
Randolph

November 17th
United Church (Red Door)
So. Royalton

Weekends

Men: Nov 1-4

Women: Nov 8-11

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If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:1-4

Presidents Letter

Dear Community,

As summer comes to a close, we are headed for the most beautiful time of the year. Fall is upon us and the trees begin to change their colors, the nights become crisper and the days shorter. It also means our Fall weekends are coming up quickly—very quickly.



I ask we all pray as a community for both the men's and women's weekends, especially for our Rectors, Dick Michaud and Paula Brown. Also pray for Pilgrims. We need to fill the weekends.

Let us try to get those applications and sponsor forms in quickly. We are required by International Tres Dias to have at least 2 weekends a year, if we don't we can lose our charter until the following year. Tres dias needs your help. There are about 1500 people in the Vermont Tres Dias directory; surely we should have no trouble filling a weekend. I encourage those who regularly at-



tend Secuelas and Closings to ask those Pescadores you know who do not regularly attend to come. We need to become a strong community again. I say all this with the love of Christ in my heart. Please consider all I have mentioned.

May our Lord bless and keep you all. Bless our children as they return to school. Please feel free to call me.

802-276-2171
God Bless
Decolores

Mike Williams



Give a Helping Hand

Mens Rector

Dear Pescadores,

As always the Lord's grace has shined on the Tres Dias community. He has assembled a wonderful men's team #46. I have been truly blessed by the men who stepped up to our lord's call and are eager to commit their time and talents. These men will surely be the joy of the Lord as they lead the pilgrims throughout the weekend.

As a community we are all responsible for the experience of the pilgrims. Please prayerfully consider your role in the weeks to come. It may be in writing notes to the pilgrims and team, serving a meal, providing music at meal, attending Mananita or Closing, providing snacks, or SPONSORING PILGRIMS.

The team needs your prayers as we prepare for the weekend and certainly during the weekend. I know that our God will be present and in that knowledge I am thankful and joyful.

Decolores,

Dick Michaud

Womens Rector

Dear Tres Dias Community,

We are looking forward to seeing you soon and have been praying for God's many blessings to pour out upon you during our time together. Women's meetings will be starting this Friday, September 14, 2012. We need to ramp up our prayers to have God put on our hearts who should join us as Pilgrims for the weekend. Now is the time to serve our Lord and get ready for his love and grace to pour out over your heart.

The men need to warm up their singing voices and get ready for the Mananita. Don't you remember how special that was ladies when we were on our weekend and how wonderful it was to see how supportive our brother's in Christ are? The theme of the weekend is "Being the Bride of Christ". Christ loves us so much that it's like sending doves to serenade us in the front parlor when we were courting in days long ago.

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ca! You've got mail! OH Yes, that's one of the best parts! Start thinking now about what special notes of encouragement God will put on your heart to send the Pilgrims. If writing is not your favorite pass-time, then come up and help with serving the meals.

I will leave you with this verse. It is such a special verse and has been chosen special to celebrate our time together. "God hath from the beginning, chosen you". 2 Thes. 2:13b
In Christ's Love,

Paula Brown

Greetings from Kansas City

Hello! Fellow Pescadores,

With great pleasure and excitement we are blessed to announce the emerging community, Kansas City Tres Dias! Our first weekends were covered in Gods blessings. We had over 15 different Tres Dias communities represented and would love to have that blessing again. Our next weekends are:

Men's Weekend #2
November 8 - 11, 2012

Women's Weekend #2
November 15 - 18, 2012

Men's Weekend #3
May 9 - 12, 2013

Women's Weekend #3
May 16 - 19, 2013

We request your prayerful consideration and support for prayer, service, palanca, and financial, supply or equipment donations. Please see www.kctd.org for more information or to sign up for service opportunities and quarterly newsletter e-mails. For more information about our weekends, please watch our promo videos:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e24bn-FL2ho&feature=plcp>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vozLdB61pmw&feature=plcp>

Thank you for your loving support and encouragement. It is an honor to serve our Loving Father with you!

De Colores!
Samantha Stultz
Kansas City Tres Dias

2012 Team Lists



Men		Women
Dick Michaud	Rector	Paula Brown
Pete Smithers	Chief Auxiliary	Linda Dimmick
Wayne Warner	Rollo Room Aux	Pam Mills
Gene Bartlett	Rollo Room Aux	Betty Salter
Jeff Cyphers	Rollo Room Aux	Amy Messier
-----	Rollo Room Aux	Ann Howard
Rich Chamberlin	Chief Kitchen Aux	Anita Norton
Ron Emery	Kitchen Aux	Claudette Goad
Mark Lake	Kitchen Aux	Molly Williams
Marcel Yandow	Kitchen Aux	Connie Coviello
Paul Ciampaglia	Spiritual Director	Fred Tomaselli
Charles Kuthe	Spiritual Director	Janet Smithers
Bill Snow	Ideals	Laurie White
Scott Puopolo	Music Director	Carrie Welch
Rick Anderson	Church	Marcey Hannon
Greg Wadlinger	Piety	Darnelle Prior
Ed Chase	Study	Margo McClure
Dave Satre	Action	Bonnie Kenyon
Ed Small	Leaders	Meredith Lawson
Luc Legault	Environments	Theresa Dezan
Jerry Cole	CCIA	Peggy Lewellen
Don Cameron	Reunion Groups	Cindy Bailey
Dick Michaud	Fourth Day	Paula Brown
Mike Williams	Table Leader	Pat Maynard

Vermont Tres Dias is 30

Between 1979 and 1982, many Vermonters made the pilgrimage to the Poughkeepsie, New York area to attend Tres Dias weekends sponsored by the Mid-Hudson community. At last, in 1982, Vermont hosted its own set of weekends with the help of its Mid-Hudson mentor. New York provided the first rectors, Anton and Maritie Wellbrock, and Chief Auxiliaries, Jim and Barb Thornley, as well as bus loads of pescadores for the Mananitas and Closings!

Weekends were held at the Stephen Patrick Christian Manor until 1985. After stops in Mendon and Grand Isle, VTD eventually found its way to the Wildflower Inn in 1987, where it has remained to date.

Vermont did not actually become chartered until 1983 when its Constitution and By-laws were accepted by National TD.



Men's Tres Dias #1
April 22-25, 1982

Lost & Found Table

Anton Wellbrock, Jim Lawrence, Ron Rilling, Jim Thornley, Jack Cowdrey, David Wakefield, Paul Ciampaglia, David Huntley

The Kings Kids Table

Arthur Bundy, David Palmer, *Clifton Sanders, *Ken Smith, *Peter Smithers, Donald A. Strong

The 5 Fishermen Table

Donald D. Burow, *Gary J. Davis, Skip Rice, Fred Sprague, *Richard Young

The Hug Club Table

Eugene P. Holbrook, *Mark Langevin, Rex Mcmillan, Phil Prichard, *Sherm Salter

Ecumenical Table

Mark A. Adams, Jack Hemond, *John A. Howe, Philip Levesque, *John F. Rogers, David Tabor

Present Tense Table

*Karl Dewey, *Tom Luther, Tim Oakes, Lloyd Spencer, Martin E. Tewksbury,

(*Table Leaders)

Ideals	Mark Langevin
Grace	Jim Lawrence
Laity in the Church	John Howe
Divine Aid and Holy Spirit	Ron Rilling
Piety	Ken Smith
Study	John Rogers
Sacraments	Jim Lawrence
Apostolic Action	Cliff Sanders
Obstacles to Grace	Ron Rilling
Leaders	Tom Luther
Environment	Karl Dewey
Life in Grace	Ron Rilling
Christian Community	Dick Young
Total Security	Gary Davis
Fourth Day	Anton Wellbrock
Table Leader	Sherm Salter
Table Leader	Peter Smithers



Womens Tres Dias #1
May 6-9, 1982

Winging-It Table

Maritie Wellbrock, Jim Lupton, Howard Stearns, Barbara Thornley, Eva Rollins, Barbara Davoll, Shirley Howe, Norma Davis

Up & Adams Table

*Elaine Chamberlin, Brenda Lavanway, Julia Luther, Francis Mcmillan, Jean Phipps, Pam Overstrom, *Colleen Walker,

Wayfarers Tables

*Carolyn Rogers, Sandy Levesque, Isabel Spencer, Donna Marcotte, Olive Pratt, Kaye Stetler, Kathy Hammer,

Joy Bringers Table

*Betty Salter, Renee Strong, Belle Allen, Dawna Westbrook, *Ella Tewksbury, Betty Adams,

Seven Pilgrims Table

*Helen Luther, Betty Emmons, Linda Tabor, *Lilla Burnell, Jill Oakes, Connie Kimball, Anne Adams

Morning Doves Table

*Arlene Wright, Lucia Conant, Darlene Rice, *Joan Dewey
Penny Holbrook, Lillian Johnson, Kathy Burow

(* Table leaders)

Ideals	Colleen Walker
Grace	Howard Sterns
Laity in the Church	Elaine Chamberlin
Divine Aid and Holy Spirit	Jim Lupton
Piety	Joan Dewey
Study	Ella Tewksbury
Sacraments	Jim Lupton and Howard Sterns
Apostolic Action	Donna Marcotte
Obstacles to Grace	Howard Sterns
Leaders	Betty Salter
Environment	Helen Luther
Life in Grace	Jim Lupton
Christian Community	Carolyn Rogers
Total Security	Lilla Burnell
Fourth Day	Maritie Wellbrock
Table Leader	Arlene Wright

Vermont TD Web Site

www.vttresdias.org

Visit the link, check it out. Monthly information about Secuela sites, and maps for directions. PDF files of Brochures, Applications, and Sponsor forms. Send your feedback to pj_smithers@comcast.net We would love to hear from you!!

New Songbooks

Last year, the Vermont Tres Dias Secretariat voted to replace our existing songbooks with a newer, more contemporary version. Songbooks previously provided through International Tres Dias are no longer available. VTD ob-



Vermont Tres Dias Songbook



*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name. — Psalm 100:4*

tively unknown. The more common and better known songs were saved in order to keep with time-honored traditions.

The project should yield about 200 songbooks at a cost of nearly \$300. Contributions have accounted for nearly half of the expense so far. Anyone wishing to help with the costs may send a check to the treasurer:

Eva Ciampaglia
64 School St Ext.
Northfield, VT 05663

Songbooks should be ready part-way through the team meetings for the current fall weekends.

tained a CCLI license in order to compile it's own edition. Input from a number of past music directors resulted in a book that retained about 50 of the songs from the previous version as well as over 50 of some more recent Christian praise and worship songs.

Many of the songs from the original edition were rela-



Upcoming Events



Clip & Save

Secretariat at 5:30 PM Secuelas at 6:30 PM

September 15th	Northfield Bible Fellowship
October 20th	United Church of Randolph
November 17th	United Church (Red Door) of South Royalton

(Maps and directions may be found on the web site)

Fall Weekends:

November 1-4 Mens #47 Rector Dick Michaud
November 8-11 Womens #51 Rector Paula Brown

Mananita: arrive before 7 AM,
Closings at 4:30, arrive by 4 PM

We need a volunteer for the "Post Weekend" committee to find churches to host the monthly Secuelas.

If interested, Please call Mike Williams 802-276-2171

Carpool to Secuela . . . its great fun and fellowship



Decolores!

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