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President's Letter



Dear Pescadores,

I am praying that you all have been blessed in your walk with our Lord and Savior. I know I have and a large part of that blessing has come from Him thru this community.

At the June secretariat we voted to draft two changes to our bylaws to be voted on at the

September Secretariat.



The first change is our voting requirements from attendance at two of the last three secretariats to attendance at 50% of secretariats in our fiscal year. I strongly urge everyone to attend secretariats as your opinions and ideas are important to

the life of our community. I also understand that in our world of commitments it is hard to attend all meetings. Because of the requirements in our bylaws now, many attending do not have voting privileges so I hope this change will prevent me from having to deny those privileges to faithful Pescadores.

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2015 Spotlights

- Be in prayer for the upcoming weekends. Rectors will start the process of picking people to be on team.
- Thank you for those of you who have offered to host Secuelas. Please see the last page for site listings.
- Mid summer, we have a picnic. It is in July, so mark your calendar now for July 18th. This is a great time to bring someone that you may have been talking to about attending a weekend, as it is an Open gathering.

Tres Dias Summer Picnic!! July 18th!

Our annual summer get together will again be happening at the home of Ted & Bonnie Kenyon's. They are located on 2463 Dairy Hill Road in South Royalton. Directions

on the web site. Bring a salad or dessert to share, and any meat you would like to grill. Ted will have the coals hot and ready to for your grilling pleasures. Arrive anytime after

10:30 for a long afternoon. Bring potential Pilgrims and introduce them to the wonderful fellowship that can be gained by becoming part of the Vermont Tres Dias community!



Letters from our Rectors

Men's #50

Letter from the Rector

Hello Tres Dias Community,

I am very excited to see what the Lord is going to do during the VT Men's #50 weekend this fall. My expectations are high because we serve an awesome God who loves when His children take time out of their busy schedules to spend time with Him. When we bless God with our time, we are blessed in return. That's a guarantee!



With this in mind, I would like to thank all of those who have committed their time to serve on team this fall. With just a couple of slots left to fill, the team is just short of completion. Please continue to pray for me as I finish putting together the team and prepare for upcoming team meetings, which will be starting before we know it.

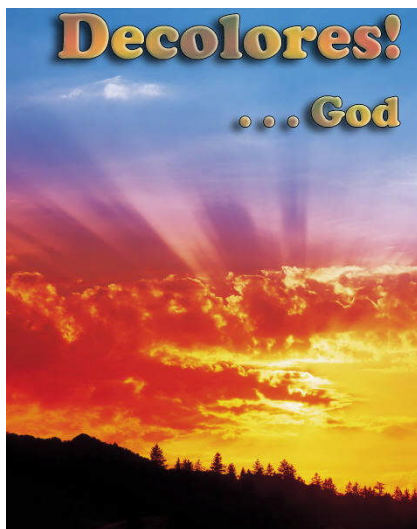
My theme for the weekend will be from James 4:14 *"Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."*

This would be a great time to prayerfully consider sponsoring a Pilgrim and /or how the Lord might use you during the weekend to serve.

Thank you and God bless you for all of your help.

De Colores!

Jeff Cyphers



Women's #55

Letter from the Rector

Dear Tres Dias Community,

Praise God! Thank you so much for your prayers in the building of the Women's Tres Dias # 55 team. It is almost complete.

This has been a time of much prayer, listening to the Lord, trusting that He is in control and enjoying His peace in the process.

What an awesome God we serve!

My theme for the weekend comes from Isaiah 26:3-4. *"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock Eternal."*



Please continue to pray that our team will be knit together as one in Christ Jesus serving one another with gladness as we trust in Him.

I'm so excited about seeing what God will do in each of our lives whether we are a pilgrim, supplying various forms of Palanca, or on team, as we serve Him. To God be the glory!

I also ask that you would prayerfully consider who you might sponsor as a pilgrim on the weekend. This year's dates for the women's weekend are November 5-8th.

Why not join us at the July Sequela picnic on July 18th and bring prospective pilgrims along with your families? It is a blessed time of fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and God bless.

In Christ,

Marilyn White

Women's Rector #55

Constitution By-Law Info!

The Secretariat has been discussing the terms of office, and voting privileges at the Secretariat. We are proposing Constitution and By-Law changes. **This is an official warning of these possible changes to be voted on in September.** These sections below are the two areas we are working on revising. Strike through are words that will be omitted. Words in **RED** are added.

Operating year

1. The operating year will be considered to begin on May 1st and conclude on April 30th.
2. Selection of officers:
 - A. In January of every second year, the President of the Secretariat shall appoint a nominating committee to serve for a two (2) year period
 - B. In February of every second year, the nominating committee will present the slate of officers, at which time nominations can be made from the floor.
 - C. In March of every second year, the Secretariat membership will elect a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.
 - D. The officers two year term shall begin on May first.
 - E. Officers shall **serve no more than two terms and then must be out of office for one year.** ~~not succeed themselves.~~
 - F. The nominating committee shall be responsible to provide nominees to the Secretariat to fill vacancies and additional nominations can be made from the floor.

Membership: The membership of the Secretariat shall consist of:

General members- (Number unspecified) who, in response to an open invitation to all Pescadores, will serve as non voting members.

Voting members- Qualifications for initially becoming a voting member

- A. to have been a Pescadores for at least six(6) months
 - B. to have attended ~~three(3) out of four (4) consecutive~~ **50% of** Secretariat meetings **in an operating year**
 - C. to be regularly involved in Secuela and/or group reunions
 - D. to be willing to attend Secretariat meetings and to participate on committees
then will be accepted as a voting member and may vote in ~~fourth~~ **second** and subsequent meetings
- C. Continuing qualifications for voting member
- A. Once a general member **who** has received voting member status, he/ she shall have voting status until such time as he/she ~~misses three(3) consecutive meetings.~~ **Has not met the 50% attendance in an operating year.**

President's Letter, continued

2nd The second to change is to lengthen the tenure of officers and to make it possible for an officer to serve more than one term. It is increasingly hard to find people willing to serve and I think it would be better to have people who are in place and willing to serve, to continue longer. One example is the treasurer who has to transition bank accounts etc. to function. If for any reason an officer is unable to continue, the nominating committee and secretariat would recommend a

replacement and it would be voted on. Currently the office is for 2 years, and the position is done. What we would like to do is change it to being able to stay in the office for another term of 2 years. At the end of the 4 years, you would have to step out of the office for one year or more, before you could be voted in again for another 2 year term.



Again I ask you to pray for and about those whom you would sponsor. The goal of Tres Dias is to aid in the training of Godly church

leaders. We are not equipped or commissioned to minister to those experiencing trials.

And now for the most important subject. The weekends are fast approaching and we must pray for the teams, Pilgrims and Palanca. Please be in prayer about how you can be a part of making the pilgrims experience filled With God's Love.

Weekend dates are:

Men's Oct 29 to Nov 1
Women's weekend Nov 5-8

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Dick Michaud

August Workshop News!

Greetings my fellow Pescadores from Vermont Tres Dias,

Our men's and women's weekends will be here soon. It seems to me summer just arrived and we are having to plan for the fall. In August in lieu of a Sequela we will be holding a workshop geared toward what it is like to serve on a team, our roles, responsibilities and qualifications. I would like this to be an informal type panel with a question and answer format. I am also planning on devoting time to a subject that really needs much discussion SPONSORSHIP.

Ron and I just attended the TDI Assembly/ Secretariat in Rockford Illinois and were very encouraged by workshops we attended about sponsorship and second generation Tres Dias Pescadores which is brought forth by sponsorship. We were saddened that our neighbors in NH had to dissolve their community. We also learned from

other Pescadores struggles they and their communities are experiencing. Tres Dias Vermont is very dear to our hearts and I know to all of yours as well. I am praying that when we come together we can talk about how we can continue to strengthen and grow our community. I believe this will be through responsible sponsorship.

Please plan on attending our workshop to be held at Green Mountain Gospel Chapel in Randolph on August the 15th from 1-4. We will have a pot luck from 4-5:30 and then a secretariat meeting at 5:30.

I am in need of Pescadores to help me run this panel discussion on being on team. Please contact me if you are willing or able to help.

God Bless and enjoy the SONshine!

Barbi

Men's and Women's Team List

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| Jeff Cyphers | Rector | Marilyn White |
| Ron Langdon | Chief Auxiliary | |
| Ron Rilling | Spiritual Director | Steve Berry |
| Wayne Lydem | Spiritual Director | Janet Smithers |
| Mark Lake | Music Director | Unique Small |
| Dick Michaud | Rollo Room Auxiliary | Lisa Woods |
| Paul Moses | RR Auxiliary | Doreen Puopolo |
| Sam Langdon | RR Auxiliary | Karen Warner |
| | RR Auxiliary | Joan Cook |
| Ralph Cook | Chief Kitchen Auxiliary | Kathy McCullough |
| Gary Irish | Kitchen Auxiliary | Patty Bostock |
| Mark Scovel | Kitchen Auxiliary | Marcey Hannon |
| | Kitchen Auxiliary | Felicia Post |
| | Table Leader | Barbi Langdon |
| Lucas Hayward | Ideals | Nancy Knapp |
| Michael Marcroft | Church | Nancy Smith |
| Luc Legault | Piety | Lynne Butler |
| Greg Wadlinger | Study | Cindy Roy |
| David Bridges | Action | Carolyn Satre |
| Alan Lane | Leaders | Holly Jarvis |
| | Environments | Frances Post |
| | CCIA | Brenda Berry |
| Wayne Warner | Reunion Groups | Donna Guiel |

Your Tres Dias Officers

President—Dick Michaud
 VP—Richard Chamberlin
 Secretary—Joan Cook
 Treasurer—Cheryl Lake

Your Committee Chairs

Weekend Committee
 Wayne & Karen Warner

Post Weekend & Housing
 Barbi Langdon

International Palanca
 Lorinda Michaud

Application Committee
 Marilyn White

Communication Committee
 Janet Smithers

Team Screening Comm.
 Jerry & Beth Cole
 Kathleen Sullivan

Food Committee
 Anita Norton

Visitation Team
 Jim Guiel, Karen Warner
 Janet Smithers

International Representatives
 Ron & Barbi Langdon

Spiritual Director Committee
 Ron Rilling, Fred Tomaselli
 and Paul Ciampaglia

Secretariat at 5:00 p.m.



Secuela at 6:30 p.m.

Clip & Save
Upcoming Secretariats and Secuelas

July 18th Tres Dias Picnic at Ted & Bonnie Kenyons! South Royalton, VT

August 15 Tres Dias School at Green Mountain Gospel Chapel, Randolph, VT

September 19 Georgia Plain Baptist Church, Georgia, VT

October 17 Essex Alliance Church, Essex, VT