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President's Letter



Dear Pescadores,

Vermont Tres Dias has been holding weekends since the early 1980's. The Spirit of God has always been leading, blessing, rewarding and dynamic which allowed many people to experience the renewal of Tres Dias. Imagine the beginning years, Vermont had 3

sets of weekends a year! We are currently holding only one weekend a year, but they are just as power packed and dynamic now as they were then.

I am excited to tell you that we have the rectors in place for the fall of 2016 and 2017! For this year it will be Greg Wadlinger and Jennifer Smithers. For

the fall of 2017 it will be Wayne Warner and Anita Norton. Thank you for saying yes Rectors! And now Community, we can all be praying for them!

We as a community, and that is all the Pescadores, work together to keep this whole wheel rolling along. The community has By-Laws and

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2016 Upcoming items to be praying for

- Rectors Greg Wadlinger and Jennifer Smithers as they start the process of forming their teams.
- Be in prayer for the Wild Flower Inn and whether or not we will be able to continue to hold our weekends there. 2016 is scheduled to be held at the Wildflower, Yea!

"Getting to know me"

Greg Wadlinger—Men's Rector #51
November 3-6, 2016

DeColores fellow Pescadores,

My name is Greg Wadlinger (Vermont Tres Dias #39 – Spring 2004), and I'm excited to serve as rector for men's weekend #51 this Fall. I live in Lebanon, New Hampshire with my wife of 25 years, Trish, and two daughters. We attend Wellspring Worship Center in

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"Getting to know me"

Jennifer Smithers—Women's Rector #56
November 10-13, 2016

Hello Fellow Pescadores,

I would like to thank you for the honor of serving as the Women's Rector for Vermont Tres Dias #56.

By way of introduction, I live with my husband, Greg Smithers, in Cambridge with our

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Fall Dates are set!!

Mark your calendars and start praying and asking people to attend as a Pilgrim for our fall weekends.

Men's weekend is Nov. 3-6

Women's weekend is Nov. 10-13

Before you know it, these dates will be here, so now is the time to round up those applications. Lets get the weekends full and have to put people on a waiting list for next year! Wouldn't that be a blessing!



Thank you

We want to thank the following people for stepping in and taking up following positions either as an officer or on a committee. Officers will be voted on at the April Secretariat.

- Carolyn Satre—Secretary
- Palanca Coordinator-Barbara Sweeten
- Lisa White-Application Committee
- Brenda Berry-Head Communication Committee

Men's Rector, continued

West Lebanon, and I've been employed at Dartmouth College for 27 years, the last 18 as an audio visual technician at the Tuck School of Business.

As a youngster I would ask my dad if I were going to heaven for sure. Since he felt he could not answer me honestly for certain, I often would return to this question.

When I was 14 my best friend, Bernie and I didn't have anything to do one Friday night, so Bernie's older sister offered to take us to a movie entitled "Time to Run" and which was produced by the Billy Graham organization. At the end of the film Bernie and I responded to the altar call and we were born again. I finally knew Jesus and had complete forgiveness for every sin I had ever done. I will never forget that night.



I thank God for my parents, for Bernie's sister, Carol, and for the marvelous comrades in Christ I've known, many through Tres

Dias. God is my Rock. He is the only firm ground on which I can stand.

As we pray for these upcoming Tres Dias weekends it is in my heart to build each other up as living stones fitted together with one another. I feel that the verse I would like to have as the theme verse for the weekend is from, 1 Peter 2:5 *You also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months. Please pray for us.

De Colores,

Greg Wadlinger

"One of the most wonderful things about being a Christian is that I don't ever get up in the morning and wonder if what I do matters. I live every day to the fullest because I can live it through Christ and I know no matter what I do today, I'm going to do something to advance the Kingdom of God."

Charles Colson

Women's Rector, continued

2-year old daughter Grace and our chocolate lab, Tessie. I grew up in Cambridge, attending the Cambridge United Church as a child through my early college years. My mother and grandmother, Aimee Baizley, along with many other Tres Dias members from Cambridge were wonderful mentors to me growing up. I feel that I have always known about Jesus and can't honestly tell you when I received His gift of salvation. It feels like it is something that I have always known. Yet, when my mother invited me to my Tres Dias weekend in April of 1995 (#27), I feel that is when His gift of salvation moved from my head to my heart, and my faith really began to grow in the knowledge of His wonderful grace.

As I was finishing up graduate school in Physical Therapy, I met Greg through my mother and stepfather, Peter, and we were married in June, 1997 in Randolph

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at the Green Mountain Gospel Chapel. We lived in Hinesburg for 3 years until buying the house that I grew up in in Cambridge, and we now attend Essex Alliance Church.

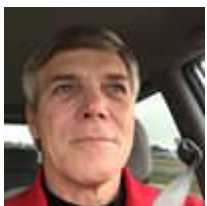
I am beginning to think and pray about my team, and I feel that God is leading me toward Romans 8:15-16 as my theme verse: *"So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."* As Greg and I have walked the path of the adoption of our daughter, it has really touched my heart how we are all adopted children of God and we are loved by Him so deeply as His sons and daughters. I am humbled and excited to watch all that God has in store for us.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve,
Jen Smithers

President, continued

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Essentials that guide us, along with the Holy Spirit. Through the next few months, we are going to be offering Essential training and Sponsorship classes for all Pescadores to make sure we are following God's will and not our own. Dates will be announced as soon as they get established.



We are also very pleased and excited to have Frank Yarbrough from International coming to visit us for our April 16th meeting in Jericho Center Congregational Church. Frank is the Vice President of

Membership and will be attending so that we can have a question and answer time with him. He will be available during the Secretariat and Secuela, so please plan to attend and get to meet him.

VT Tres Dias is asking for your prayers and commitment to become strong again. Your Secretariat and President is committed to doing just that. Christ is counting on you, and we are counting on Christ. We also will be voting on the officers in April which will take their position in May. We need your input and vote, please plan on attending. See you there!

De Colores!

Richard Chamberlin President

In All Things-Love By Brenda Berry

"The Christian motto that might best describe the spirit of Tres Dias is 'In essentials unity, in nonessentials diversity, in all things love.'"

**VTTRESDIAS.ORG—
Statement of Beliefs**

I came across this statement on our website this week and I couldn't help but smile and nod. "Yes that is so true", I said to myself. I really appreciate this sentiment, as it puts in perspective for us Pescadores what is most important about our Tres Dias Community—that in all things we walk in *Love*.

I read about a Peanuts Cartoon recently that made me chuckle.:

In the Peanuts comic strip, Lucy demands that Linus change TV channels and threatens him with her fist if he doesn't. "What makes you think you can walk right in here and take over?" asks Linus. "These five fingers," says Lucy. "Individually they're nothing but when I curl them together like this into a single unit, they form a weapon that is terrible to behold." "Which channel do you want?" asks Linus.

Turning away, he looks at his fingers and says, "Why can't you guys get organized like

that?"

This reminds me of the interesting metaphor that Jesus uses to describe the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12. Jesus says the church (all of us believers) is like our human body. We are all different parts with different skills and purposes. Alone, we are not very useful (i.e. the thumb) but together—carefully joined together and all working together in unity—we are enabled to accomplish amazing things! Look at what a few frightened disciples were able to do when they were empowered by the holy spirit and all together in one accord--they launched the church—which 2000 years later has spread around the world, still changing lives and bringing hope and freedom to billions of people.

A Pastor shared this illustration: "I remember a sermon – years ago, in fact I think I may have preached it during my time here as an intern – where my opening illustration was the difference between the way my father chopped wood and the way I chopped it. You may remember the scene – me as a skinny 18 year-old trying to impress my forty-five year-old dad by going as fast and hard as I was able. I would

swing with my whole body, big looping strokes as fast as I could until I was forced to pause, huffing and puffing. I would swing five or six or seven real hard times and then rest for a minute or so before going on.

But my dad, my old, out-of-shape dad who I was certain I could work circles around – he established a rhythm, taking his time. He used measured, slow, controlled swings – steady as a drum beat. While I was huffing and puffing, he was steadily thudding away, breaking log after log and stacking it neatly into the woodshed. By the time mom called us for lunch, dad had outpaced me, stacking twice as much wood.

You know, what I learned that day was a more excellent way. Not just a more excellent way of chopping wood, but a more excellent way of approaching life. If we were to break-down the reasons for why my dad's approach is so much more excellent than my approach probably last on the list of reasons would be that dad's way was so much more productive. Although in a world where utility or usefulness is considered the greatest virtue – let's face it, we like things that work well and honor those who are high capacity type-people – in that kind of world, you might

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think productivity would be at the top of the list, but that really isn't what makes dad's way more excellent. It has to do with what is in view, what motive drives the work.

You see, I was interested in impressing – I wanted props for how strong I was, how powerful my swings were, how fast I was. I wanted someone to notice that I was a fine physical specimen who split the daylight out of the wood. I was interested in showing my dad that I was better than he was at splitting wood, that I was the future and he was the past.

Now all this is really hilarious if you know that I was 5'10" and weighed a whopping 120-125 at the time. I may have been 130, but that was about it. I was not a fine physical specimen – I was skinny little punk who obviously thought way too much of himself and way too little of my dad. I was focused on what the work could do for me, whereas dad saw his work as service. The

family needed wood for the stove – dad chopped wood. His satisfaction came from seeing his family warm – that's what motivated him.

Dad's desire to provide fueled his effort and informed his approach to the wood pile. He knew it didn't matter how fast you swung the axe – what mattered is how well you placed the stroke. If you wanted to have the wood split and put away before winter came, slow and steady won the race. "

Christopher Lanham
Cascades Fellowship CRC

My fellow Pescadores, my prayer for us is that we may all take our rightful place in the body and proceed—slow and steady, motivated always by Love and celebrating the beautiful, diverse group that we are. May our motivation always be to influence our culture with the love and mercy of a perfect savior and to personally grow to be more and more like him in everything we do and say. De Colores Pescadores—"in all things, Love"

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Secretariat at 5:00 p.m.

Clip &  Save

Secuela at 6:30 p.m.

April 16th @ Jericho Congregational Church, Jericho Ctr., VT

May 21st @ Essex Alliance, Essex Ctr., VT

**If you would like to host a Secretariat and Secuela
please call**

Richard Chamberlin 802-728-5918 to inquire!