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Vermont Tres Dias

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President's Letter



Good July to you Community! Pray your summer is going well, and please remember the Tres Dias Picnic at the Kenyons July 16th. It will be loads of fun and blessings for all. The Kenyons have blessed us with their hospitality before, thank you Kenyon's from all of VTTD!

We are officially chartered again. It has been a long time coming with a lot of red tape, but we are officially chartered once again. God is good. We still have some committees to add to. Looking for someone to chair a Fund Raising Committee. Barb Sweeten would appreciate someone to

help with the Nomination committee. We have a president and vice president to be voted on in August, so keep all these things in prayer. "Lords will, not mine." This should be our heart of hearts in all things that VTD does. Whether in the secretariat, rector's planning their teams,

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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

Dear Beloved Pescadores,

I feel the love of our Tres Dias community as you have prayed for me, answered my phone calls, talked with me and shared about what is going on in your life – been true brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus.



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"Getting to know me"

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

Greetings fellow Pescadores!

I am very excited to see how the Lord moves through me and my fellow team members as we are preparing to serve this fall on the 56th Womens' Vermont Tres Dias weekend.

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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!



Men's Rector, continued

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How we are on a mission much greater than ourselves! We're directing each day of this life we live together toward Jesus, the precious Cornerstone. *We're being built up together as lively stones into a spiritual*



house, a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:5 – our verse for Men's Weekend #51).

The men's team is coming along pretty well. There are brothers I've never even met who will be first time team members – and I feel like I know them so well already just from our phone calls!

It's funny, but I feel so much emotion as I consider the love you have poured out to me through this process of team building. Even from you who couldn't be on team I have felt so much friendship in our phone conversations. In private times I have thought of your, beautiful faces one by one coming to mind, so grateful for such marvelous comrades in Jesus.

God has used this time to



July 16th Picnic



July 16th, we are invited to Ted & Bonnie Kenyon's for the Vermont Tres Dias summer Picnic, to fellowship for an afternoon. Please bring a dish to share and if you want hamburgers or hot dogs, bring those for grilling! They have a pond for swimming, and a great area for relaxing! Bring someone that you are considering as a Pilgrim for the fall, it is a great way for them to get to know us! We will have our songbooks and will do some singing!



Directions: If on I89, take exit 3 for Bethel/Ruthland. On 107 head towards South Royalton. Turn right onto RT 14S. Go 4.5 miles. Turn Left onto Dairy Hill Rd. The Kenyon's park area is 2.5 miles up the road.



demonstrate how He is willing to guide me, even kind of interrupting and taking over at times. Wow! Please send up a prayer as you think about us – it makes such a difference. When we pray He acts on our behalf. We're not alone in this enterprise. In the words of a woman of God I read recently, "Stop for the One – and stop for the one" (*stop and listen to Jesus, and stop for the one He puts in your life*). There may be someone right now He has put on your heart to sponsor as a Pilgrim.



Make time for us too. Come and reconnect at a Secuela – come and sign up for Palanca service on the weekends. We'll see you there!

De Colores
Greg Wadlinger
Men's #51 Rector

Women's Rector, continued

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During the process of the adoption of our daughter, the Lord kept bringing me back to Romans 8 in many of my devotions. So, my theme verses for the weekend is Romans 8:15-17a (NLT): "*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." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs."

To go along with this, my theme song is "This is Amazing Grace," by Phil Wickham. As we learn to live out this life in grace in our Fourth Day, I want the Pilgrims to know that they have been adopted by God, they are His precious children, and they are the daughters of the King! I pray that this knowledge fills and empowers the

President, continued

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Secuela's any and all VTD functions. He's the counsel we seek and follow, He is our guiding light in this dark world. Always pray for each other in these matters, as well as a full list of Pilgrims for both weekends and the weekends to come. Sponsor/Applications/Brochures are all available at every Secuela, Marilyn White and from the web site. Sponsor training is coming up soon, be looking for the news on the date and time.

Until then, Bless you all, and hope to see you at the Secretariat and upcoming Secuelas.

Love you all,

Richard Chamberlin

Acting President

pilgrims as much as it did me in this last few years.

I have been moving along in making calls to put together my team. As I make these calls, please pray that I am listening to the

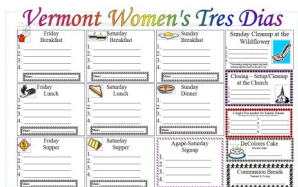


Spirit to lead me to call the women that He would have on this team, and that life with a 2-year old will allow me time! LOL Also, please pray that the women I am

contacting will feel called and empowered to say 'Yes' as the Spirit leads them as well. I still have quite a few positions to fill.

In the upcoming months, I encourage you to continue to be involved in the community: attend the Secuelas and the

summer picnic at the Kenyon's. As our team meetings get started we will have sign-up sheets if you wish to serve on



the weekends. Also, continue to think about Pilgrims that would benefit from coming on a weekend, pray for them, and talk to them! It is for them that we serve.

Thank you all for this honor, for your support and prayers. I am very excited to see all that He has planned for this group of women!

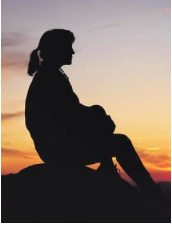
De Colores,

Jen Smithers, Women's #56 Rector



The Deciding Factor

By Bernadette De Sisto



I think and ponder a lot. My mind is always going. Sometimes it leads to wonderful ideas that are well thought out and helpful. Other times, it only leads to anxiety and strife. And that is what happens to me when I try to fathom God. I must admit that when I try to place God within the confines of my mind, it never goes well. Take eternity for instance, and the fact that God always was. You just have to accept it in faith as simple fact or else drive yourself nuts. There is truly no other way to grasp it. What about the Trinity? How do you wrap your mind around that?

Thinking about how much we as Christians struggle at times, is it any wonder why the world either paints their own picture of God, or totally rejects Him? One prevalent view is that God is love – period. So there is no room for God as judge, God as all authority, God as having the final say. The second view denies the very existence of God while relying on the wisdom of man found in “science” and refuses to even acknowledge His presence.



There are many voices going out into the world. They all have their own agendas. They all want to influence and control. Some will have no significant impact, while others seek to steal, kill and destroy. We know from whom these arise; our enemy. They may arrive in the right package, all dressed up with Christian ease and the name of Jesus thrown around in the midst of the message they wish to convey. But lest the receiver be deceived, proceed with caution. The world is professing more than one Jesus and certainly more than one gospel and when we attempt to use reason, or emotion, or anything else



except for the Word of God, the Bible, to discern truth through the Holy Spirit, we are in trouble from the starting gate.

I may not understand all of God's ways or all of His judgments. I may not like the way He runs His universe. I may, in my ignorant haughtiness think I have better ways; obviously not. When any one of us begins to look to our own wisdom, to our own understanding, to our own scales of justice and use that as the compass for our lives, we deceive ourselves.



If I could leave you with one thought, it would be this. If you want to live your life in a manner that is pleasing to God, that is led by His Spirit, that never contradicts His Word, that is far from deception, then think your thoughts and ponder your ponderings, while remaining acutely aware of their propensity to lead you astray through emotion and human wisdom. Then with heart felt determination keep your ears open to His voice, delivered to you through His Word under the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit and agree with God that what He has spoken is just and right and true.



De Colores,
In His Love,
Bernadette



Vermont Tres Dias Policy & Procedure








We want to thank Mark Lake and Greg Smithers for volunteering to head up the committee to polish up the new document that the Vermont Tres Dias will be adopting and using as our guide as we move forward. This document can be found on the web site, under the documents tab. Please feel free to go online and get the document. Please read through it and give your comments to Mark and Greg. This document was copied from a southern community, and needs to be modified to fit the Vermont way of conducting our community.

Mark and Greg really need your input so that they can continue their work on the document. Thank you!

August Secretariat

The Vermont Secretariat will be voting in two officers at the August Secretariat. The President and Vice President. Please make every effort to attend the secretariat so you can vote for these positions.

We want to thank Richard Chamberlin for carrying on as President for the past 7 months and keeping our ship afloat. Thank you Richard!

 Friday Nov. 11 Breakfast 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ Music _____	 Saturday Nov. 12 Breakfast 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ Music _____	 Sunday Nov. 13 Breakfast 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ Music _____	Sunday Cleanup at the Wildflower 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ Vacuuming, sweeping, emptying trash, putting supplies back in the attic, etc.
 Friday Nov. 11 Lunch 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ Music _____	 Saturday Nov. 12 Lunch 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ Music _____	 Sunday Nov. 13 Dinner 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ Music _____	Closing – Setup/Cleanup at the Church 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 6 Apple Pies needed for Sunday Dinner
 Friday Nov. 11 Supper 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ Music _____	 Saturday Nov. 12 Supper 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ Music _____	Agapé-Saturday Nov. 12 Signup 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____	DeColores Cake Saturday Night _____ Communion Breads Prepared & Clothed _____

Weekend Signup Chart

The sign up charts for both the Men's and Women's weekend will be available at the July picnic and the rest of the Secuela's prior to the weekend. As soon as the Chief Kitchen Auxiliary are assigned, they will be responsible for the charts. Serving a meal is a joyous way to help on the weekends. Making Pies, Communion Bread and helping on the cleanup are other ways to help!



Tres Dias International Assembly & Secretariat

July 15th @ 2:00 pm—July 17th @11:00am

This Assembly is close, it is in Mid Hudson, NY at the Good Will Church and all Pescadores are invited to attend.

Friday's schedule—2:00pm-4:00pm and 6:00pm-8:30pm
 Informal Meetings and Essentials Training

Saturday's schedule- The day begins with worship, the parade of banners, annual meeting of all the Tres Dias communities (now more than 100 worldwide), workshops, stories of grace overseas. The day culminates in a dinner followed by a Secuela.

Sunday, 8:00-11:00 is the International Secretariat Meeting.

Cost is \$60.00

If you wish to attend, please contact

Valerie Mehl at 845-384-1141



People are often unreasonable,
irrational, and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.



If you are kind,
people may accuse you of selfish,
ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.



If you are successful,
you will win some unfaithful
friends and some genuine
enemies;
Succeed anyway.



If you are honest and sincere
people may deceive you;
Be honest and sincere anyway.



What you spend years creating
others could destroy overnight;
Create anyway.

If you find serenity and
happiness,
some may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.



The good you do today,
will often be forgotten.
Do good anyway.



Give the best you have,
and it may never be enough;
Give your best anyway.



In the final analysis,
it is between you and God;
It was never between you and
them anyway.



Mother Teresa

Your Tres Dias Officers

President—Richard
Chamberlin
VP—

Secretary—Carolyn Satre
Treasurer—Cheryl Lake

Your Committee Chairs

Weekend Committee
Wayne & Karen Warner

Post Weekend & Housing
Donna Guiel

International Palanca
Barbara Sweeten

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Jerry & Beth Cole
Kathleen Sullivan

Food Committee
Anita Norton
Wayne Warner

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.

Clip &  Save

Secuela at 6:30 p.m.

**July Picnic! July 16th at
Ted & Bonnie Kenyon's (see page 3)
August 20th ?? TBA**

September 17th—Lyndonville Methodists Church

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

Donna Guiel 802-318-2917 to inquire!