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Vermont Tres Dias

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2016 Upcoming items to be praying for

- Rectors Greg Wadlinger and Jennifer Smithers as the team meetings have started.
- Pilgrims needed! Who will you be sponsoring?
- 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!

President's Letter

September/October 2016

Dear Pescadores,



Hand Picked!

We have all over the years, served on weekends and what a blessing it has been to all. When we serve, we don't serve out of duty, we serve out of Love.

Teams are chosen out of love, love of the Father. He has know who He wants on each team every weekend since the beginning of

time. You are chosen, hand picked, to fulfill a certain role or task because He knows your heart, your soul, your spirit and your gifts. Each of you whether doing a talk, table leader or auxiliary has been hand picked to bless some individual through the Spirit with your uniqueness that He has blessed you with.

When talks are drafted

and you are thinking, how am I ever going to write this? The words are already in your heart, it's just a matter of finding them and finding is a matter of prayer. When giving the talk, butterflies can be overwhelming, don't worry, all will dissipate as the Spirit starts talking through you, and you will be fine.



Serving as auxiliary is

Greg Wadlinger—Men's Rector #51

November 3-6, 2016

Jennifer Smithers—Women's Rector #56

November 10-13, 2016

Dear Pescadores,

It's fishing season. I don't know if it's big bass, or salmon – maybe it's bluefish from the Atlantic. Get your best lures polished up. Make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ. It's the season for fishing for men. The weekends are right around the corner. Who do you know who could be a Pilgrim?

Dear Fellow Pescadores,

I am happy to say that the Lord has helped me to finish putting together the Womens' #56 team! As my husband is fond of saying, God is never late, He's always right on time.

I struggled to find time to make the phone calls and follow-up



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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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And who wouldn't be excited to have such men as we have on our Men's #51 team? (see page 5) I believe God intends, as Peter wrote, for us as "lively stones" to be "built up a spiritual house." We have the Spirit of God dwelling inside us. He speaks to our hearts life giving words of promise, of how he has translated us from the power of darkness to the kingdom of His dear Son (Col. 1:13).



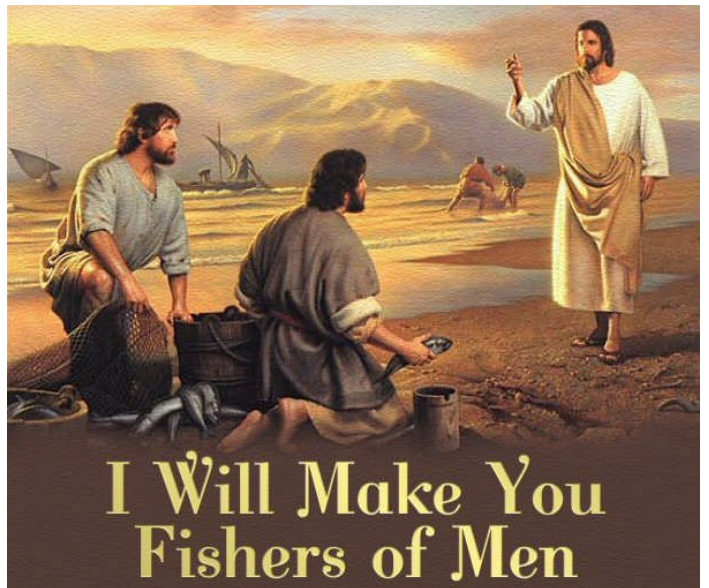
It's His sovereign work that has built this team, and will build us together so that our sacrifices may be acceptable to God through Christ. Each of us probably has a little of the muck from our

environments on our boots, so we need God's grace to help us wash each other's feet and to "submit to one another in the fear of God." (Eph. 5:21). Pray for us as we meet together on our great endeavor for Christ.

God moves when we pray. It is His good pleasure to give us the kingdom (Luke 12:32). We are part of a great enterprise of Love. This is what the weekend

Be a Pescadore

Invite someone to be a Pilgrim on the weekend



is about, showing God's loving-kindness to our neighbor. Such a privilege is rare and precious. There is a value beyond price for the life of every believer to be encouraged in his/her walk with Jesus. We walk in the footsteps of brothers and sisters whose sacrifices have paved the way for us, and we get to continue this. We are co-laborers with God (1 Cor. 3:9).

Please contact my chief kitchen auxiliary, Don Avery to sign up to help on the weekend. It will bless the Pilgrims and you in more ways than you know! He can be reached at: 603.443-7860

At the closing we look forward to presenting to the community the fruit of the love you have borne for us in Jesus Christ.

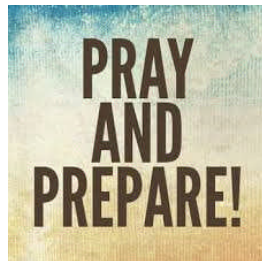
De Colores!

Greg Wadlinger



with people who were thinking and praying about serving, so it took longer than I had hoped. But, the last spot on my roster was filled on the night of our first team meeting! Praise the Lord!!

We have now had our second team meeting, and I'm so excited to see what the Lord has planned as we are getting to know one another better. We will be meeting mostly on Friday nights, so if you think of us, please pray for all of the ladies and for Wayne as people are preparing Rollos and organizing for the weekend. Also pray that the Lord will help me to be a humble leader and facilitator, and continue to be open to the Lord's direction and plan. Pray for a hedge of protection around all of the team as we travel for meetings and that all would remain healthy and strong to serve. We all have our talents, so please pray that the Lord shows our team



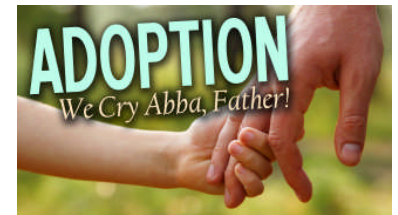
how to put their God-given talents to work in service for Him. I pray, also, that He will use this planning time to stretch and grow us all in our Christian walk, too.

My prayer for the Pilgrims is that they will come to know God's grace and love for them—to know that they have been adopted by the Lord, and that they are all daughters of the king! With His presence in their lives, they are no longer slaves to fear, as my theme verse states in Romans 8:15-17a.

Please be praying for the Lord's direction in seeking candidates for the weekend, and pray about other ways that you can serve for support on the weekends, whether it be with Palanca, serving a meal, Mananita, or coming to the closing. Please attend the next Secuela to reconnect with the community, and look at the sign-up sheet, too!

De Colores,

Jen Smithers



President, continued

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exhausting whether in the Kitchen or Rollo room. Up early and down late makes the days long. You get the feeling, I'm just going to drop, but the Spirit will keep you going because you serve out of love, with a good and fulfilling tired. Oh! That bell again!

Spiritual directors have what seems an easy task but not really. They are keenly aware of Spiritual matters and always ready when an attack comes, weekends are a battle field and prayer is the weapon of choice. This is what your Spiritual directors do along with the community.

All predestined, all hand picked for these particular weekends and all weekends to come. You all have been blessed in so many ways and

will be a blessing to the Pilgrims in ways you will see unfold. Our Father is a good, good Father.

Bless you all and enjoy the blessings to come.

Acting President,

Richard Chamberlin



A life of Grace & Truth through Boundaries & Borders

By Bernadette De Sisto

God is all about relationships. You see His desire for intimacy with us as far back as the garden as He walked with Adam and Eve. He created within us a longing for relationship; first with Him and then outward to each other. We are relational creatures. The desire to relate is a basic need found within each of us regardless of gender, age, intellect or geographical location. Every society has testified to this through written records, songs, poems and writings. But God's view of relationship and ours do not start and end on the same page..

God is perfect and the relationship that existed within the godhead was perfect as well. God desired to share this perfect love with us and in purity the first man and woman came forth from His hand. He used His own breath to give us life. From the beginning He gave us choice. He wanted our love to pour out of a willing heart, free of manipulation, guilt or fear. He wanted us truly free. But even in this freedom, God gave us boundaries and borders. Boundaries and borders help us recognize where we begin and end; helping us see God and others as separate from ourselves, with individual freedoms and choices and were put in place as natural protective barriers. These boundaries were present in the garden displayed as the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When the boundary was violated sin entered. We see the birth of sin and its works in the lives of Adam and Eve and its inevitable spread to Cain and Abel, who while in a jealous rage, murdered his own brother.

Once sin entered the world all relationship changed. There was



now a gap in the relationship between God and man and in our relationship with each other. Throughout time, history records the freedoms of choice that man has made as a result of sin. These choices have often been to the detriment of others. Slavery, poverty, murder, exploitation, control and manipulation were the path of selfish freedom that many traveled. The purity was gone, the giving was gone. The cry of "me first" replaced what God had originally intended for us at the heart of relationship and every man, woman and child has suffered under its selfish root.

God's plan for redemption was present long before Adam and Eve exercised their "freedom" and made the first wrong choice. It was present long before Abel's blood cried out to Him from the ground. When Jesus Christ came it was to set the captives free; free from the trappings of sin and death. When God gave us freedom, it was always within the safety net of borders and boundaries. These borders and boundaries weren't meant to trap us within, or to keep others out. These were the tools of relationship that allowed us to live and move in true freedom while honoring God with our lives and loving others without guilt, fear, control or manipulation of God or others. It let our yes be yes, and our no be no. It let us release others into the hands of God, allowing them the freedom to make choices as separate individuals accountable to God, whether they were our children our spouse or our neighbor. These boundaries and borders are not prohibitive fences, but rather guiding gates that allow us to walk in the fullness of life, the grace and truth of relationship that is at the center of the heart of God.



De Colores,

Bernadette De Sisto



2016 Team List

Men's List

Position

Women's List

Greg Wadlinger	Rector	Jennifer Smithers
Wayne Warner	Rector in Training	Anita Norton
Jim Proctor	Spiritual Director	Wayne Lydem
Ken LaClair	Spiritual Director	Janet Smithers
Jerry Cole	Head Auxiliary	Beth Cole
Glynn Simpler	Ideals	Carrie Welch
Jim Guiel	Church	Muffy Howard
Ed Chase	Piety	Donna Guiel
David Bridges	Study	Joan Cook
Dean Stanley	Action	Nancy Knapp
Michael McShane	Leaders	Cathy Carlson
Shawn O'Neil	Environments	Sue Green
Luc Legault	CCIA	Peggy Lydem
Rick Anderson	Reunion Groups	Harriet Emery
	Table Leader	Holly Jarvis
Michael White	Rollo Room Auxiliary	Kathleen Sullivan
Joel Messier	Rollo Room Auxiliary	Felicia Post
Gene Bartlett	Rollo Room Auxiliary	Carole Richards
Mark Lake	Rollo Room Auxiliary	Effie Farnham
Don Avery	Chief Kitchen Auxiliary	Linda Dimmick
Steve Roy	Kitchen Auxiliary	Shirley Huang
Ted Kenyon	Kitchen Auxiliary	Kathy Kutt
Mark Tourville	Kitchen Auxiliary	Cindy Roy
Jeff Cyphers	Music Director	Carrie Welch

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 did not vote in the two officers of President and Vice President at the August Secretariat. The . Please make every effort to attend the secretariat so you can vote for these positions in November

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, mopping, 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. _____ Music _____	DeColores Cake Saturday Night 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ Communion Breads Weekend & Closing

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!

Palanca, What is it?

Definition: The Spanish word meaning "lever;" Something which allows a person to move things beyond his/her strength. It translates to the words 'pull' or 'influence.' As used in Tres Dias, Palanca is not a simple greeting or an expression of love; it is an expression of love through self-giving or sacrifice. The letters, banners, gifts and service which symbolize the prayers on behalf of the candidates and team are also referred to as Palanca.

Different types of Palanca:

- Serving a meal on the weekend
- Taking care of one of the Pilgrim's children during the weekend.
- Writing letters/notes for the team and pilgrims
- Making a Banners
- Going to the Mananita and Closing on Sunday
- Signing up to do the Agape
- Singing after a meal at the Wildflower on the weekend
- Making some crafty love note/item
- Calling the candidate after the weekend

ARE YOU READY TO BE A SPONSOR?

Do you know what it really means to be a sponsor? We all know the obvious things:

- Invite a friend to a Weekend
- Help with application
- Get Pilgrim's minister to sign the application
- Write a Palanca letter
- Do kitchen Palanca
- Attend the closing
- Take Pescadore home from the Weekend

That is only a very small beginning. Are you aware of how really big a decision it is to sponsor someone? Are you aware that your responsibility does not end with the trip home after the Weekend? It is necessary to consider some other things:

- Do you know the Pilgrim really well?
- Are you sensitive to where your Pilgrim really is, in relationship to God?
Are you sure that your Pilgrim can handle the Weekend: - emotionally -spiritually -in good health?
- Are you willing to assist and to

consider your Pilgrim's family during the weekend?

- Are you willing to take the children to the baseball game, music lessons, movies?
- Have you considered inviting your Pilgrim's family for a meal?

Most important of all. . . are you well established in your 4th day?

- Do you attend a Reunion of Friends?
- Do you attend Sequelas?
- Do you attend Mananitas and Closings?
- do you participate in Secretariat?

Are you willing to ask the new Pescadore to join your Reunion of Friends or help start a new Reunion Group? Will you invite the new Pescadore to join you at Tres Dias activities, such as: Secuelas, Closings, and Secretariat meetings?

That's right, do a little thinking and praying about all of this. If you then still want to sponsor someone, you are heading in the right direction.

Don't forget to ask the lord, whom He would have you sponsor !

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

Application Committee
Marilyn White
Lisa White

Communication Committee
Brenda Berry
Janet Smithers

Team Screening Comm.
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.

September 17th—Lyndonville Methodists Church

October 15th—East Randolph Baptist Church

November 12th—TBA

December 3rd—Northfield Bible Fellowship

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

Donna Guiel 802-318-2917 to inquire!