

The Abraco



Vermont Tres Dias

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2019 Upcoming items to be praying for

- 2019 Rectors are: Greg Smithers & Claudette Goad
- May 3 & 4 is a scheduled work weekend at the Wildflower Inn. See the president's letter for details
- Be in prayer for the Wild Flower Inn and whether or not we will be able to continue to hold our weekends there. 2019 weekends are scheduled to be held at the Wildflower, Yea!

President's Letter



Happy New Year to you, Tres Dias Community, We had a couple fabulous weekends in November. And we have just had a great Secuela in Randolph. Let's keep that momentum going in 2019!

Please take notice of new Constitution & By-Laws, revised to comply with Tres Dias International and allow us to maintain our charter. There will be a vote on adopting these at our next Secuela. (Feb) They are on the website vttresdias.org under documents and titled as

"VT Proposed Constitution & By-Laws.

We have also slightly revised the application to attend the weekends. That is also on the website vttresdias.org under documents.

We have set in place a work weekend at the Wildflower Inn for, May 3 – May 4. There will be more details about this as the time gets closer. This is a fun and productive weekend, blessing the Wildflower and blessing us, both as a Tres Dias group and as individuals. There



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are jobs for everyone; just bring a willingness to serve God in this capacity.

I would encourage you to be thinking about the fall weekends, as Rectors are already beginning the work of creating a team. You may be called to serve as a team member! Or you may feel Him calling you to do some sort of Palanca on the weekend such as serving a meal, writing some Palanca notes, set-up or clean-up, or cooking for 40 or so. Or you may feel God leading you to sponsor then mentor a



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Greg Smithers—Men's Rector #54

Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2019

Dear Tres Dias Community,

I have been blessed and continue to be humbled with the opportunity to be Rector for the Men's #54 Weekend. I made my weekend #47 in 2012, many years after my wife Jennifer made hers. I was ready to accept what God had in store for my life, and as I know from experience, many of the men who will attend this coming weekend will be too.

My wife Jen and I have lived in Cambridge in the house that she grew up in when we purchased it in the Summer of 2000. After

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Claudette Goad—Women's Rector #59

November 7-10, 2019

Hello Fellow Pescadores,

My name is Claudette Goad and I live in Randolph, VT with my husband Alex of 41 yrs. and our dog Bridgette (mini-dachshund) who is a certified therapy dog, and a new member of the family Stitch—a tortie colored 9mos. old, adopted cat. Our son Nick lives in Washington, D.C. and we have a new grand-daughter Feven (FAY-VEN), who just turned 1 year old on Dec. 26.

I attend church at the East Randolph Baptist Church and I'm on the praise

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Fall Dates!!

Now that we have the fall dates, start working on applications for Pilgrims for weekends.

Men's weekend is Oct. 31-Nov. 3

Women's weekend is Nov. 7-10

This is just 10 months away!

Also, be praying about how you going to help out on the weekend, that is so very important!



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Pilgrim from your church, giving them a little Christian boost. We have already had some interest in the weekends. With the Rollo room in the Meadows now, we are limited on the number of Pilgrims. So get those applications in early!



I would encourage you to attend Secuelas as much as you can, especially when they are in your area. Car pool together, it is great fun! The next one is at Essex Alliance Church on Old Stage Road

in Essex Center. There will be a Secretariat (business meeting) at 12:00, and we will be voting on these new By-Laws among other items of business. The Secuela will begin at 1:00, followed by snacks and socializing. Hope to see you there, and we will bless the Lord with worship and fellowship.

De Colores!

Jerry Cole,

President



Be a Pescadore (a Fisher of Men)

Invite someone to be a Pilgrim on the weekend

Men's Rector, continued

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being married for over 17 years without children, in 2014 we adopted our daughter Grace from Sierra Leone. Grace who is now 4 and a half going on 16. We love her dearly and if it wasn't for God's abundant Grace, we would not have her in our lives. I am thrilled that I am part of this community especially since so many of my Randolph and Cambridge friends are part of it. Randolph is where I grew up and Vermont Tres Dias has strong roots of origin from there.



We attend Essex Alliance Church and are part of an active small group in Cambridge that meets weekly to address prayer needs and learn more about our Lord. I have learned so much in this short time and at the same time so very little. There is so much to learn about our Lord, but as we all learned in the Piety talk, its about the lifelong direction towards God. I'm still getting there and consider myself a work in progress. Because I am that work in progress, I am humbled to be asked to be the Rector this fall.

In those early Months after my weekend, I really felt the presence of the Lord working in my life and teaching me that I had a purpose and that there was a plan. I had no idea what the plan was, but as it unfolds it is so humbling to see His hand in everything.

Jeremiah 29:11 New International Version (NIV) 11 *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*



This verse has brought me to tears on so many occasions. It's the first one I look to when I can't make sense of the chaos in life. Through those peaks and valleys, I have been blessed with so much; A wonderful supportive wife and

loving and compassionate daughter, a home in a community I love, a career that I enjoy and find fulfilling and opportunities to travel and spend quality time with my family.

I know that a Rector's walk does not go unchallenged by the dark one. I recognize that and ask for your daily prayers as I prepare and select God's team. If something wonderful wasn't going to happen, the progress wouldn't go unchallenged. As my pastor Scott often reminds us, we are coming from a place of victory. Christ has already won the battle!

De Colores,

Greg Smithers

Men's #54 Rector

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team. I'm involved with two Bible study groups through the church with open discussions and prayer time included. I like to be involved with Vacation Bible School each summer and I have worked in the church nursery in the past.



I am unsure what year I was a pilgrim, but I know that it was prior to weekend #7, back when Tres Dias was held at the Mari-Castle in Randolph. I agreed to attend for my parents, but wasn't very excited to go. I was touched by the hand of God that weekend and I really enjoy spending time with His people at all things Tres Dias!

As I trust in God to help guide me through the 9 months of planning for the November women's weekend, I will often bring to mind the verse in Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". As I reflect on my Christian walk, especially now with being asked to serve the Lord as Rector, I can see how God has prepared me for this opportunity to serve Him.

The verse I've chosen for the Women's Tres Dias #59 weekend is found in **Ephesians 4:15-16** and taken from the NKJV version : *Speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is*

the head-Christ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

My hope for the Tres Dias community is that you will hear God's call to serve Him for His glory. If you haven't been involved for a season, carve out some time in your schedule to attend the Mananita and/or Closing. As you know, there are many other ways to serve during the Tres Dias weekends. Read the Ephesians verse (above) one more time. Keep your eye on the Abraco and your email for information about how you can serve others in love through the working of the Holy Spirit.



Why wait until September or October to pray about sponsoring a pilgrim on the November weekends? Pray now and see who God plans to ask you to sponsor. Start the conversation with your family or friend as soon as you know who you will ask. It may take more than one conversation to get a completed application in your hands.

I am so very excited to watch the Lord's work.

De Colores! - Your Sister in Christ,

Claudette Goad

Women's #59 Rector

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Could be you, talk to the President!!

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and Paul Ciampaglia

Clip &  Save

Feb 16—Secuela at Essex Alliance
12:00 Secretariat 1:00 Secuela

March 16th—You could host, just call Dave Satre!!!

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

Dave Satre at 802-728-4836 to volunteer!