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## Vermont Tres Dias

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### President's Letter

Dear Pescadores,



Dew: Does dew fall, or does dew rise? Answer: It does neither. It

just shows up and the process is called condensation.

Things get done by people when they show up. They condense in one spot called the Secuela.

Covid-19 has really sapped the strength of the cohesiveness of Tres Dias. To the point where

I won't be able to attend the next Secuela

because of my prior commitments to go to Florida to recreate with children and grandchildren during school vacation. I've

talked with more people who have told me they won't be able to attend to the point where I was questioning whether I should cancel the secretariat and Secuela at Cambridge church. But we will have the Secuela, praying that there will be a

condensation of people!

I didn't want to take over the presidency again but felt it needed to happen. And hoping that I could reinvigorate the TD community to at least attend Secuela and secretariat when they are in their area. And don't just come but generate some enthusiasm and possibly bring someone who might not come except that they were asked to accompany you.

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### 2023 Upcoming items to be praying for

- 2023 Rectors are: Mark Lake & Ann Howard
- Pray for what you can do to be a part of the weekends.
- Volunteer to host a Secuela at your church, a park near you, or even your house if you have the room!

### Sponsorship

The Applications committee would like to encourage all Pescadores to contact all the persons whom they have sponsored over the years and find out how their 4th day is going. Please send a card or word of encouragement, however the Lord is leading you.

In addition, spend some time with the person who sponsored you, if at all possible. Thank them for inviting you to attend your weekend. *"And let us consider how we may spur one another*

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### Supply Trailer update

Following the weekends last August, it was noted that the supplies trailer had never been sorted and organized from the last time it was filled at the Wildflower.

Don Jones volunteered to assist with securing a permanent place to house the trailer and that was done. Jerry and Beth Cole, Gary and Lynn Irish, Don Jones and Wayne Warner, got together to organize everything. Gary built new

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So my hope is, in this season of hope, which is called Easter, that Pescadores would attend this upcoming Secuela. If you have been blessed by Tres Dias, and if at all possible, support the organization. By doing so, you will be giving back what you received and further the mission we have been given as Christian's.

As we have just celebrated Easter, I wish you a Happy Easter!

De Colores  
**Jerry Cole,**  
President

## Supply Trailer update, continued

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shelving inside with assistance from Jerry. Beth and Lynn went through all the bins so they were labeled and items that were not of use were disposed of. Here are some pictures of their work. Thank you so much!



## Sponsorship, continued

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*on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habits of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)*



Now is the time to begin praying and asking who God needs you to invite to attend a weekend. We are hoping to have a Sponsorship workshop soon where we can get together and share thoughts on the best sponsorship experiences...the do's and don'ts...we will need experienced sponsors as well as those who have never sponsored before to attend. **Please contact Lynn Irish or Cheryl Lake to let them know of your interest in attending this workshop** so they can contact you with the date, time and location once it is established.



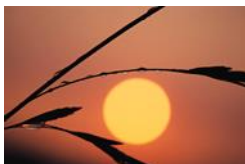
## Summer Dates are set!!

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

**Men's weekend is Aug. 3rd-6th**

**Women's weekend is Aug. 10th-13th**

Before you know it, these dates will be here, so now is the time to round up those applications. Lets get our application in early!



## Obstacles Overcome

After two years of disappointment and cancelled weekends, Rectors Don Jones and Heather Hendrickson were finally able to put together their teams and Vermont Tres Dias Men's weekend #55 and Women's #60 were accomplished in August, 2022. It was more of a challenge for the rectors as we were now in a new place. (The Wildflower Inn that had hosted us for 20 years was no longer available.) We were fortunate that God had provided us with a trailer a few years ago (See Storage Article on Pg 1) to store all our supplies and equipment.

After searching and visiting several sites, it was decided that we should try the Vermont State Grange property in Brookfield. The dates available were for the summer, so this meant changing menus, from winter fare to summer type meals. Rectors needed to visit the site several times to figure out where Pilgrims and Team members should be housed, where chapels were to take place, the placement and design of the Rollo Room. A lot of things to think about that may have been more automatic in years past because we had been at the Wildflower for so long and everyone knew the facilities.

Don Jones faced considerable challenges. There were not enough Pescadores on the team, so everyone had to double up on responsibilities. This was made doubly difficult because a week before the water system was deemed to be undrinkable. It was decided to go ahead anyway and the kitchen crew boiled water for cooking and bottled water was purchased. This and the weather produced 90+ degree heat all weekend. The two Pilgrims who attended benefitted greatly and the whole team was thankful that the weekend was not cancelled. (Janet, you could put a link to the TDI newsletter article here if you wish)

The women's weekend followed the men's and instead of 90 degree heat, had a very cool weekend with high near 70 and low temperatures in the 50's....a little cool for sleeping in unheated cabins. But, nine pilgrims were able to complete the weekend and the women had a wonderful time together sharing in fellowship, singing and spending the time together, with great thanksgiving to God.

As Heather noted in her rector's report to the Secretariat: "Our weekend was going to be the last at the Wildflower Inn . It became the first at the Brookfield Grange. We were the guinea pigs. I hope we have blazed a good trail for future weekends."

At the Secretariat on March 18th it was decided that we will be using the Brookfield Grange facilities again this year. The dates are August 3-6th for Men's Weekend #56 and August 10-13th for Women's Weekend #61. Rectors for this year are Mark Lake and Ann Howard.

Let us continue on in celebrating Jesus and what He has done for us. Be praying for all aspects of the weekend and what you can do to be a part of the process. Here are a couple of pictures of the Brookfield Grange.

Bunk house



Rollo Room

# Communication Committee Update

The communications committee is hard at work updating the directory. If you have any changes in your mailing address, phone number or email address please send them [communication@vttresdias.org](mailto:communication@vttresdias.org)

We encourage you to visit the website: [www.vttresdias.org](http://www.vttresdias.org) We are currently looking for a Pescadore who is skilled in website development/design to help us maintain and make the site more user friendly and inviting.

Have you visited Facebook lately? There are two places where we can be found. Our page on Facebook is called Vermont Tres Dias. It is open to all who want to look at information posted there. We also have a Facebook group, Tres Dias Vermont. This is for Pescadores only. There you will find encouraging posts and the

latest information from Pescadores and what's happening. Check them out!

In need of information to find a community in a new place you have moved to? Have a friend who wants to attend a weekend, but they live in another location? Please contact Cheryl Lake, [calake56@gmail.com](mailto:calake56@gmail.com). She is a board member of Tres Dias International and has access to an app that lists every community of TDI.



Be a

**Pescadore**

**(a Fisher of Men)**

**Invite someone to be a Pilgrim on the weekend!!**

## Your Tres Dias Officers

President—Jerry Cole  
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Spiritual Director Committee  
Ron Rilling, Fred Tomaselli  
and Paul Ciampaglia

Clip &  Save

**May 20th, can you host?**

**June 17th, can you host?**

**July is our picnic month. Site TBA, date 22?**

Call Jennifer Smithers  
if you want to host a  
Secuela

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