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## Vermont Tres Dias

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### Weekend Spotlights

- Pilgrims need to be brought to the Inn by 7:00 pm on Thursday evening
- Helping hands are needed to serve the meals, call the chief kitchen auxiliary of either team to volunteer.
- Help is needed for cleanup at the Inn and for setting up and take down for the closing. Again, call the chief kitchen auxiliary.
- Pies are needed for Sunday noontime dinner. Again, call the chief kitchen auxiliary!

## President's Letter

Dear Community

As your new president I pray that I may serve God foremost. I also pray that together we will advance His kingdom by serving both Pilgrims and Pescadores during their walk with the Lord.

The weekends are approaching quickly and we will need to consider prayerfully and thoughtfully the blessings that this time will be for a pilgrim. Please ask the Lord to direct you to people you know and love, to invite or sponsor this November. I ask you to review the responsibility

of a sponsor. One aspect of sponsorship is to remember the Tres Dias mission to nurture church leaders or potential church leaders. Please determine where your candidate is in their relationship with their Savior. Can they handle the weekend emotionally, spiritually and in good health? Will you milk their cows and look after their mates and children?

I thank my Lord and Savior for the opportunity to serve and I ask everyone to attend the Secretariats and Secuelas. Our community needs your

ideas and inputs to continue to grow and thrive. I also believe that Secuelas are an important part of our fourth day, a reunion group opportunity.

Lastly don't forget the Mananitas and closings. A fine show of support for the new Pescadores is very uplifting for them and reassures them of the love of the community.

May He bless you

*Dick Michaud*



## Men's Rector Letter

"Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul, worship his  
Holy Name. Sing like  
never before, O my soul  
Worship his Holy Name.

Our theme song for the Men's Tres Dias #49 is "10,000 Reasons" by Matt Redman. These words of praise bring comfort and

hope to my soul.

We are in a battle for the souls of men. Satan is a liar, thief and murderer. It is too hard for me to expand upon the sadness I have seen just since my last letter to you. Suicides, young adults totally ravished by the

uncontrollable use of drugs and alcohol, parents separating due to their own selfish desires.

Many perish due to the lack of knowledge.

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# Men's Rector Letter (continued)

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Yet in all these things Jesus has already won the battle. Jesus clearly desires that we have life and have it abundantly.

God has given us a very special gift in Tres Dias. The purpose and motivation of all we do is for building up the church in our individual communities. It gives believers three special days to witness Christ's Love poured out to them. Unencumbered by the World. A place to hear the Holy Spirit speaking clearly into their lives.

Please support your Tres Dias

Team as God leads you.

Sponsor a Christian Man from your community.

Donate food, general supplies as well as volunteer to serve a meal by contacting my Kitchen Chief Scott Puopolo at:

Home – 802-763-7749

Cell - 802-763-2499

Send your personal Palanca for each pilgrim letting him know that there is a larger supportive community out there praying for him.

If it is in your heart to do so please send a financial blessing to support a pilgrim. These gifts can be sent

to my Auxiliary Chief Jerry Cole at 86 Vt Route 15, Cambridge, Vt 05444

Let us do good while it is still day. It is my ideal and may it be yours, "And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come. Still, my soul will sing your praise unending –Ten Thousand Years and then forever more! Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship his Holy Name.

De Colores,

*Jim Guiel, Rector*



# Women's Rector Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Women's TRES DIAS weekend # 54 team have been coming together for four weeks, I am in awe observing how God is knitting us together as a community! God is moving mightily, creating HIS team to serve and love on the pilgrims He will bring forth for the weekend. Please pray for pilgrims and if you are so called, consider sponsoring someone from your own church.

The Women's weekend will be held on November 6th through the 9th. We need you, our strong, loving and caring TRES DIAS community. We need your prayers, your

presence and your Palanca to help make His love visible. Your prayers and acts of service are vital for all of us, and we are deeply grateful. Consider making personal Palanca for the pilgrims and or team members , a gift of music is always a wonderful way of showering the pilgrims with love. Volunteer to serve a meal. Snack food is always needed, including, crackers, cookies, fresh fruit and veggies. Please contact Jill Williams Women's Kitchen Chief at 802-276-2171 for details.

Join us for the closing on Sunday or come for Mananita. We are grateful for any gift of service the

community can provide.

Our theme for this weekend is Roman's 12:12 "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer". I thank God for this unique opportunity to serve. I ask for your continued prayer and support for the team and pilgrims.

Des Colores!

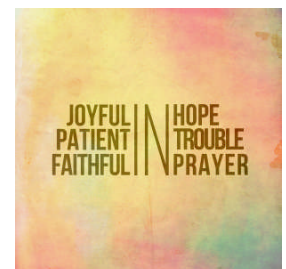
In Christ's love,

*Cindy Bailey*

Rector of Women's #54

## Weekend Spotlights

- Mananita on Sunday mornings is at 7:30 am. You need to arrive and wait down the road by 6:45 am and you will be told when to proceed up the road for gathering and practice. Exciting time!!



# A Few Good Men

Growing up, I was surrounded by men in my life who for various reasons failed to be good husbands, fathers or even citizens. Much of this came from the poor examples that were set before them. It was and is part of the way the enemy steals, kills and destroys. He is fully aware that as the man goes, so goes the family.

I have to be honest and confess that I have struggled greatly with the male, female roles as biblically defined. I grew up as a young girl watching women burn their bra's and declare their freedom, claiming reproductive rights as they turned their backs on the traditional view they grew up with. And it wasn't necessarily all bad, as we have seen women treated often less than human throughout various times in history. But when we as human beings try to right a wrong, the enemy through sin twists and distorts it, mixing lie with truth and gives us something God never intended.



The Church has not been left unaffected. Many men have deserted their God given roles, out of passivity, frustration, confusion and a multitude of other reasons.

## Weekend Spotlights

- Closing on Sunday is at 4:30 pm. You need to arrive at the church before the team & Pilgrims get there, so 4:00 is a good time to get there for fellowship and singing!!



Women have become the initiators, pursuing instead of being pursued, initiating rather than responding, leading their husbands instead of yielding in love. As men have failed to step up to the plate, women have risen up to fill in the gaps and lead their families, and taken on burdens of responsibility that never belonged to them. Men not loving, women not respecting- easy to predict the results and the impact on The Church as well as the family and all the individuals involved.

That said, I wanted to take the opportunity to remember that still amongst us are men who walk worthy of their calling. I have the privilege to be amongst them at church and many Christian gatherings including Tres Dias. I have watched those called to serve on the Women's Weekends and noted their gentle, softer side emerge for their sister's sake. I have observed them lead by example in being servants to others.

One of those men was Peter Smithers. I had the privilege of working with him as weekend cooks several years back. Believe me when I say I am no Martha Stewart, but Peter was patient and loving throughout the weekend despite the amount of work, long hours and difficulties we encountered. Even though we didn't have much time to talk between all the meal preparations and dirty dishes, I knew I was in the presence of a good man, a godly man. At the end of the weekend at the closing, Peter served me communion, and he clasped my face with both hands as I received the bread and looked me straight in



the eye as he spoke. I knew in that moment that we had connected and I felt dearly loved in Christ.

I often observed his face at the end of a weekend, an expression of tiredness was easily recognizable, but he never stopped giving his all. Whether it was taking the group photo, serving communion, singing a song, or standing over a hot stove, he was in it with a willing heart and hands in service to Our Lord and his brothers and sisters in Christ. Peter Smithers was one of a few good men that truly demonstrated what servant leadership is all about. I know that in him the Lord is well pleased. He is greatly missed.

Thank you to all the men who take their responsibilities as privilege and serve us wholeheartedly as unto the Lord. You glorify God daily with your very lives and bring the truth of biblical manhood back into our lives in the way that God originally intended.

De Colores, In His Love,  
*Bernadette Tracy*



# 2014 Men's & Women's Team List

<b>Men's List</b>	<b>Team Position</b>	<b>Women's List</b>
Jim Guiel	Rector	Cindy Bailey
Jerry Cole	Chief Auxiliary	Lorinda Michaud
Ron Rilling	Spiritual Director	Steve Berry
Fred Tomaselli	Spiritual Director	Janet Smithers
Ed Chase	Music Director	Doreen Puopolo
Jason Jarvis	Ideals	Brenda Berry
Greg Wadlinger	Church	Beth Cole
Ed Chase	Piety	Peggy Lewellen
John Rizzo	Study	Barbi Langdon
David Satre	Action	Lynne Butler
Luc Legault	Leaders	Nancy Knapp
Greg Smithers	Environments	Marilyn White
Jim Mather	Christian Comm. in Action	Karen Warner
Mark Lake	Reunion Group	Joan Cook
Jerry Hendrickson	Table Leader	Pat Maynard
Don Cameron	RR Auxiliary	Cheryl Morrill
Dick Michaud	RR Auxiliary	Bonnie Kenyon
Luke Hayward	RR Auxiliary	Ann Howard
Glen Norton	RR Auxiliary	Claudette Goad
Scott Puopolo	Chief Kitchen Auxiliary	Jill Williams
Paul Moses	Kitchen Auxiliary	Heather Green
Ralph Cook	Kitchen Auxiliary	Betty Salter
Don Jones	Kitchen Auxiliaryv	Felicia Post
Reg Wilcox	Kitchen Auxiliary	

# Sponsorship

A key role in the *Tres Dias* movement is that of the sponsor. Before the weekend, the sponsor selects and prepares the candidate for the *Tres Dias* experience. To the candidate, the sponsor is *Tres Dias*. After the weekend, the sponsor helps the new Pescadore weather the adjustment to a new life. During the weekend, the sponsor prays, applying leverage with palanca, and makes it real with letters and service.

Sponsorship must be a total commitment. Sponsorship is helping someone to grow through the *Tres Dias* experience.

Candidate selection should be done prayerfully and thoughtfully. Candidates should be capable of leadership. This does not mean only the obvious leaders, but also those who, by their quiet words to friends or by the example of their lives, are able to lead people to Christ.

Not everyone is ready for *Tres Dias*. Ideally, the person should demonstrate a seeking attitude in his relationship with God. As a minimum, the candidate should approach the weekend with an open mind.

The ideal candidate is a mature, stable Christian adult who is able to assume an



active role within the church community; he is a potential Christian leader. Before you rush up to an individual with an application in your hand, ask yourself how well this person matches this description. Be as objective as you can in your answer. If you find that you want this person to make *Tres Dias* to resolve his problem with alcohol, drugs, emotional instability, a failing marriage or some other condition producing an unstable life situation, proceed with extreme caution! In *Tres Dias*, team members are not trained to handle such problems, and personal problem solving is not the purpose of *Tres Dias*. In most cases, a person with such problems is not able to make a real, ongoing commitment to Christ, or to assume a role of Christian leadership. In some cases, the *Tres Dias* weekend has aggravated such problems. When you are in doubt about such a candidate, please talk it over with a more experienced member of the community.

Selecting candidates, befriending them, encouraging them to participate in *Tres Dias*, and signing the application is just the beginning of sponsorship.

## Your Tres Dias Officers

President—Dick Michaud  
 V. Presid.—Richard Chamberlin  
 Secretary—Joan Cook  
 Treasurer—Cheryl Lake

## Your Committee Chairs

Pre Weekend  
 Wayne & Karen Warner

Post Weekend & Housing  
 Barbi Langdon

International Palanca  
 Lorinda Michaud

Application Committee  
 Marilyn White

Communication Committee  
 Janet Smithers

Team Screening Comm.  
 Jerry & Beth Cole  
 Jerry & Kathleen Sullivan

Food Committee  
 Anita Norton

International Representatives  
 Ron & Barbi Langdon

Spiritual Director Committee  
 Ron Rilling, Fred Tomaselli  
 and Paul Ciampaglia

*Secretariat at 5:00 p.m.*

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*Secuela at 6:30 p.m.*

## Upcoming Secretariats and Secuelas

October 18th Georgia Plan Baptist Church Georgia, VT

November 15th Essex Alliance Church Essex Ctr., VT

## Weekend Info

Weekend dates Men's October 30th –Nov 2nd Women's November 6th-9th

Mananita's on Sunday Morning Closings on Sunday late afternoon