



# TriState Tres Dias Newsletter

## February 2007 Volume 201

Remember your promises. Remember your weekend. Christ is counting on you.

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### 2006 Annual Report By Lay Director Susan Pieper

Our Tres Dias community continues to be truly blessed as we endeavor to bring Christians into a more personal walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by emphasizing piety, study, and action. It is exciting to see our fellow pescadores serve as Christian leaders in their home churches and communities.

One important area where God has blessed this community is through the 2006 weekends. We had four very capable leaders -- Allen Mounts, Linda Jackson, Tom White, and Wendy Moore -- who formed teams and conducted the spring and fall weekends. Many of these new pescadores are now getting involved in small groups and increasing their leadership roles in their churches and other ministries.

We held eleven secuelas in 2006, with two of them being "open" to those who have not yet made a weekend. We had some great witness talks, inspiring us to continue our efforts to live out the Christian life.

We also held 12 meetings of your governing body, the Secretariat. As in the years prior, we dealt with a variety of subjects including:

- An in-depth review of the Tres Dias Essentials and how they are being carried out by the Tri-State community.
- Candidates to replace key positions.
- Discussions of candidate applications guidelines and their interpretation.
- Secuela format and implementation of Essentials and history information.
- Review of the financials for the community including budget-by-work area for a weekend, rental rates at Sarto, etc.
- Ways to encourage pescadores to be involved in 4<sup>th</sup> Day activities.
- Recommendations from a subcommittee of current rectors and rectoras, Lay Director and Spiritual Director for future rector and rectora candidates.
- Reports during formations and after the weekend summarizing the activities for the team and candidates and what we can do to improve in the future.
- Tri-State support for the first Kyros ministry in the area.

As always, we had some changes in key positions during the year. Margo Borre and Tom Clark took over the secuela hosting position from Ken Hansen. Gail Sickman is now treasurer after Diane Anderson stepped down. Vince Anderson moved from his term as lay director in February to spiritual director coordinator, replacing Norm Snyder. Jeanne Bell is winding up her responsibilities as 4<sup>th</sup> Day clergy coordinator.

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On a personal note, I have been blessed through serving as Lay Director and being a part of this community since my weekend on Tri-State 10. This position has allowed me see many examples of how the 4<sup>th</sup> Day gives of their time, talents, and resources encouraging candidates and pescadores into a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus.

Every time I read the following scripture from Philemon, I cannot help but think of the Tri-State Tres Dias community:

"When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from you love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you."

To God be the Glory! Susan Pieper, Tri-State 10

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# Community News

**Secula:** Come the first Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. at Olivet Presbyterian Church. Food and fellowship follow worship. Child care provided!

- Thanks to the "McChic's" group, Lisa, Susan, Carolyn, Cindy, Robin, and Sally for January refreshments.
- Thanks to the folks from Zion Church in Newburgh, Lana Hendrickson and group for our February food.
- The Moores, Kempfs, Thuerbachs, Byers, Haydens and Smiths will be bringing refreshments in March.
- The April refreshments will be provided by Mary Ann and Dave Wilson.

**So when are the next week-ends anyway?**

Spring 2007: Men's #59 March 8-11, Women's #59 April 19-22

Fall 2007: Men's #60 Oct. 18-21, Women's #60 Nov. 15-18

Spring 2008: Men's #6 March 6-9, Women's #61 April 10-13

**Mark those dates and sponsor a candidate!**

Men's #59 Talk Help Day Feb. 10, Methodist Temple

Women's #59 Talk Help Day March 17, Methodist Temple



If you need an application to sponsor a candidate, call Mary Ann Kraft at 422-5359. Ask any Secretariat member for help - Terry Schultheis always has some in his car! Additionally, look for copies at secuelas.



The envelope included in this mailing is your opportunity to donate to our community. Any offering is appreciated. You may make your check out to Tri-State Tres Dias. Thank you!



## Men's Tres Dias 59 March 8 -11, 2007

The love, support and prayer from the 4<sup>th</sup> day community have been overwhelming. What a blessing you are to the men of Tres Dias 59.

Our team has been called and has begun to form. Our scripture is Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am humble and gentle in spirit and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

We will need and appreciate your continued prayers and support.

To God be all the glory!

John Welcher, Rector

**Team:** Head Spiritual Director- Dave Mills, Spiritual Director - Kevin McKinney, Spiritual Director - John Swain, Rector - John Welcher, Assit. Rector - Ed Diekmann, Liturgy Director - John Keller, Head Song Leader - Mark Freeman, Song Leader - John Keil, Head Steward - Bob Simpkins, Steward - Bryan Tribble, Steward - David Jones, Head Cook - Tom Kempf, Cook - Mark Wakeland, Cook - Nick Donaldson, Cook - Rick Williams, Head Warden - Bill McCune, Warden - Vince Anderson, Warden - Harold Paulson, Palanca Chairman/Closing Talk - Cecil West, Weekend Helper- Ken Hay, Weekend Helper - Leo McGregor, Weekend Helper - Brandon Viner, Table Leaders: Ideal- Andy Thompson, Church - Butch Piper, Piety - Paul Snider, Study - Mike Crandell, Action - Brian Hancock, Leaders - Craig Ettensohn, Environments - Jerry Terhune, CCIA - Aaron Taylor



*Be joyful always, pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Women's TD #59 April 19-22

### Wishes for a blessed 2007!

Women's TD# 59 is beginning to take shape. Please continue to pray as God is still putting names on my heart and I truly feel this will be His team. Now if I can only "be joyful, pray continually and give thanks" with each call I make for Him to fill the team! Our Gathering is Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and Talk Help Day is March 17, all at Methodist Temple.

In Him! Linda Hay, Rectora #59

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