

TriState Tres Dias Newsletter

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Christ is counting on you.

Annual Report for Tri-State Tres Dias 2008

Our Tres Dias community continues to be truly blessed by God as we endeavor to bring Christians into a more personal walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ emphasizing the areas of 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 that God has blessed this community is through the weekends we conducted in 2007. We had four very capable leaders: John Welcher, Linda Hay, Ed Diekmann, and Diane Anderson, who stepped forward to form teams and conduct the two sets of weekends we held, one each in the Spring and Fall. Many of these new pescadores are now getting involved in small groups and also stepping up to increasing leadership roles in their churches and other ministries.

We held eleven Secuelas in 2007, with two of them being "open to those who have not yet made a weekend. We had some great witness talks shared with us where we were inspired 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.
- Ways to encourage pescadores to be involved in 4th 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.
- Presentation of Leaders School and The Essentials at Team Formations.

As always, we had some changes in key positions during the year. Billy Long has replaced Margo Borre and serves with Tom Clark took for the Secuela hosting. Bill & Jan Theurbach have stepped down from their responsibilities as 4th Day Clergy Coordinators.

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 4th Day gives of their time, talents, and resources encouraging candidates and pescadores into a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus. To all of you, thank you.

As I leave this position, I encourage all of us to remember how God has blessed this movement and His people. Remember the Essentials and how they served not only this community, but communities world wide for 70 years. Stay true to the wonderful gift He has given us.

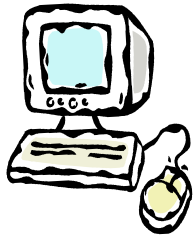
I would like to close with Paul's words to the Philippians:

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Susan Pieper, Tri-State 10

Community News

Join us Feb. 5th and every first Tuesday of the month for Secuela! Come to Olivet Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill Road at 7 p.m. for worship, fellowship, great music, and good snacks. Our witness speaker will be **Robin Church** in February and **LaDonna Dart** in March.



Go to our website, www.tri-statetresdias.org for general information and applications. Thanks to webmasters **Todd Treadway** and to **Scott Leatherland** for working very hard to make current additions to the website. Soon you will even be able to read this newsletter and lots of other good information there.

The spring weekends are just around the corner. (Spring! Isn't that a comforting thought?) Consider sponsoring a candidate. See the next page for Jeff's and Lori's letter and more info on who to contact for service.

Men's TD 61 March 6-9 Rector **Jeff Knight**
Talk Help Day Feb. 9, 8 a.m., Westwood Baptist Church, 121 S. Boehne Camp Rd
Women's TD 61 April 10-13 Rectora **Lori Cook**
Talk Help Day Saturday March 15th, 8 a.m., at Zion United Church of Christ.

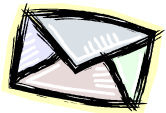
Serve your community!

Enjoy being a part of the Secuela by helping with the PowerPoint slides during the service. The PowerPoint presentations will already be prepared – all you'll have to do is push some buttons! Please **Sallie Gore** at 812-858-9644 or at sntgore@roadrunner.com if you are interested.

Thanks so much to **Susan Pieper**, outgoing lay leader, for her commitment and service to our community.



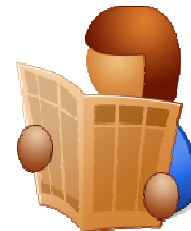
Our newest pescadores are included in this mailing – call some of them and welcome them to the 4th day. Bring them to Secuela!



The envelope enclosed with this mailing is for any donations you would like to give to the community. We thank you for your sacrifice.

Newsletter publication schedule

The newsletter comes out approximately two weeks before the upcoming weekends. The next newsletter is March 1 and will contain weekend information, including the names (that we know at press time) of candidates for the men's weekend. Keep your eye out so you can begin your palanca!



Greetings from Men's Tres Dias 61!:

Galatians 2:20 "Not I, but Christ" serves as the verse for the theme of the Men's Spring Weekend. The word of God says: "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

As the men of TD 61 form over the next several weeks, our focus will be on Christ and "Not I." The theme of this weekend strikes deeply at self like no other theme can. Jesus Christ wants us to understand that "we" have died with Him and that "we" should no longer be what the world sees; rather, the world should see Jesus living in us. Only when we live a Christ-centered life that is fully dependent on Him will the world truly see Jesus Christ in His fullness.

At our Gathering, I asked each of these men to "die to self." Please join with me in praying that each one of these men who serve the Lord on TD 61 will yield himself to Christ daily, so that when the candidates show up at Sarto on March 6, they will see Jesus in His fullness and not men in the flesh. To God be the Glory!

Jeff Knight, Rector

Team members

Spiritual directors, Head, Pat Jackson, Carl Mann, and Rodney Sloan, **Rector** Jeff Knight; **Assistant Rector** Bill Thuerbach; **Liturgy Director** Aaron Taylor, **Song leaders** Dan Dickerson and Dan Webb; **Head Steward and closing talk** Craig Ettensohn; **Stewards** Harold Malicoat and Bill Hammonds; **Head Cook**, Alan Clark; **Cooks** Barry Hampton and Don Walz; **Head Warden** Ken Hansen, **Wardens** Paul Snider and Don Sickman; **Palanca Chairman** Keith Findley; **Helpers** Jerry Fitzwater and Bob Harp; **Ideal** Bob Swallows; **Church** Jeff Knight; **Piety** Bob Walther; **Study** Harold Paulson; **Action** Cecil West; **Leaders** Greg Rorie; **Environments** Jim Stock; **CCIA** Gene Rice

DeColores from Women's Tres Dias 61!

What a blessing it is to serve God by serving as Rectora for Women's TSTD 61! The team is called and is anxiously awaiting the start of formations. Plans for weekend #61 are taking shape. The team gathering will be February 10th. Formations will follow weekly (except for spring break) until the weekend which is April 10-13. Our formations will be held at Zion United Church of Christ in Newburgh, IN.

I request your prayers as we prepare our hearts and minds for this service. The theme verse is from the story when Jesus meets and comforts Jairus regarding his dying daughter. **Mark 5:36, "Don't be afraid, just believe"**. Please mark your calendars and join us for Talk Help Day on Saturday March 15th, 8:00 a.m. at Zion United Church of Christ. We really look forward to experiencing this blessed day with you.

As all of you know, these weekends are an entire 4th day community event. We need YOU, your prayers, and your servant hearts. Here are some ways you can serve:

If you are interested in serving in the prayer vigil, contact Carolyn Anoskey: 867-9099; to serve a meal, contact Susan Young, 401-6549; to help by making food, contact Tammy Welcher, 479-8431, and to help on set-up or clean-up at Sarto, contact Amy Kennedy, 490-1750.

Thank you for your continued prayers and service to this Tres Dias community!

Lori Cook, Rectora

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If you have questions about our community, contact Barb Ferguson, Lay Director, at bferg1015@wowway.net. Changes in name, address, phone or email? Contact database manager Jeff Jackson at Jeff.Jackson@oldnational.com. For sponsor applications, go to www.tri-statetresdias.org or contact MaryAnn Kraft at makraft01@insightbb.com, 422-5356. Has God given you a message for the 4th Day? Please contact secuela co-hosts Tom Clark, 483-8830, or Billy Long. Can your group bring snacks for secuela? Contact Janet Rudolph, 897-1125. If you'd like to join the musicians, call Carol Moore at 858-6968. Invite your pastor to make a weekend! Call Vince Anderson, clergy coordinator at 471-0395. To write an article or to comment on the newsletter, contact Editor Debra Forrest at debra.forrest@gmail.com