



Tri-State Tres Dias Newsletter

Christ is Counting on You

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2008 Annual Report: A Year of Challenges and Blessings

Greetings Pescadores! I come to you with the good news that God continues to bless this community and this movement in rich and invigorating ways! It gives credence to the fact that we continue to pray and listen with a watchful eye toward maintaining the integrity of the method begun so long ago and continuing into today. It does not mean that we are without struggles and those I will share with you as well. This past year has been proof also that we can face those struggles with honesty and prayerfulness that continues to leave God in the center of all we do. Let me share with you some highlights of our past year. I am hopeful that your participation level is such that you can identify with at least some of the things that I am reporting.

God has called into action a governing body that has taken seriously this call to Christian Community in Action. As we have grown larger as a community it has become necessary for us to search for better ways to communicate with the community at large and to train up leadership for our teams and weekends. This has necessitated several extended secretariat meetings. Each time we have made a major decision, I have left the meeting thankful that God called this particular group together as I watched them humbly and prayerfully consider what was best for the movement. I have seen again and again willingness for each to put aside a preconceived position and instead be willing to listen and change and/or compromise.

As a result we have:

- ❖ Developed a leader's school format with a power point presentation that more clearly conveys to team members the over-all purposes and method.
- ❖ Refined more clearly the application process.
- ❖ Begun to seriously look at ways to manage our finances.
- ❖ Had individual members of secretariat who have been willing to devote many hours to updating our web sight, standardizing our services for secuela and the weekends, and redoing our song books. Additionally hours have been spent on updating our data base and combining into one data base the persons who have served on teams so that our historical records are accurate.

These are just the major things that have occurred and don't include the routine jobs that have been accomplished as well. Your governing body has been very dedicated to this movement and to serving Christ. I would like for you to meet them.

Sallie Gore, secretary, Gail Sickman, treasurer, Bill Rasch, Head Spiritual Director, Janet Rudolph out going at-large and in charge of securing folks to bring refreshments, Bill Long out-going at-large but staying on as secuela host, Jeff Jackson, at-large and in charge of data base, Wendy Moore at-large, Ann Wright and Dan Webb at-large, Lori Cook, Head of securing musicians for all services, Marlene Hirsch, newsletter editor, Tom Clark, secuela host, Terry Schulteis, supplies, Vince Anderson, securing spiritual directors for weekends, Deb Kleinschmidt, applications, and Walt Pieper, Talk help team liaison.

Additionally our rector, rectora, and their assistants serve which at the present moment are Randy Kleinschmidt, Randy Cook, Michelle Carnahan, and Deb Kempf.

One important area that God has blessed this community is through the weekends that we conducted for 2008. They were lead by four very capable leaders, Lori Cook and Jeff Knight, Carolyn Anoskey and Bill Thuerbach who stepped forward and called teams. Together these teams served 124 candidates, now new pescadores. Many of these pescadores have gone back into their churches and other activities and stepped up in new leaderships ways while actively employing the Tres Dias method.

We have held 10 secuelas with the opportunity to be witnesses to the wonderful ways that God is calling people within our community to action. Yes, God has blessed this community many times over and continues to speak clearly to us.

With all blessings come obstacles we do have some with which we are presently dealing. When you heard the treasurer's report, you were able to see that finances are a concern. We are searching for ways to meet those concerns including putting the newsletter on-line for free and having a subscription charge for hard copies, increasing the cost of the weekend for team and candidates, increasing member voluntary contributions, continuing to look for ways to cut costs, just to mention a few.

We are actively seeking input and ideas about this and I invite you to talk with any of us and/or e-mail me. My e-mail address is posted in the newsletter and on the web site. We believe that God will direct this endeavor and continue to provide money for needed scholarships for the weekend candidate and team. We would never want this movement to become unavailable to all that God calls for that defeats part of its beauty.

We are excited about some upcoming things for the 2009 year, including a full day to work on revising the books for team positions, and utilizing the talents of past lay directors in better ways. I continue to be blessed by this movement and God's having called me to serve in this way.

I would invite you to join with us and serve alongside us. If you are unsure how that can happen and sometimes feel like it is an impenetrable cliques talk with any of us and certainly with me about ways to become involved-I have only talked about your governing board and the teams, Believe there are lots of ways beyond that.

May God continue to watch over this movement as we work to better serve by going out and bringing more people to Christ.

And remember: Wherever you go, God is sending you; wherever you are God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there. God who dwells in you has something He wants to do through you where you are. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power.

Amen

Barb Ferguson, Lay Director

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



3-March

Secretariat

6:00PM Olivet Presbyterian Church

Secuela

7:00PM: Olivet Presbyterian Church

12-March

6:00PM Men's TSTD #63 Candidate Drop Off
Sarto Retreat Center

6:30PM Sponsor Service
Sarto Celebration Hall

14-March

8:15PM Saturday Service
Sarto Chapel

15-March

3:00PM Sunday Service
Sarto Celebration Hall

23-March

Newsletter Copy Deadline

4-April

Talk Help Day
Women's TSTD #63
8:00AM - 2:00PM: Methodist Temple

7-April

Secretariat
6:00PM Olivet Presbyterian Church

Secuela

7:00PM: Olivet Presbyterian Church

16-April

6:00PM Women's TSTD #63 Candidate
Drop Off
Sarto Retreat Center

6:30PM Sponsor Service
Sarto Celebration Hall

18 April

8:15PM Saturday Service
Sarto Chapel

19-April

3:00PM Sunday Service
Sarto Celebration Hall

Community News

Special Thanks

We extend our thanks to Bill Long & Janet Rudolph for their dedicated service as At-Large members of the Secretariat. As Bill & Janet step down, we welcome Jeff Holden & Marilyn Gregory who were nominated and confirmed at the Annual meeting on February 3, 2009. Thanks for your willingness to represent the 4th Day Community!



After many, many hours of effort, Database Manager Jeff Jackson has compiled into one database the persons who have served on every Tri-State Tres Dias team so that our historical records are accurate. Jeff presented the Secretariat with this complete printed record in January. It's a wonderful gift to the 4th Day Community.

Secuela Servants

Thanks to all those who support Secuela in so many ways. In February, we were blessed by:

Musicians: The Methodist Temple Group of John Keil, Tammy Welcher, Elizabeth Harrison, Tracy Gore.

Speaker: Barb Ferguson

Celebrant: Cliff Herring with Gary & Debbie VanZandt

Snack Providers: Marilyn Gregory, Karen Seltzer, Debby Hines, Mary Reising.

Media: Sallie Boyer



Quotable

"Our attitude is often changed by timing and perspective." Thanks to Celebrant Cliff Herring, many who attended the February Secuela have a new perspective on shopping cart etiquette—and more importantly on how one can use everyday opportunities to bless others. Secuela can be an excellent way to take a break from the daily grind. If you've not been able to come to Secuela for a while, it would be a blessing to see you there!

Applications Available

You can get updates on candidates and other information at our website www.tri-statetresdias.org. Continue to download your application there as well to sponsor a candidate, and then send it to Debbie Kleinschmidt at P.O. Box 431, Grayville, IL 62844. You can contact Debbie at 618-375-3531 or 618-599-5442. It's not too soon to begin thinking of candidates for the spring weekends.

Men's TSTD # 63

DATE CHANGE

March 12 – 15, 2009

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7

PLEASE CONTACT

Servers & Snack or Table Palanca:

Jack Young, Head Warden (812.484.5450)

Meal Palanca: Jim Carnahan, Head Cook (812.425.2888)

Prayer Vigil: Randy Cook, Assistant Rector (812.568.6165)

MEN'S TSTD WEEKEND #63TEAM		
Head Spiritual Leader-Jim Rudolph	Steward/Closing Talk-Jerry Mills	Weekend Helper-Steve Simmons
Spiritual Director-Paul Cavender	Head Cook-Jim Carnahan	Ideal-Mike Harshbarger
Spiritual Director-Bill Rasch	Cook-Tony Whitney	The Church-Jim Funkhouser
Rector-Randy Kleinschmidt	Cook-Rick Springer	Piety-Tom Clark
Assistant Rector-Randy Cook	Head Warden-Jack Young	Study-Brian Clark
Liturgy Director-John Bagby	Warden-Jeff Jackson	Action-Dennis Lannert
Head Song Leader-Jeff Kleinschmidt	Warden-Roger Hayes	Leaders-Mark Freeman
Song Leader-Darrin Carnahan	Palanca Chairman-Mike Lueke	Environments-Dale Dartt
Head Steward-Brent Van Zandt	Weekend Helper-John Anoskey	CCIA-Harry Rudolph
Steward-Zak Kleinschmidt	Weekend Helper- Stan Gregory	
CANDIDATES (AS OF 2/22/09)		
Clem Behme	Mike Simmons	Jeff France
Jason Halbig	Mitch Stichler	Bill Waterbury
Rick Kissel	Ken Thomas	Jay Wilbur, Jr.
Pappy Mabee, Sr.	Homer Meriwether	Mt. Vernon, IN
Ted Mitchell	Andy Hardin	Rick Denning
Gerald Okey	Robert Lance	Wadesville, IN
Jeremy Rexing	Frank Underwood	Gordie Simmons
Wayne Russell	Mike Simmons	Chuck May
Greg Shelton *	Brian Dormeier	Myron Ice
Scott Danks		

*Waiting list, not yet confirmed

WOMEN'S TRIS-STATE TRES DIAS #63 APRIL 16-19, 2009

Greetings Fourth Day Community!

It is with great joy that I announce the Women's Tres Dias #63 team has been gathered. Each person was chosen carefully by our Heavenly Father, and I am so excited to see what great and mighty things God will do through this team as we serve the candidates of Tres Dias #63. Our Gathering was held on Sunday, February 22 at Methodist Temple. We will have formations each Monday evening from February 23 until April 13 (taking the week of spring break off). Talk Help day will be April 4 from 8 AM until 2:00 PM

at Methodist Temple, and the weekend itself is April 16-19.



The theme for the weekend is "All Things Through Christ".

This theme is based on Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." If you would like to participate, please contact the following team members:

Servers, Snack Palanca, and Table Palanca: Lorelei Findley (Head Warden) 459-0796
 loreleilee@sit-co.net

Meal Palanca: Sue Carnahan (Head Cook) 425-2888

casandracarnahan@mac.com
Prayer Vigil: Debbie Kempf (Assistant Rectora) 401-1535 or 228-6237 tdakempf@wowway.com

Thank you in advance for joining us as we minister to each other and to the candidates of Tres Dias #63. I look forward to all that our Lord has in store, and pray that we honor Him in all that we do.

In His Service,
 Michelle Carnahan (Rectora)
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WOMEN'S TSTD WEEKEND #63 TEAM		
Head Spiritual Director-Jerry Daniels	Steward - Pam Fitzwater	Angel- Tina Norris
Assistant Spiritual Director-Sally Cavender	Head Cook- Sue Carnahan	Ideal- Karen Conger
Spiritual Director-Tim Linstrom	Cook/Closing Talk- Debbie Kleinschmidt	The Church- Carol Anne Lukens
Rectora- Michelle Carnahan	Cook- Charmaine Peters,	Piety- Sally Bagby
Assistant Rectora-Debbie Kempf	Head Warden- Lorelei Findley	Study- Robin Fleetwood
Liturgy Director- Patty Sensmeier	Warden- Wendy Bielefeld	Action- Mary Ann Kraft
Head Song Leader- Wendy Moore	Warden- Audrey Selke	Leaders- Gail Sickman
Assistant Song Leader- Patty Batson	Palanca Chairman- Cindy Halbig	Environments- Kim Ellis
Head Steward- Lisa Adkins	Angel- Coleena Pursley	CCIA- Heather Webber
Steward- Michelle Crowley	Angel- Mary Getz	Cook- Anne Springer

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who ya gonna call?

If you have questions about our community, contact **Barb Ferguson, Lay Director**, at bferg1015@wowway.com. 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 **Debbie Kleinschmidt** at klnsmts@gmail.com. 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 **Marilyn Gregory** at kampre@aol.com. If you'd like to join the musicians, call **Music Coordinator Lori Cook** at 867-0467. Invite your pastor to make a weekend! Call **Vince Anderson, Clergy Coordinator** at 471-3095. To write an article or to comment on the newsletter, contact **Editor Marlene Hirsch** at 402-3168