



The Butterfly

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Autumn Blessings



Today we make a joyful noise to you, O Lord.
We come into your presence with singing, we worship you with gladness,
we celebrate with joy as your entire creation gives you praise.
The very mountains and hills are bursting into song,
and all the trees of the field are clapping their hands!
We praise you, God, we praise you!

We know that you are our God.
It is you who made us, and we are yours.
We thank you for your precious gifts of faith in the Lord Jesus,
love toward one another,
and your spirit of wisdom and the grace.
We praise you for giving us deep roots in this community,
protection from danger and the support and fellowship of
brothers and sisters in the faith.

May we never forget that we are your people, the sheep
of your pasture,
and that we need both you and one another.

Good and gracious God, your steadfast love endures forever,
as well as your faithfulness to all generations.
Continue to bring healing to the ill, comfort to the grieving, direction to
the lost,
serenity to the anxious and justice to the oppressed.
Make us into instruments of your peace,
so that we may carry your love into the midst of hatred,
and faith into places of despair and doubt.
Inspire us always to be your grateful people,
so that in every time and place we may give thanks to you and
bless your holy name.
We are bold to ask all these things,
confident in the power that comes from being beloved children
of God. Amen.



Presidents Letter to the Community

What is your Why?

Recently I had the opportunity to meet with a couple of Brothers from the RIMA community. And Art asked a question that I have asked people many times. Why are we doing this?

It prompted a great conversation. Is there value in what we are doing? Will someone come on a weekend and have an impact made on their lives? Am I just getting myself into something else that is going to eat up my time? Why should I sponsor someone? All great questions.

Since coming on as President of RIMA I have constantly been considering two verses, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path”, and “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you”.

It almost seems for many that there is an excitement in the community every spring and fall. This coincides with the weekends. Does this mean we are just having weekend experience or are we looking to build a community of believers, leaders transformed to go back to their home churches and participate fully in Gods work where they are planted?

The questions asked above simply get to all of this. If done right, the answer to most will be yes. Except for the one of course which basically asks am I wasting my time? But I want to hit on that for a bit. The weekend is designed as a tool to bring people to a closer relationship with Christ, to encourage them to become leaders in their own church. So when we hear from someone that they can't handle another thing due to their commitments back in the home church is that a bad thing? I like how Ulysse Breau one of our past presidents put it to me “If we are doing things right we are in the business of putting ourselves out of business”.

Everyone seems to be getting busier and busier these days and not busiless and busiless. The commitment we make to Tresdias needs to be valued. Sure we talk about the weekend but please remember from the essentials it goes way beyond there. If we sponsor someone for just the weekend or because we think it will be good for them we are potentially wasting their time and ours.

The impact we have on a weekend is meant to be more than just for those few days. We understand that this takes an active community. As we move forward from here the secretariat has been focusing on this. What are we doing between weekends now that may need to be changed? We want to hear from you. How would you answer the questions I asked earlier? What would you change?

I would like to share with you a bit about my why:

When I came on RIMA 25, I had a relationship with god. But I can say it probably was not all that focused. On that weekend I met God in a different way. I had the opportunity to get real with him. I looked at the longest journey in my life and got it “That journey was the 18 inches between my head and my heart”.

Over the years I have seen people come on a weekend and be transformed. They have left a different person. I knew no one when I arrived yet I left with brothers I never knew I had. The impact of the weekend was simple yet profound. I made decisions to not participate in the negative things society brings us. To look at people as Jesus did and find the good in them and to build on that. Society teaches us the opposite.

What I found was a relationship. Something we all desire but many never find. Sure there have been times when I question things. But I have a place to go for the answers.

After the weekend and through the years I looked at this impact I felt and asked myself, if this could change me then maybe just maybe it could have the same impact on someone else. That is why I still participate in the community.

I ask you now, what is your why? Do you have a testimony of how your life has been impacted? Consider writing it down and sending it to me. sthiggins@comcast.net It does not need to be long, short and simple is great. I believe we all have something to share. I would like to either publish them in the butterfly or maybe even make a little section that as we receive testimonies we put one or two each time. Your testimony may make a difference in someone else's life. It could be the one that encourages others to move forward with their relationship with God. "Encourage one another daily as long as it is today"

One of the first questions in this message asked why should I sponsor someone? The answer to me is simple. To introduce them to the Jesus you know, because you care for them. Commit to doing it the right way. See a friend, Be a friend, Lead a friend to Christ, Repeat.

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Steve Higgins

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE??????



Leadership Development for RIMA Weekend of November 17-19th Report by Eric Borman

Where do we go from here? We took an offering for postage and would appreciate more donations from the community to spread the future of our community.

Vickie opened with prayer.

1. What do you think we need to do as we go from here?
 - a. Better Communication is needed and vital. Internet via Skype is possible for those who can't physically attend.
 - b. Continue and improve Butterfly and RIMA Ring
 - c. We need to develop a list of Rectors.
 - d. Get a commitment from a prospective team member that team meetings will be attended.
 - e. Will we continue to have our weekends at the convent in East Putnam CT. The convent will accommodate 63 individuals including the guest house. The convent has committed to charge the most least amount possible to Tres Dias. The group agreed with Steve and Steve has said that he would go to Bernadette and say that we are going to



hold our weekends in CT.

2. Is there any thing we missed?
 - a. training team members (checklist) Rector survival kit
 - b. 2 deep angels (1 experienced one to be trained)

3. If I could change anything, what would it be
 - a. AnneMarie DeMerchant Maybe we need to develop a RIMA phone tree. Roland Boucher suggested that we develop a 3 call tree where 1 person is to call 3 others. Communication is vital
 - b. Move the Secretariat meeting around. Some people have to work on Monday nights or get up early. Roland said that the Secretariat date should be fixed as it could cause confusion. Saturday has been suggested as a good day of the week. Steve Higgins announced quarterly potluck meals could be had in different areas.
 - c. Minutes should be mailed, sent in the news letters, and put on the RIMA web site for community access. Having it on the RIMA web site could be for archive purposes. It was suggested that the phone tree could be used to spread the minutes for those who don't have a computer. Steve suggested that someone could go out from RIMA and show people how to use a computer.

Yearly calendars should be mailed out to the community.

Reunion Groups/Secuelas could be placed on the RIMA web site.

Second part of the meeting started with PRE-WEEKEND COMMITTEE SCOPE OF DUTIES

A Weekend Committees is being chaired by Roland Boucher and Andrea Higgins with Winnie Loan,



Ann Marie DeMerchant has volunteered to stock the trailer

Kathy Bracken has said that she would be a gopher during a weekend.

Post Weekend Committee
AREA COORDINATORS
Roland Boucher-Rhode Island
Sarah Sabo/Carolyn CT
Lorraine Queen-Boston Area



Brenda Higgins-



Questions Questions Questions!!

Just one more....Who is the Secretariat?

Answer: WE ARE THE SECRETARIATALL THE COMMUNITY OF RIMA

PONDER ON YOUR WHY....COME SHARE YOUR WHY ...COME

BACK TO YOUR ROOTS.....BACK TO TRES DIAS ESSENTIALS....Next

Secretariat meeting is Mon, December 12th @ Liberty Christian Center 159 Winthrop

Street Taunton Ma.

Secretariat Meeting Notes

OCTOBER 10, 2011

PRESENT: Eric Borman, Judy Borman. Andrea Higgins, Steve Higgins, Brenda Higgins, Debbie Bouffard, Rev. Ruth Blais, Rev. Warren Blais, Lorraine Queen, Joseph Minor-Hill, Vickie Sheers, Thomasina Minor-Hill, Jeanne Amaral, Betty Bailey. The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as presented.

Due to the absence of the Treasurer, there was no treasurer's report.

Steve Higgins informed the meeting that registration forms for the upcoming work weekend were available and the deadline to submit the registration is November 8th. There is room for only 60 participants. Cathedral Camp still has our deposit for the 2011 year and will hold the deposit in case we decide to use the buildings in the future.

At the executive committee meeting Steve attempted to contact the person in question to no avail but will keep trying as it is a problem that needs to be addressed and solved in order for Tres Dias to keep growing.

There have been 2 or 3 meetings planning the week-end meeting in November. Steve has a rough draft of the proposed agenda although there is a possibility changes may be made. It is hoped John Vokey will be able to be at the praise and prayer time. Saturday evening will be open to the entire community for prayer and praise.

Pescadores are urged to start praying that we will have qualified rectors, both men and women, for the Fall 2012 weekends. We may have to use seasoned rectors, otherwise. Rev. Ruth Blais expressed her excitement about the upcoming weekend.

INTERNATIONAL: Eric Borman reported that he had sent the committee report. He would like to see the 'serenade' instead of the mananita used on the weekends. Serenades take place after the Saturday evening meal. The Bormans and Debbie Bouffard are going to International on Long Island on October 20th.

RIMA WEBSITE: Gary O'Keefe has been doing it alone – it is up to us to develop material for the website and send it along to Gary. The same information is needed for the Butterfly as it is impossible to do it with no input from the community. It was suggested that everyone write "What Tres Dias Means to Me" and send it along to Kathy and Gary. Only a couple of paragraphs is enough.

We all need to be more active – some suggestions as to what can be done: attend Margaret Payne's 4th Day in Connecticut; attend the praise and prayer on a Saturday night in Taunton – planned for February or March; Rev. Jewel is planning a 4th Day in January. All Pescadores are invited to any of these events. It was suggested we put together a calendar for 1 event each month.

Prayers for: Joseph Minor-Hill on his trip to Denmark to take part in their week-end. Rev Ruth and Rev. Warren Blais on their decision to leave their pastorate; Steve's upcoming Kyle and his family who are moving to a new church within the week. Also Debbie Bouffard asked for prayers.

Opening prayer in November – Brenda Higgins.

Scripture in November – Rev. Warren Blais.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Bailey, Recording Secretary



For prayer requests or praises. The RIMA community has ***RIMA Ring***. When a request is called in, the prayer request is passed on to prayer warriors throughout the community that have offered to pray.

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Important announcements!!!!

The Butterfly now will be available on the TRES DIAS website. It will also be available by email and still is available by regular mail. Subscriptions by mail are \$10.00 per year payable by cash or check to RIMA Tres Dias and mailed to:

Paul Chaltas

[33 Misty Harbour Road East Falmouth, Ma 02526](mailto:33MistyHarbourRoadEastFalmouthMa02526)

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*Mark your
Calendars!*

4th Day Event

Sunday December 11

*Margaret Payne's House
(Thornfield Hall) Route
200 Thompson CT*

Time: 2:00 pm

*3pm Carol sing at Matulitis
Nursing Home*

*We will meet at Margaret's than
go to a local convalescent home
where we will share with them in
song the joys and love of this
holiday season.*

*Return to Margaret's to enjoy
each others fellowship and of
course Goodies!*

*Bring a dish to share for the
buffet table.*

*Invite your family and friends to
share in the fellowship!*

*For questions or more
information please call Margaret
860-923-3099*

4th Day Event on December 5th we will be visiting a local nursing home if you would like to bring small unwrapped gifts like note-cards, sugar free candy, slipper socks, large print puzzle books, headbands, decorative hair clips, ladies scarves, jigsaw puzzles w/med. To large pieces etc... to give to the residents. Food to share for the celebration at Margaret's. No scented lotions please.

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