

# The Butterfly



The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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The June 10<sup>th</sup> Secretariat meeting was at Christ Community Church in Blackston, MA. I am not sure who took the Minutes for this meeting, as Dale was unable to attend. Whoever took them, please send it to me for the next Butterfly Edition. There was no meeting in July.

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## **Notes from RIMA Survival Meeting - Friday, Aug 23, 2019, 7 - 10 PM – to be presented to Secretariat on 9/9/19**

Eric Anderson, Gordon Arent, Sue Arent, Lynne Cignarella, Dawn Rota, Rose Breau, Susan Ferland, Nancy Cargene, Karen Crocker (9 Pescadores)

Devotion and Opening prayer Gordon - Joshua and the 12 spies

(God was patient, Joshua was a senior citizen, promised land = God's promises)

Weekend Committee suggestion from Steve H. regarding whether we have the Time, Treasure, Talent along with the Desire, Determination, and Discipline. We need to have people to carry out whatever we decide to do.

Where are we now? Cancelled weekends since weekend #60 (2012) 1 women's weekend, 8 men's weekend.

Jeff Mehl and Steve's Higgins asked the question: "Is it time to fold?"

Consensus is to go forward, not fold.

Is location of the weekend facility an issue? Too far for most of the community.

Is Distance in general an issue? Team meetings in Lincoln appear to be a reasonable location.

Discussion of long lead times in advance of the weekends being good for planning.

Should we wait until the Fall to book the weekends for 2020? Which season is best?

Consensus: Eric will get dates together from Cathedral Camp

Garage sales, talent shows, fun events to help boost community...combined with Secuela.

Consensus says: Good discussion no firm decision. Need plan.

Observation that these events should be organized by Post-Weekend Committee

Need Post Weekend Committee Chair instructions.

Discussion of by-gone days.

Young people like media. interact differently - what about online reunion groups?

Christmas event discussion - December 1st, Sunday - per Gordon. WUM Lincoln.

Candidates? Ideas for sponsorship - dinner with young folks and asking them for candidates - i.e. Tim Blakeney, Cel Lanza, Will Orlacchio, Ben Lane.

Musicians are needed badly. Depends on sponsoring. Desire for newer music.

Email contact list - how to find missing emails for pescadores in the database?

HTML Email for outreach to pastors and Butterfly.

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**Notes from RIMA Survival Meeting - Saturday, Aug 24, 2019, 9AM – Noon – to be presented to Secretariat on 9/9/19**

Sue Arent, Pastor Ruth Blais, Pastor Warren Blais, Rose Breau, Dawn Rota, Paul MacKay, Carolyn Newcombe, Teresa Bass-Thompson, Thomas Thompson, Karl Tirrell, Gordon Arent, Jan MacKay, Eric Borman, Judy Borman, Lynne Cignarella, Julie White-Wronski, Dave Baisley (17 Pescadores)

Opening Devotion:     How to recognize counterfeit money and counterfeit teaching. Spend time today studying the real thing. If ever there was a time we need spiritual discernment, the time is now. In the words of the apostle Paul, “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns of spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” Col 3:16 Greg Laurie  
Read by Sue A.

Opening Prayer        Pastor Ruth

**Recommendations & Suggestions**

Next weekends        It was the consensus of this group to recommend to Secretariat that the next Men's & Women's weekends be in the fall of 2020. This will allow adequate

time for Rector selection, Rector training, team selection and team meetings.  
Prospective team members need adequate lead time.

Fun event in Spring    A community 'Fun' event was proposed to fill the gap in the spring of 2020.  
A Talent show was suggested. Fixed admission perhaps \$10, \$5 if you bring a guest.  
Other suggestions - basket auction, Valentine Dinner. This needs to be brought to Secretariat in the form of a motion.

Advertise Online -    (Pastor Ruth) Young people use online communication (texting, instant messenger, twitter, email) almost exclusively. We have to also. Institute open Facebook as voted on in Secretariat ~2 years ago.

Contact w pastors    A group of pastors in the Windham area meet monthly. Perhaps there is an opportunity to introduce Tres Dias to them.

Send letter to area pastors introducing them to Tres Dias and follow up with phone call & personal meeting. (Similar to Walk to Emmaus letter).

Consider inviting Pastors to Team Meeting.

Pastor Joe and/or Pastor Ruth may be available for pulpit supply.

Perhaps a dinner meeting with our past SD's. Alternatively a prayer breakfast.

Community Prayer    Community prayer and fasting (food, electronic devices, other) every Wednesday for 2 months. End with prayer breakfast November 9th. Perhaps distribute prayer guide. Send reminders. Does this need a motion?

Information Dinner for Millennials    Host a dinner and invite targeted 20-40 yr olds and solicit their participation to sponsor younger candidates.

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Other thoughts:

Men not represented in RIMA the way they should be.

Reunion Groups - stress importance; get list of current, open RG

Combine Secuelas with a fun event.

RIMA to participate with Christ Community of Blackstone for John Polce praise & worship.

Tres Dias family fun day with child care.

Rotate location of Secretariat to various churches where we have Pescadores.

Have a table at the Closing where Tres Dias items can be purchase.

Closed in Prayer by Pastor Warren

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eric Anderson/Gordon Arent

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Dear RIMA Community,

On August 24<sup>th</sup> our community was invited to the Arent's home for a fun 4<sup>th</sup> Day at the lake with lots of food, fun and fellowship. In the morning we also had a meeting to talk about the survival of Tres Dias. I have to say that I was blessed because there were several Pescadores in attendance. They had all come together because they love Tres Dias and want to see it prosper.

One thing that came out of the meeting is that we have made a covenant to fast and pray every Wednesday for Tres Dias. **We are asking the community to covenant with us each Wednesday to fast (whatever God tells you personally) and pray.** At the end of the first two months we will be having a prayer breakfast. (Location and date to be determined.) At the prayer breakfast we will again share what God has put on our hearts and what we see happening because of our prayer.

Prayer is the bedrock of every ministry. Jesus prayed and calls us to pray. We believe that as we seek the Lord and call on his name for help that he will hear and answer us.

This past week I preached on persistence. We are to pray and not give up. The parable of the persistent widow reveals to us that the widow would not give up until she received justice from the unjust judge. (Luke 18:1-7)

In Genesis 32:22-28 Jacob wrestled with God and would not let go until God blessed him. And in II Kings 2:1-14 Elisha, Elijah's protégé would not leave Elijah until he received what he wanted, a double anointing.

The definition of persistence is a firm or obstinate continuance in a course of action.

Synonyms are: perseverance · tenacity · determination · resolve · resolution · resoluteness · staying power .

How serious are we about the success of this amazing ministry that God has given us? I have never witnessed the amazing change in lives and hearts in three days like I have seen on a Tres Dias weekend. So I encourage you to fast and pray with us and enjoy the miraculous blessings that will be happening in our community.

Please continue to pray for the up-coming women's weekend. Think about sponsoring a candidate and coming to the opening and closing.

Christ is counting on YOU

Blessings,  
Pastor Ruth

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*Pictures from the Planning Meeting/Fourth Day Event – thank you Gordon!*

















### Wow! Take a look!

The new RIMA website has a new look! Open [www.rimatresdias.org](http://www.rimatresdias.org) and check it out.

Pescadores need to sign in and be accepted to view the 'Alumni' section. Please do that. There is a wealth of information there, just for the community.

We are in the process of adding weekend photos from all the weekends available, and need your help to fill in the missing pictures. If you have photos (or booklets) from any of the following weekends, kindly call or email Gordon Arent (860-376-5767, [gordonarent@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gordonarent@sbcglobal.net)) so we can arrange to borrow and scan them for the website. We need ...

Women's Weekends Booklet - #2, #9, #10, #18, #26, #38, #69, #72

Women's Weekend Photo - #9, #10, #11, #12, #14, #15, #17, #18, #26, #38, #66, #69, #73

Men's Weekend Booklet - #10, #11, #12, #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #30, #31, #33, #34, #36, #37, #38, #39, #41, #47, #49, #56, #58, #61 (no wknd?), #62, #63

Men's Weekend Photo - #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 (need id's), #8, #9, #10 (id's), #12, #13, #17, #18, #19, #25, #26, #27, #28, #30, #31, #33, #34, #36, #37, #38, #39, #41, #42, #46, #47, #48, #49, #56, #58, #61 (no wknd?), #62.

Past Rectors - Team lists are also needed so we know who served in what roles. Don't throw your RIMA stuff out.

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Tres Dias International General Assembly  
July 19-21, 2019  
Kansas City Tres Dias

The 2019 General Assembly began with the invocation (after the usual welcoming addresses) by Rev. Roger Latimer of the Worship Center of Kansas City. Pastor Latimer began with Psalm 86:11: *Teach me your way, LORD,*

*that I may rely on your faithfulness;  
give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name.*

He continued with how Tres Dias has affected his life, his church and his community and encouraged us to follow 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16:13-13 by

- Be on guard
- Stand firm in the faith
- Be courageous
- Do everything in love!

A key word at the Assembly this year was "intentional." The meaning was to think about what you are doing and why. Be 'intentional' when inviting people to experience Tres Dias by getting to know them before asking, by knowing they are looking for a deeper relationship with Jesus, by knowing you can be committed to each part of sponsorship – the pre-weekend, the weekend and the post weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> day, by 'intentionally' letting people know that the person is attending a weekend... You get the idea.

We also have to be 'intentional' when choosing team members – intentionally calling Pescadores with different levels of experience for a balanced team, intentionally asking Pescadores from different churches, intentionally getting a good mix of ages, marital status, education levels and from different geographic areas.

Be "intentional" when planning 4<sup>th</sup> Day activities by choosing locations and times convenient for most, intentionally planning for childcare to attract younger people, intentionally prepare well so everything runs well and on time.

I am sure there were many more “intentionals” but I think you have the idea. I attended a workshop and would like to report what I learned, but I will wait for the next Butterfly.

Sue Arent

TDI Delegate

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That the North Georgia Tres Dias doesn't have angels they have

**CHA's-----Christ's Hands in Action**

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***Please pray for these 30 September Tres Dias Weekends:***

September 5-8

Mid-Carolinas men #35

Music City TN men #35

September 12-15

Brazos Valley TX men #17

East TX men #41

TD of Maine men #128

Mid- Carolinas women #35

Mid-Hudson NY men #182

Midwest Kansas City men #13

Music City TN women #35

Spirit of OK men #3

Central TX men #22

Chattahoochee Valley AL men #35

East TX women #41

GA Mountains men #84

Heart of TX men #18

Midwest Kansas City women #13,

Rocky Mountain West men #29

South East TX men #27

Spirit of OK women #3

September 26-29

Birmingham AL men #41

Central TX women #22

Chattahoochee Valley AL women #35

Colorado Front Range men #19

GA Mountains women #84

Heart of TX women #18

MN men #27

Northeast TX men #11



Rocky Mountain West women #29  
South East TX women #27  
Wall Palanca has been sent from RIMA.  
*Submitted by Judy Borman,  
Corresponding Secretary of RIMA*

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## RIMA 2019 Calendar

09/09 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Christ Community Church, Blackstone, MA

10/03- 10/06 **WOMEN'S WEEKEND #73 – Rector Nancy Cargene**

10/14 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Location TBD

10/19 (Sat.) **REUNION SECUELA** - 7-10 PM

11/11 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Location TBD

12 /07 (Sat.) **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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Thank you to Sue and Gordon for hosting the Survival Meeting and the Fourth Day Event. Opening your home to RIMA was a blessing to all that we able to attend. AND your Bed and Breakfast was, as always, superb!!

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### *Sue's Cottage Pancake Recipie*

1 cup cottage cheese  
6 eggs  
½ cup flour  
¼ tsp salt  
¼ cup oil (can reduce by half, if desired)  
¼ cup milk  
½ tsp vanilla

Blend in blender at high speed for 1 minute.  
Stir down, once. \*Blend until well blended.  
Use approx. ¼ cup batter for each pancake.

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**Action Item** ~ Fast and Pray for RIMA every Wednesday, starting September 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Let's see what the Lord does when we are all praying!!

Think about all the wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ that you have met over the years through RIMA Tres Dias. Now think about never seeing a lot of these people, probably MOST of these people, ever again if there is no more RIMA! Which will mean no more weekends or Team Meetings, Openings, Closings, Mananitas, Secuelas, Fourth Day events... I don't know about you, but this would make me extremely sad and I'm quite sure it would make our Heavenly Father sad too. He uses each one of us through this wonderful tool called RIMA TRES DIAS. So, PLEASE get on the Prayer Team and pray for RIMA!!!!

Yours in Christ,  
Lynne