

The Butterfly

The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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President's Corner

Few people have ever heard of Albert McMakin. In fact he is not even mentioned in Wikipedia. He was a 24 year old farmer who grew up on a dairy farm in the 1930's in Park Ride, NC, just outside of Charlotte. He was good friends with a teen on the adjoining farm, who he played ball with, and on at least one occasion, raised a calf with. When the calf got to the veal stage, the boys marketed it and split the proceeds.

The boy next door, was average in every way. He came from a religious, "Scottish Presbyterian family believing in strict observance of moral values, and stayed relatively uncontaminated by the Great Gatsby lifestyle of the flapper era, with its fast dancing and illegal drinking." As far as church was concerned though, his father admitted, "he went along with the family to church every week only "grudgingly, or of necessity."

When he was almost 16, an evangelist, Dr. Mordecai Ham, came to Charlotte for 11 weeks, and preached the Gospel every night and every morning (except Mondays). The teen's parents desperately wanted their son to join them and hear the preacher, but he stubbornly refused.

It was his friend Albert McMakin, who ultimately convinced him to go, adding the incentive of letting him drive his old vegetable truck into town for the meeting. That night, at the age of 15, Billy Graham committed his life to Jesus. Billy later conceded, "I have no recollection of what he preached about, but I was spellbound. In some indefinable way he was getting through to me. I was hearing another voice: the voice of the Holy Spirit."

The rest is history. Looking back over the last 83 years, one can see how God called, prepared and led an ordinary young man to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to nearly 215 million people in more than 185 countries.

But it was Albert McMakin who brought, (sponsored), Billy Graham for the Mordecai Ham rally that night.

Over the years, it has been you, the RIMA community who have sponsored many, many Pescadores, who have since gone home to their churches to be enthusiastic members, and leaders in their congregations. Quite a few have even been called into the ministry – and I have to believe that their Tres Dias experience had something to do with it. At the risk of missing someone, I'll mention the ones I know of: Ruth Blais, Warren Blais, Roger Bolduk, Kathy Bracken, Dan Brunelle, Steve Crosby, Joe DiLeo, Marc Greenwald, Bill Hairston, Jewel Hardmon, Dennis Hardy, Barbara Marston, Thomasina Minor-Hill, Meg Mossman, Sharon Powers, Clarice Thousands. Sixteen in all! I think that's remarkable. They too have gone on "to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ" in their own spheres.

Our next Weekends are:

Men's #70	04/19 - 22, 2018	Rector: Mike wise
Women's #70	05/03 - 06, 2018	Rector: Sue Arent
Men's #71	09/27 - 30, 2018	Rector: Andrew Vacca
Women's #71	11/01 - 04, 2018	Rector: Lynne Cignarella

Sponsor a candidate! You never know!

DeColores,
Gordon



RIMA Pasta & Praise
Saturday, June 10, 7PM
Union Church, Foxboro, MA



RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING

May 8, 2017

Food Court, Emerald Square Mall, Attleboro MA

PRESENT: Pastors Ruth and Warren Blaise, Gordon and Sue Arent, Judy and Eric Borman, Julie and Bill Wronski, Eric Anderson, Andrea and Steve Higgins, Dawn Rota, Paul MacKay, Winnie Loan

Gordon opened the meeting in prayer at 7:01

Next meeting confirmed for Monday, June 6, 2017, at 7:00 pm in Taunton.

Requests for voting status - Bill Wronski; Granted

Secretary's Report: Handed out for all to read. Motion to accept minutes from April 10th meeting with corrections, made by Eric A, seconded by Steve H; carried.

Treasurer's Report: Handed out for all to read. Certificate of Change of Directors or Officers updated May 5; several changes; to deposit \$1100; should have balance of \$5000 plus; Discussion was held regarding better accounting; policy committee must be subservient to Secretariat; clarified use of monies and putting off weekends because of money. Motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Sue A, seconded by Bill W; carried.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Judy reported a nice collection of wall palanca was received for women's weekend, and was nicely presented

Committee Reports:

Pre-Weekend Committee: Presented by Lynne; revising application to include email addresses and cell phone numbers. Discussed pastor's approval

Weekend Committee: Presented by Sue; report handed out for all to read; Agreed to change date of men's spring weekend; Eric signed and sent contracts. Discussion was held regarding letter from Pat re beds, food and furniture; a letter of apology was sent; will create a bulleted guide and suggested taking pictures for furniture placement prior to moving anything to assure proper replacement

Post Weekend Committee: Reunion Secuela scheduled for Friday, May 19 at Trinity Episcopal hosted by Alice Ennis

Communications Committee: Carolyn sent report including Praise and RIMA Ring requests.
Historian Report: New booklet from men's weekend # 69; Women's booklet needs correction; discussed need for better info management
TD International: Sue Arent, Delegate;

Tres Dias International Secretariat Meeting Committee; - October 13 -15, 2017
Judy Borman & Andrea Higgins co-chairpersons. Report from April 30th planning meeting was handed out for all to read; plans are going smoothly.

Pasta & Praise Committee; Steve Higgins, Chair; June 10th Union Church, Foxboro; donations only; bring desserts, salad, bread

Completed Weekends: Men's #67, Roland Boucher, Rector; waiting for report.
Men's # 69, Paul MacKay, Rector; completed; great weekend; suggested candidates meet Rector in Villa
Women's #69 - Nancy Mandeville. Rector;

Weekends in Progress:
Men's # 70, 04/26 - 04/29, 2018; Mike Wise, Rector

Old Business:
Need to fill vacancy: Chair person for Post Weekend Committee: No update.
Website Upgrade: No activity; bringing 2 people together to work on this
RIMA Giving: Online giving through Bank of America or send directly to the treasurer.
Transition of William Wronski Sr to Treasurer by Board; approved February 25, 2017

New Business: Voted Sue Arent TDI Delegate; motion to approve budget and new tier structure made by Steve H, seconded by Sue A; passed

Prayer Concerns: Debbie Bouffard, Bill's Mom, Julie, court, baby Zachary; Caleb (Arent's grandson) Ruth, chemical in eye.

Closed in prayer at 9:15 PM by Pastor Ruth

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Rota

Hello Pescadores

As you know we had a Pasta & Praise Event on June 10, 2017 with John Polce. We raised \$1,218.00. In the weeks following, I received a Check for Scholarship and Individuals who just wanted to make a donation to Rima Tres Dias. The amount was \$1,611.00. The total for everything is \$2,829.00. I cannot say enough of the generosity from { EVERYONE }.

Sincerely,

William J. Wronski Sr.

Treasurer

October 13, 14 & 15 Tres Dias International is coming to RIMA. Come join us at Liberty Christian Fellowship in Taunton MA.

Many opportunities await for getting to know Pescadores from afar. We have opportunities for five meal teams of table servers, table decorators, food servers. Folks to set up four meeting rooms. Folks to serve coffee, tea and snacks. Bakers to make cookies.

Eric Borman will need drivers between Green Airport and Taunton Hotels, Thursday, Friday, Saturday until Sunday afternoon.

We have beds for four people, but could use six more beds for folks.

On Saturday, we plan a community Sequela.

5:00 supper, Steve Higgins cooks, community brings salad and veggies. Cake by Julie is ordered!

RSVP for this event. Music arranged by Sara Sabo.

Sunday morning TDI meeting with afternoon clean up by RIMA.

So, donate a couple of hours and have the Blessing of community. God Bless!

DeColores,

Judy Borman and Andrea Higgins

Drop us a line!

Rector Training

Weekend Committee will be having a 2-part training for 2018 rectors and potential 2019 rectors on September 9, 2017 from 9:30 to 3:30 – place yet to be determined. The committee would like to invite all interested Pescadores to join us. Come find out what is involved in putting together a team and planning team meetings. Being a Rector is a blessing – God doesn't call the able and make them willing – He calls the willing and makes them able!

2018 Rectors

Men's # 70	Mike Wise	April 19-22 2018
Women's #70	Sue Arent	May 3-6, 2018

Men's # 71	Andrew Vacca	September 27-30, 2018
Women's #71	Lynne Cignarella	November 1-4, 2018

38th Annual Assembly of Tres Dias Secretariats
July 14-16, 2018
Palestine, Texas

RIMA was well represented at this year's Assembly. Judy and Eric Borman, Jeanne Norwood, John McKinney and Sue and Gordon Arent were in attendance for all three days.

The Keynote address was given by our own Alex Tindall's father!, Rev. Mike Tindall, Pastor of Grace Bible Church, Grapeland, Texas.

Mike reflected about going through his own weekend and noted that when the focus is on Jesus Christ above everything — when all points back to Jesus, we connect with one another in a most beautiful way. He further reflected that those who serve on weekends come from diverse backgrounds and how well they served one another through Jesus Christ. Mike concluded that through his Tres Dias experience, he has re-connected with Christ and now enjoys a wonderful ministry.

The Keynote Address was followed by the Procession of Banners. This is always a very moving experience for me and I was honored to carry the RIMA banner!

There were 163 total attendees; 50 official delegates, representing 30 communities.

The total number of delegate votes represented by delegates present was 86. The total number of delegate votes represented by Proxy votes was 99.

Teresa Babb gave information on the voting process, and the results of the proxy voting.

Proxy Vote # 1:

Do you approve the proposed budget of \$51,615.00 (Fifty- one thousand, six hundred and fifteen dollars) for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 15, 2017 through July 13, 2018)?

Results: This vote passed by a majority. Results of the votes : 86 votes yes; 13 no.

Proxy Vote # 2:

The Assessment Tier Structure

Do you approve the proposed Change in Tier Structure from the previous flat rates per Tier to the “Per New Pescadore Rate” with a minimum of \$100.00 per annum assessment.

The new tier levels would be as follows:

New Assessment Structure 2017		
Pescadores	Tier	Tier Amount
0-50	1	\$ 5.00 per new pescadore or \$100.00 minimum
51-100	2	\$ 6.00 per new pescadore
101-150	3	\$ 7.50 per new pescadore
151-175	4	\$ 8.50 per new pescadore
176+	5	\$ 10.00 per new pescadore

Results: This vote passed by a majority. Results of the votes: 70 votes yes; 28 no.
One community did not vote on the proxy vote.

Eric Borman was elected as an Alternate to the Secretariat to be called on as a replacement for any unexpired term. Susan Farkas stepped down as Secretariat member, so Eric became a member of the Secretariat.

Leigh Valley, Abundant Life and Mid-Hudson Tres Dias proposed a change to the Essentials 3.2.10: “That the team and candidates live in a cloistered environment for the entire weekend. Proposed change: 3.2.10: “That the team and candidates live in a cloistered environment for the weekend; ending upon completion of the Apostolic Hour at which time the Candidates become Pescadores.” (or up to the closing, or at the completion of the Apostolic Hour) Policy Committee will develop the actual motion. There will be a Special Assembly called 45 days after the proposed motion is sent to all chartered communities.

The meeting was closed with prayer following the Installation of newly elected officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Arent, Delegate

RIMA 2017 Calendar

08/26 (Sat.) **SECUELA** – at Arent's, 2PM – 10PM

09/11 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM

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10/13 – 15 **TDI SECRETARIAT MTG. – LCC, 159 Winthrop St. Taunton**

10/14 (Sat.) **SECUELA**

11/10 (Fri.) **SECUELA** – TBD

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12 /03 (Sun.) **4th Day Event – TBD**

Below, is an article sent by Earl Ferguson about Charlie Montgomery; a Pescadore from N.H.



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In this June 3 photo, Elizabeth Stevens paddles along the western edge of the First Connecticut Lake near the headwaters of the Connecticut River, northeast of Pittsburg, N.H.

River trip takes paddlers on 400-mile spiritual quest

By KATHY MCCORMACK
Associated Press

Charles Montgomery welcomed the challenge of hiking the steep terrain of the Connecticut River headwaters in remote northern New Hampshire, admiring the birds, the plants, the woods. He also loved the opportunity to pray.

For four days, the 82-year-old retired doctor was part of the first leg of a 40-day pilgrimage of canoeists and kayakers

of all faiths along the 400-mile river, New England's longest. The group traded cellphones for paddles to partake in a spiritual journey, the first event of its size on the river, which flows from the Canadian border to Long Island Sound.

"You begin to let go of stuff," said Montgomery, of Walpole, New Hampshire.

The Episcopal dioceses of New England and a group called Kairos Earth organized the "River of

Life" pilgrimage. The idea came from Robert Hirschfeld, New Hampshire's bishop. Hirschfeld, 56, an avid rower, sees the journey as a way for people to renew their relationship with God, connect with one another and with nature, and have fun.

"It's become something far greater than I had imagined," said Hirschfeld, who traveled the first leg and plans to get back on the river with his daughter next week in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Cignarella