

# The Butterfly



The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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## **President's Corner**

Gordon, a servant of God and to the Lord Jesus Christ. To the Pescadores of RIMA Tres Dias, scattered among the states. Greetings. (adapted loosely from James 1:1).

This month's Corner is easy for me, as I want to pass on to you the Annual Report which summarizes the activities of this year, and the challenges ahead.

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Tres Dias of Rhode Island-Massachusetts (RIMA), Inc  
Annual Report – December 31, 2016

*"Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me. [Isaiah 46:9](#)*

## ***Annual Report to the RIMA Community***

Year 2016 was a year of mixed joys and disappointments for RIMA. On the positive side we had two Women's Weekends, and a Men's Weekend. The disappointments were that candidates were few (two

on one weekend, three on another), and we had to cancel the Fall Men's Weekend, because we could not get enough team members. On the positive side, we held 4 Secuela's. Thank you so much to, Fruitful Harvest, Praise Tabernacle North, the Arents and Putnam Baptist Church for hosting these events. But disappointing was that only one of the new Pescadores was brought to a Secuela by their sponsor.

Our annual Christmas Event was joyful, and well attended, three new Pescadores were there.

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My question to you is, "where is RIMA Tres Dias going". What role is RIMA going to play in revitalizing New England and bringing Christ to this spiritually dry area of the country?

Did you know that in a 2016 Survey of America's 100 Most Bible-Minded Cities, Hartford and New Haven tie for 93<sup>rd</sup> place; eighth from the bottom. Worse yet, Providence ranks 98th, and Boston 99<sup>th</sup>. This is RIMA country. Does this disturb you? It does me.

Only God can bring revival to His church, but Tres Dias is in a unique position to reach across geographic localities and denominations, and be His hands & feet. The question is will we? It's one thing to talk about a 'vision', it's another thing to execute it. Secretariat can't do it alone, we need you.

- We need prayer for RIMA, that it might fulfill its mission to bring Christians to a closer, more personal walk with their Lord Jesus Christ and encourage them to Christian leadership and Apostolic Action in their environments.
- We need Pescadores to serve as Rectors. We still cannot find a Rector for Women's Weekend #69.
- We need Pescadores to serve on Weekends. Men's Weekend #69 is barely filled, with only fourteen men – six from the RIMA community, plus five Cursillistas, and three men new to the area from other Tres Dias communities. No wonder the Rector

is frustrated with long-time Pescadores not willing (or able) to serve any more, and others, not responding to phone calls and emails.

- We need candidates! It is largely the Community's responsibility to provide candidates for the weekends. Be bold and go forward and ask someone in your congregation, a friend, or someone you work with, to be on a weekend. We have a brochure available to help you approach these folks, and it will explain to them what Tres Dias is about! Let's make it our goal to have 'double digit' numbers of candidates on our weekends in 2017.
- We need a Post Weekend Committee chairman. This is an extremely important position because it helps new Pescadores get introduced to, and participate in the community, through reunion groups, Secuelas, Fourth Day events and serving on team.
- We need Community participation on the weekends. We need Pescadores at Openings and Closings, at Mananitas, to provide the Agape, and to serve meals. This is a great way to provide Palanca, and to meet and bond with other Pescadores. Call the Community Coordinator to sign up.
- We need new faces on Secretariat to contribute new ideas and share the challenges.

If each Pescadore did just one thing in 2017, we could be a mighty force for the Lord in our community.

**What will you do!**

**What the Lord hath wrought in 2016:**

**The Lord has brought into the community, 12 new Pescadores.**

**Welcome again:**

Men's # 67 (Spring 2016) – Brian Birt, Joseph DeFelix, Paul Gavin

Women's #67 (Spring 2016) – Melissa Gruner, Beth Hoyle,

Women's #68 (Fall 2016) - Marilyn Bartlett, Meghan Burnelle,

Amelia Canto, Marcy Chace, Susan DeCristofaro, Bonnie Pease,

Joan Tetreault.

Sponsors, let's make them feel welcome by helping them find a Reunion Group and by bringing them to Openings/Closings, Secuela's and Forth Day Events, and by recommending them to be on team.

**The Lord has provided willing servants to be on Team:**

Men's #67 – May 12 – 15, 2016, Rector: Roland Boucher  
Gordon Arent (Reunion), Ruth Blais (SD), Warren Blais (SD), Tim Blakeney (Ideals/Music), Eric Borman (CC), Vernon Devoe (Environments), Earle Ferguson (Leaders), James Goulden (Chief), Steve LeBlanc (Action), Thomas Loan (CCIA,) Paul MacKay (Co-Rector), William Orlacchio (Study), Andrew Parish (Church), Thomas Thompson (Piety).

Women's #67 – Jun. 2 – 5, 2016, Rector: Joyce St. Jean  
Sue Arent (CCIA), Ruth Blais (SD), Jennifer Bouchard (Study), Debbie Bouffard (Reunion), Nancy Cargene (Ideals), Lynne Cignarella (Action), Diane Cooney (Angel), Joe DiLeo (SD), Leigh Gardner (Leaders), Dale Goulden (Piety), Barbara Greenwald (Chief), Helen Harvey (Angel), Cammilla Kirven (Environments), Winnie Loan (Angel), Jan MacKay (Angel), Nancy Mandeville (Church), Jeannie Norwood (Angel), Dawn Rota (Comm. Coord.), Terry Tupper (Angel).

Women's #68 – Oct 20 – 23, 2016, Rector: Rose Breau

Ruth Blais (SD), Christina Bourquin (Reunion), Gil Bourquin (SD), Rose Breau (Rector), Kathy Bracken (SD), Jeanie Bumpus (Piety), Lynne Cignarella (Chief), Anne Marie DeMerchant (Comm. Coord.), Alice Ennis (Angel), Leigh Gardner (Angel), Joan Gerdson (Action), Jewel Hardmon (Prayer Team), Helen Harvey (Angel), Andrea Higgins (Church), Mary Hoyle (Angel), Kathy King (Angel), Lil Labonte (Leaders), Winnie Loan (Environments), Dawn Noonan (Angel), Mary O'Keefe (Music), Margaret Payne (Prayer), Dawn Rota (Co-Rector/Study), Joyce St. Jean (Ideals), Julie White-Wronski (CCIA).

**The Lord has provided servants to keep our Community informed, and to seek Him in our time of need:**

Six issues of The Butterfly have been published and distributed to the community this year – Thank you Lynne Cignarella.

Countless Prayer Requests and Community announcements have been sent out by email and posted on The RIMA Ring and Facebook by Carolyn Newcombe.

**The Lord has provided times for renewal and fellowship:**

Four Secuela's (Fruitful Harvest, Praise Tabernacle North, the Arents and Putnam Baptist Church) and a 4<sup>th</sup> Day event (Caroling & Christmas Party at Matulaitus & Thornfield Hall) were held.

**The Lord has provided for our financial needs:**

Ending balance Dec. 31, 2015	\$ 509.53
Ending balance Dec. 32, 2016	\$4549.97

## **The Lord has provided willing leaders:**

The RIMA Secretariat has met eight times this year. Thirty-two pescadores have attended at least one Secretariat meeting this year, while the average attendance was 14.3.

### RIMA Tres Dias Officers & Committees

Term  
Beginning

Term  
Ending

***President:*** Gordon Arent\*  
Jan. 2016 2 yrs.

Dec. 2017

***Vice-President:*** Eric Anderson\*  
Jan. 2016 1 yr.

Dec. 2016 Completed

***Treasurer:*** Frank Hammond\*  
Jan. 2016 2 yrs.  
Steve Higgins  
May 2016  
Jan. 2017

Apr. 2016

Dec. 2016

Dec. 2017 To be Appointed

***Recording Secretary:*** Dawn Rota\*  
Jan. 2016 1 yr.

Dec. 2016 Completed

***Corresp. Secretary:*** Judy Borman\*  
Jan. 2016 2 yr.

Dec. 2017

***Pre-Weekend Chair:***

Lynne Cignarella\*                      Appointed 10/2015

***Weekend Chair:***

Andrea Higgins (Co-Chair)\*      Appointed 08/2015

Sue Arent (Co-Chair)\*              Appointed 08/2015

***Post Weekend Chair:***      Open\*              Appointed

\*Board of Directors (8 positions)

**Other Committees/Representatives**

***Communications:*** Carolyn Newcombe

Lynne Cignarella                      Appointed              03/2015

***By-laws & Policy Review Committee:*** ad hoc committee

***Nominating Comm.:*** Eric Anderson (appointed by the President  
each October)

***International Rep.:*** Sue Arent                      Appointed 07/2015

**The Lord has done great things:**

- Elections were held at our January 2016 Annual Meeting electing: Gordon Arent – President; Eric Anderson - Vice

President; Frank Hammond –Treasurer; Dawn Rota – Recording Secretary; Judy Borman – Corresponding Secretary.

- After a rocky start financially, early in the year, due to:
  - Shortfall of income from Women's Weekends #65 & #66,
  - Non-recoverable deposits from Immaculate Conception Retreat Center for Weekends booked in 2016 ,
  - Deposits to be paid to Cathedral Camp for our 2016 Weekends.

We were able to recover substantially because of a \$1000 contribution from Tres Dias International, generous support from anonymous donors, and a surplus cash from Men's #67, and by booking only one set of Weekends in 2017. We are now in better shape financially, but not where we would like to be.

- A GoFundMe account was set up for RIMA by Steve Higgins, to allow contributions to be made to RIMA Tres Dias on the Internet. This fund raising avenue was subsequently abandoned in September because of ongoing problems and attention it required. An alternative fund raising program will be looked into.
- The Weekend Committee, chaired by Sue Arent & Andrea Higgins, provided Rector training for Rectors of Women's #67, #68 and Men's #69 (Joyce St. Jean, Rose Breau, & Paul MacKay).
- Judy Borman and Andrea Higgins were appointed to co-chair the committee to host the Tres Dias International Secretariat Meeting October 13 -15, 2017. Liberty Christian Fellowship will



be the host church. This event will require the support to the RIMA community, and will give us a chance to see what Tres Dias International (TDI) does locally, and how it spawns new communities globally.

- An “Energize RIMA” meeting was held with Frank Yarborough, Chairman of the Membership Committee at TDI, and interested Pescadores of RIMA, to share ideas on how to re-invigorate our community.
- Paul MacKay was asked, and accepted Rectorship of Men’s Weekend #68. This weekend was subsequently cancelled because he/we couldn’t get sufficient team members. Paul has agreed to be Rector on Men’s #69 in the Spring of 2017.
- The Weekend Committee created a list of eligible Women Rectors, and sent out a mailing asking if they could serve in 2017. No one responded positively. At this time, we do not have a Woman’s Rector for 2017!
- Our historian, Dawn Rota presented a list of current booklets that she has, that will be sent to the Butterfly.
- RIMA was represented at the Tres Dias International Secretariat meetings in Tampa Bay and in Savannah, and at the Assembly Meeting in Montgomery, NY, by Sue & Gordon Arent, Eric & Judy Borman and Jeanne Norwood.
- An ‘Outreach Committee’ has been formed to visit churches in the RIMA area to tell them about Tres Dias, and how Tres Dias

can help their congregation. To date we have visited three churches.

- Dawn Rota has volunteered to be the RIMA historian. Dawn is reaching out to the community in the hope that she will be able to recreate the RIMA files, which have been neglected for many years. She is looking for door tags, name tags, and weekend programs from all of the men's and Women's past weekends. If you have any of these please contact Dawn.

To all those who worked so diligently in this ministry, and to the RIMA Community who supported our Weekends I convey to you His blessing "Well done good and faithful servant."

**The Lord has entrusted us with great responsibility:**

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Mt 28:19

DeColores,  
Gordon Arent  
RIMA President

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## What happens at Tres Dias?

Tres Dias weekends begin on a Thursday evening and conclude on Sunday late afternoon. For three days, you'll join other participants, along with a team of servant leaders, to step away from the distractions of the world and into the Lord's Holy presence. Each weekend is bathed in prayer and relies on the Holy Spirit for leadership and guidance. Set apart for God, you'll live, learn, pray and worship in community, while God speaks to you individually. Men and women attend separate weekends.

Each day, you'll hear a series of instructional and inspirational talks that reveal how God has impacted the speaker's life in a deeply personal way. You'll learn from their insights, struggles and triumphs as you reflect on your own faith journey. In small group discussions, key points from the talks will open your heart to the reality of God's grace in your life.

Whether you are a fairly new believer in Christ, or have been faithfully walking with the Lord for years, you'll come away from a Tres Dias weekend with a deeper understanding of the unconditional love God has for you. You'll experience the fullness of His amazing grace like you've never experienced it before, without the stresses and distractions of the world. And, you'll connect with an incredible group of Christians from diverse backgrounds who love the Lord with all their hearts, minds and souls.

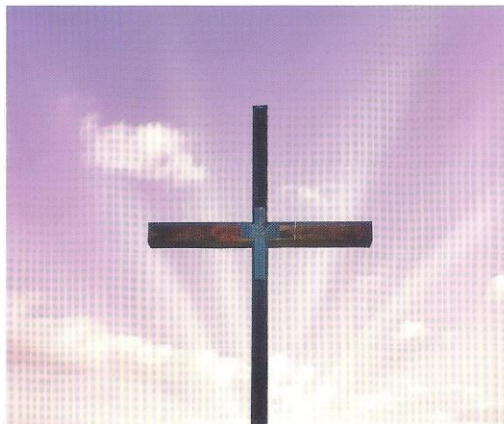
In these three short days, God will meet you where you are, call you to His purpose, and send you back into the world better prepared to live an abundant life in Christ.

## What happens after Tres Dias?

The time following your Tres Dias weekend is called your "Fourth Day." What happens in your Fourth Day is entirely up to you. You are welcome to attend regular gatherings to reconnect with your Tres Dias brothers and sisters, but there are no expectations.

Originally designed as a leadership development weekend, many who attend Tres Dias return to their churches more eager to serve in ministry. Most find that the Tres Dias experience gives them a new perspective on personal relationships and incites their passion to witness for Christ.

Any future involvement in Tres Dias is between you and the Lord. Some find the Lord prompting them to serve on a future team, not because they are expected to, but because they want to. Others simply enjoy the weekend, but opt not to become involved in the ministry of Tres Dias, and that's perfectly all right. Don't let the fear of adding one more thing to your already too-long "to do" list keep you from the blessing of this spiritual renewal weekend.



## Are you ready to attend Tres Dias?

No one can answer that question but you. If you seek to know the Lord in a deeper, more personal way, Tres Dias can help you do that. If you feel the Lord prompting your heart to draw closer to Him, Tres Dias will bring you into His presence. If you want to sit at His feet and worship Him without the stresses and distractions of life, Tres Dias will give you that opportunity.

Each person attending a weekend is "sponsored" by someone who has already gone through Tres Dias or a similar three-day experience. Your sponsor or the person from whom you received this brochure will help you decide if this is the right time for you to attend.

Whether things are going well in your life, or have been turned upside down by unforeseen circumstances, the Lord desires to spend some genuine, set-apart-for-Him-only quality time with you. We hope you accept the Lord's invitation to attend this life-changing weekend. Register for your Tres Dias weekend today.

*"They that seek the Lord understand all things."*

Proverbs 28:5

*"The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him; to the one who seeks him."*

Lamentations 3:25

*"Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God."*

1 Chronicles 22:19



*"Ask and it will be given to you;  
seek and you will find;  
knock and the door  
will be opened to you."*  
Matthew 7:7

*"Draw near to God,  
and He will draw near to you."*  
James 4:8

*"Be still and know that I am God."*  
Psalm 46:10

It starts with a seeking heart.

You take a small step in God's general direction.  
Then you stop. And wait. And hope.

Regardless where you are in your faith walk, growing closer to God requires some action on your part. Stopping to pray. Reading your Bible. Going to church. These are only some of the tools the Lord uses to answer the whispers of your heart.

Tres Dias is another of those tools. It's a commitment to take a short break from the business of life to spend three days seeking God and listening to His voice in your heart. Tres Dias is a gift you give yourself....your own personal appointment with your Lord and Savior. And for thousands who've gone before you, it's made a life-altering difference in the quality and depth of their spiritual walk.

***It can do the same for you.***

## Tres Dias Statement of Beliefs

At Tres Dias, we believe and profess the following:

- There is only one Triune God - The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
- Jesus Christ is the only Savior and is God in the flesh. (John 1:1, 1:14, 3:36, 3:14, Hebrew 2:17)
- The Holy Spirit is God and is the Lord and Giver of Life, who continues to work in believers today to sanctify, edify and employ the Whole Christian church on earth for His purpose. (Job 33:4, Acts 1:8, John 14:26, Romans 8:11)
- The Holy Scriptures are the inspired and completely true Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; forgiveness of sins is received through confession and repentance, and our sins are washed away through the blood of Jesus Christ. (Acts 2:38, 1 John 1:9, Romans 3:23)
- Salvation is a gift of God's grace received through personal faith in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:8)
- The Body of Christ is to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace until we reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God. (Ephesians 4:3, 13)
- God's unconditional love, as made manifest to us through Jesus Christ, is the primary witness by which people are renewed, edified and changed. (1 Corinthians 13:8)
- God has called us to live holy lives that will bring glory to His name. (Colossians 3:1-25)

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## Christian Renewal Experience

Local Community:

**RIMA**

Rhode Island - Massachusetts  
Tres Dias

## Upcoming Weekends:

Men's Mar. 23 - 26, 2017

Women's May 4 - 7, 2017



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## Pictures from the Christmas event

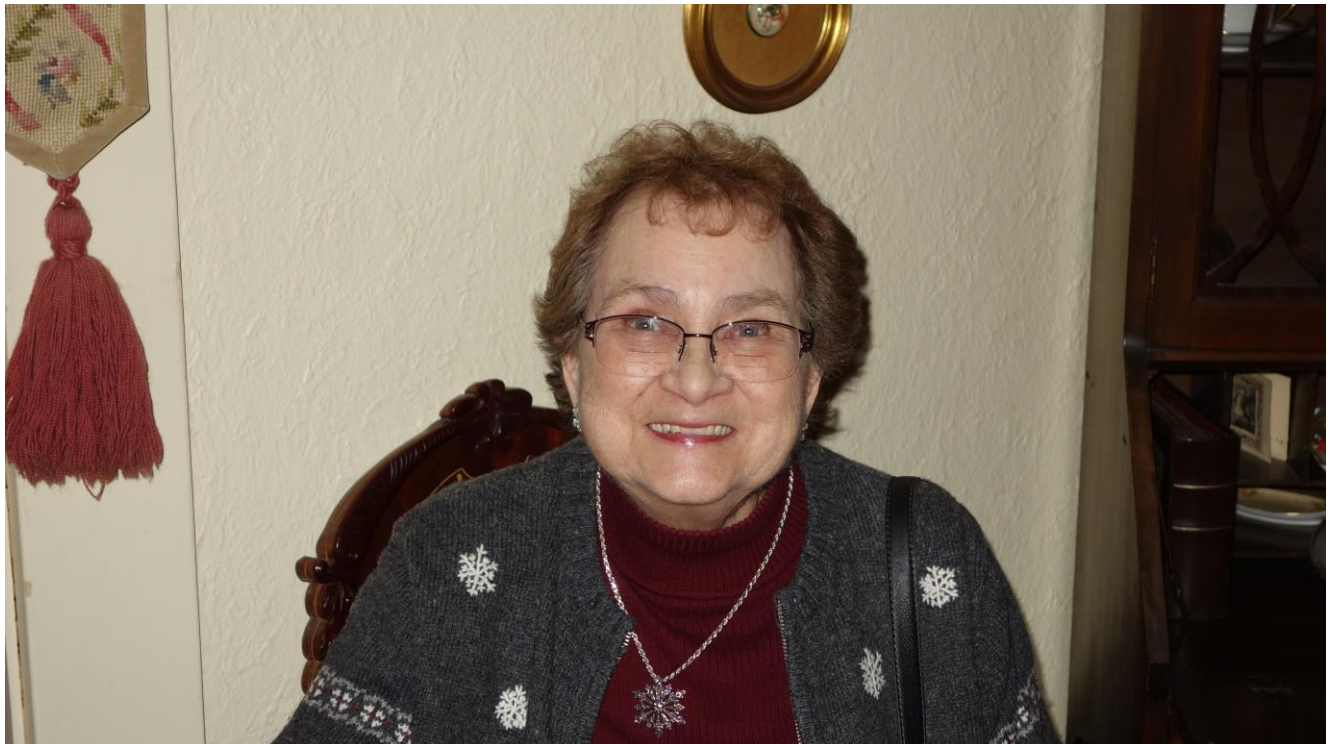




















## RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING

November 14, 2016

Liberty Christian Center ~ 159 Winthrop St Taunton, MA 02703

PRESENT: Andrea Higgins, Rev. Pastor Ruth Blais, Pastor Warren Blais, Gordon Arent, Susan Arent, Dawn Rota, Eric Anderson, Winnie Loan, Paul and Jan MacKay, Amelia Canto, Alex MacCellan, Eric Borman, Judy Borman

Meeting was opened with devotion by Eric Anderson at 7:13

Next meeting confirmed for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Taunton; this will be an annual meeting with elections of officers.

Requests for voting status - None

Secretary's Report: Presented by Dawn; Motion to accept minutes from October 10th meeting made by Eric, seconded by Sue ; carried.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Andrea; Beginning balance \$6,770.90, ending \$3,520.00; \$3,320.00 deposit, \$6,560.00 check for Women's weekend #68, \$50.00 check to TDI; service fee waived; Steve is stepping down; Bank of America will need letter and new signatures; transfer policy was discussed; there is another \$1626.68; discussion about monies being documented; motion to accept made by Eric A., seconded by Eric B.; carried.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Presented by Judy; no report, but signed palanca to send to South Korea English Speaking Tres Dias

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pre-Weekend Report: Lynne absent, no report.

Weekend Committee Report: Presented by Sue; next meeting will be held Tues, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>

Outreach Sub-Committee: Presented by Gordon; 18 churches on list; 3 successful meetings were held at Woodstock Evangelical Covenant, Gospel Light Fellowship, Voluntown Baptist; need to add churches in RI and MA

Post-Weekend Report: no chairperson; Christina B. There will be a reunion Secuela for women's # 68 on Friday, 11/18 at Putnam Baptist Church beginning at 7:30; Holiday celebration Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at Margaret Payne's

Communications Report: Carolyn Newcombe, Lynne Cignarella; Questioned if we could put a question on the information sheet for team and candidates asking if they are on facebook ; Motion by Eric B to add FB info to information sheet; seconded by Eric A; carried; discussed info form to be completed prior to the weekend for the booklet.

Nominating Committee: Presented by Eric A: Positions and terms were discussed.

Historian Report: Presented by Dawn; Nothing to report

By-Law and Policy Review Committee: Presented by Gordon; no activity this month.

International Tres Dias Report: Presented by Sue; Arents and Bormans attended meeting; Frank Yarborough is the new President; issue was raised regarding 10 commandments in the Pilgrims Guide; pescadors only are allowed to serve, attend openings, closings and the mananita; use of electronics was discussed

International Tres Dias Secretariat Meeting Committee: Judy Borman and Andrea Higgins co-chairpersons; Scheduled for October 13 - 17, 2017 at Liberty Christian Center in Taunton. They will check with hotels in the area to reserve rooms

Completed Weekends:

Men's #67, Roland Boucher, Rector; waiting for report

Weekends in Progress:

Paul MacKay -- Rector for Spring Weekend, dates for meetings have been determined.

Women's Weekend -- no Rector at this date

Old Business:

Website Upgrade -- No activity this month

Still need to fill vacancy: Chair person for Post Weekend

RIMA Giving -- replacement for gofundme

New Business:

Need to fill vacancy for Treasurer, Eric Borman appointed; determined that Judy could remain as Corresp. Sec; Dawn asked for reimbursement of \$81.00 for expenses from women's weekend

Prayer Concerns:

Praise from MacKays for healthy new granddaughter. David Newcomb, Tim, Bethany, Gayle, Pastor Greg and Family, country

Closed in prayer - by Warren at 8:50

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Rota

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As we heard from Gordon, we were in jeopardy of cancelling the women's spring weekend, #69 because we did not have a Rector. Since Gordon's writing, that has changed. God had other plans! After much prayer, Nancy Manderville stepped up and said, "I'll do it." Hallelujah, the weekend is back on!

Don't let RIMA lose momentum. Let's all work hard this year and step up when you are asked to be on Team. It's a lot of work and a big commitment, but think of all the blessings you receive when you do God's work!!! Let's make the number of candidates multiply this year. God will send them to you, you just have to ask them.

I feel the Holy Spirit in the air. During my cancer treatments, I felt spiritually dry, but the Holy Spirit is starting to stir me up again. Let Him stir you up too!

Blessings in Christ,  
Lynne Cignarella