

# The Butterfly

The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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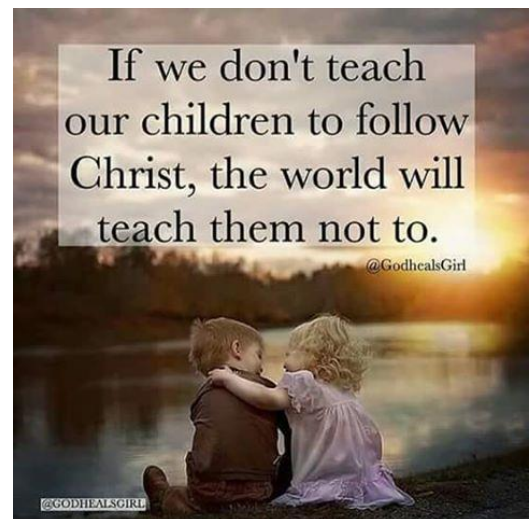
I recently saw a post on FACEBOOK that read “If we don’t teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.” (Thank you Nancy Mandeville!)

How true this is! Parents have the major role in helping their children develop a lasting faith – especially dads!

A Swiss study done in 1994 showed that fathers have a stronger influence on having their offspring be church goers in their adult lives, than even their moms. Here are some excerpts from the article:

The question was asked to determine whether a person’s religion carried through to the next generation, and if so, why, or if not, why not. The result is dynamite.

- There is one critical factor. It is overwhelming, and it is this: It is the religious practice of the father of the family that, above all, determines the future attendance at or absence from church of the children.
- If both father and mother attend regularly, 33 percent of their children will end up as regular churchgoers, and 41 percent will end up attending irregularly. Only a quarter of their children will end up not practicing at all.



- If the father is irregular and mother regular, only 3 percent of the children will subsequently become regulars themselves, while a further 59 percent will become irregulars. Thirty-eight percent will be lost.
- If the father is non-practicing and mother regular, only 2 percent of children will become regular worshippers, and 37 percent will attend irregularly. Over 60 percent of their children will be lost completely to the church.
- Where neither parent practices, to nobody's very great surprise, only 4 percent of children will become regular attenders and 15 percent irregulars. Eighty percent will be lost to the faith.

The article also looks at the figures the other way round. What happens if the father is regular but the mother irregular or non-practicing? I refer you to this link to see some rather extraordinary results!

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/geneveith/2010/12/raising-children-so-they-will-go-to-church-as-adults/>

Though these figures were not available in the late 1940's when Cursillo (the forerunner of Tres Dias) was formed, it seems that the early founders were aware of the importance of men in the church. They realized that to revitalize the church it was necessary to bringing men back into the activities of the church.

So this message is for men, especially young fathers! Take your role as spiritual head of the household to heart, and take you children to church regularly!

DeColores,  
Gordon

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***Pescarores,  
Rectors and Team Reps are currently making calls for Men's & Women's #68. If you are called, please be courteous and answer their phone calls and/or emails.***



**Reunion Secuela - Praise Tabernacle N.**



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## RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING

MONDAY May 9, 2016

Liberty Christian Center ~ 159 Winthrop St Taunton, MA 02703

PRESENT: Andrea Higgins, Steve Higgins, Judy Borman, Eric Borman, Rev. Pastor Ruth Blais, Pastor Warren Blais, Gordon Arent, Sue Arent, Dawn Rota, Paul MacKay, Roland Boucher

Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Ruth

Next meeting confirmed for Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Taunton

No requests for voting status

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept minutes as amended from April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting prepared by Sue Arent was made by Steve, seconded by Eric B, carried

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Steve, filling in for Frank, who is stepping down for health reasons. Steve gave a full report; all liked format. Motion to accept report by Sue, seconded by Warren; passed

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Presented by Judy Borman. Thank you notes were sent to TDI (Frank Yarborough, Bruce Cota, Sue Loveland)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pre-Weekend Report: none

Weekend Committee Report: Paul MacKay has been asked to be the Rector for the fall men's weekend, and is praying before responding. The trailer may stay at the camp between meetings

Post-Weekend Report: There is a Secuela scheduled in June for the men's and women's weekends hosted by Roland B. in Woonsocket

Communications Report: none

Historian Report: Dawn, no contributions have been forwarded so far.

By-Law and Policy Review Committee: Gordon, no activity

International Tres Dias Report: Andrea, no activity on TDI

Secretariat Meeting in October

Weekends in Progress: Roland reports that he is all set for the weekend; invites Paul MacKay to be observer on team; he has a full team of 14, and 5



candidates at present. Joyce reports that she has a full team, with 2 meetings left; no candidates at this point.

Old Business: No website upgrade as of yet; still in need of a chair for post-weekend committee, outreach committee is a sub-committee of weekend committee; need chairs. There are groups interested in a presentation. Steve has provided formats. RIMA Giving - Steve will investigate why "go fund me" is not working.

New Business: Frank and Steve thanked for their willingness to serve as Treasurer.

TDI - Selection of Delegate - motion for Sue to continue as delegate made by Andrea, seconded by Judy, passed

TDI - Vote on Proxy Issues

1. proposed budget \$48,000. Passed
2. new tier structure, 10% increase; RIMA \$55.00. Passed
3. chartering of local secretariat -- new - once every two years essential training from international; steve disagreed due to obstacles and expense; voted "no"
4. amend bylaws re: mailing of proxies slate presented with available slate, passed
5. wording change (2-2-3) president can appoint if no one is voted in as treasurer or financial secretary, passed.

Prayer Concerns: Lynne, Baby Brittany, Teresa, Pastor Greg, Pastor Lynn, David Newcomb, Sunny low, Ted Low, Rob Koerig, Frank and Brenda, Paul MacKay, men on weekend.

Closed in prayer - Gordon

Meeting ended at 9:15

Respectfully submitted

Dawn Rota

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YOUR NAME

Most nights I am blessed to sit and watch the day turn to night out our back porch windows. In the Summer it is through a leafy wall of trees and in the Winter the view increases to a much wider expanse. What I see most is the beautiful sky

that God has created and the miracle of another sunset as the sky changes. What I don't see are the stars from this view because of the nearby city lights, but I know that the stars are there in all their glory. A while ago I purchased a copy of a video of the Hubble telescope presentation. I was absolutely entranced by the beauty of God's Creation. This caused me to think that there are so many that say or imply that, "God doesn't exist." There are others that are saying, "How great Man is and look what Man creates." How can people look at this great beauty and not become aware of how great and glorious this creation is and how small Man is.

In Genesis 1:3, "God said, Let there be light; and there was light. In verse 6, "And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters," What is interesting is that in each instance God called or created and it was done. Given the result, God's call must really be something! In Man's and women's creation, God created them in, "our image, after our likeness." Genesis 1:26. In Genesis 2:7 God, "formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living soul." He also knew you before the moment you were created and I believe that each of you has been given a name by God on that day He knew you. I feel that in each of you there is a part of God as He also creates you in His 'own image' and breathes the breath of life in you on the day that you were born. What great love this shows in that He cares so much that, He breathes in you His own breath of life. What he asked was that you increase, multiply, take care of the earth and love Him. I wonder if He also gives you the 'Song of Life' when He gives you the 'breath of life'. I believe that learning the 'Song of Life' is done in getting to know Him.

Bible verses from the KJV

#### UNDER THE LAW

The problem of 'Original Sin' is what has been getting in the way ever since Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of Knowledge against God's command. Laws were developed that were 'You Must Laws' and when these laws were not followed, there was no forgiveness. To live under laws where there is no forgiveness is kind of like sticking your hand in front of a poisonous snake's mouth and asking it not to bite. Cities were destroyed and cultures destroyed because of their living a corrupt life. God would send His Prophets to bring His message and give them a chance to correct their lives or suffer the consequences. What I am seeing today is that Original Sin has not left us. Drug dependency is rampant. Outbursts of open anger are obvious and increasing. 'You can't tell me what to do' has become obvious. Disrespect for the law is open. "You can't tell me what to do." is running just below the surface.

Where does all this leave us? There is a choice and it is turning to Jesus. If you tell people that they are going to hell because they are violating God's Laws will just turn them away and off, to hearing the word. Jesus never did that, he didn't judge, talked to people and showed them love. In modeling Christ and showing them love you will find listeners and we are then free of The Law.

There are so many souls in this world just looking for a little compassion. I also believe that we as Christians need a Ministry. I don't mean that you have to be a Pastor, it could be your job or being a neighbor. I was blessed when me and my wife's path led us to a Ministry of working in the public with individuals having Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health issues. When I was working, there was never a day that I didn't know that the Holy Spirit wasn't at my side working through me. I have had people telling me that what I was doing or did was special and that I must be so patient or that I was doing things that others couldn't do. My response was, "It's not me, it's Jesus." I must say that I did get some unusual looks but it is the truth. It is just letting Jesus work through and with you. I had an unexpected Blessing recently. Judy and I take part on a Human Rights Committee for where we used to work. Some of the clients I used to work with also take part on this committee. After the meeting I was talking with one of my former clients and he said that he wished that I was still working with him at his facility and that he missed me. I had retired 10 and a 1/2 years ago. I know that when I go to visit the people I used to work with where I used to work, I am greeted with hugs and they catch up on what they have been doing in their lives. Back when I had become a Case Manager, I had individuals only with Developmental Disabilities on my caseload. I was told that I would have to split my caseload and have 1/2 individuals with Developmental Disability and 1/2 individuals with Mental Health issues. One of the things that happened was that the people I had to drop off my caseload, kept on coming back to me with problems that they had to have solved. I would try to tell them that they were no longer on my caseload but I would help them. You see I had earned their trust. Sometimes trust is not freely given but once given is well kept. It can be truly amazing how Christ can work in your's and other's lives. What is your ministry?

By Eric Borman



## 2016 RIMA CALENDAR

08/08 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM

08/23 (Tues.) Weekend Committee – Bethany Village Fellowship, 7PM

08/27 (Sat.) **SECUELA** – at Arent's, 2PM – 10PM

09/12 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM

09/29- 10/02 **MEN'S WEEKEND #68 – Rector ?????? ??????**

10/10 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM

10/20-10/23 **WOMEN'S WEEKEND #68 – Rector Rose Breau**

10/25 (Tues.) Weekend Committee – Bethany Village Fellowship, 7PM

11/14 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM

11/18 (Fri.) **REUNION SECUELA** – TBD

12 /04 (Sun.) **4th Day Event - CAROLING at Matulaitis (3PM) - 10 Thurber Rd, Putnam, CT followed by**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY at Thornfield Hall - 330 Thompson Hill Rd., Rt 200, Thompson, CT**

Note: Please confirm dates and times on the RIMA website, Facebook page, or most recent Butterfly.

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Thank you all for the cards, phone calls, text messages, prayer blankets, chemo blanket and the many prayers. I am truly blessed to have so many Christian brothers and sisters in my life. I have finally finished all my Chemo treatments and will start Radiation the second week in August. It has been a long road, but people have told me that if you can get through the Chemo, you can get through anything! So, I am hopeful and continue to look to the Lord for strength. I was also blessed with very special nurses, and one of them may be on Weekend #68. Praise God!

Blessings in Christ,  
Lynne Cignarella