

Pescadores Progress



The History of Tres Dias

Tres Dias traces its ancestry through Cursillo.

Cursillo had its beginnings amid the turmoil and destruction of civil warfare and of the Second World War, which left Spain with empty churches and a sense of aimlessness and diminished dreams. Late in the 1940's, a sense of revival was stirring within the Roman Catholic Church. Small groups of friends in various Catholic action groups began to share their faith regularly to help one another. Pilgrimages were organized whereby men and women could rededicate their lives toward Christian ideals. Bishop Juan Hervas, who was active in action groups and renewal activities with the men on the island of Majorca, and Eduardo Bonin, who was involved with organizing pilgrimages, met through these sharing groups. They began to see how the church could benefit and the lives

of people could be changed through studying and sharing their lives in Christ.

With a broadening vision of what these small sharing groups (reunion groups) could accomplish, weekly meetings produced periodic retreats where the reality of living a Christian life was intensely taught and experienced through support by reunion groups. These retreats became known as Cursillo de Cristiandad, which means "short course in Christianity." Originally the retreats grew out of the reunion groups!

There were few men in the Church after the tragedy of war in Spain. One prime objective in the early years was to revitalize the church by bringing men back into the activities of the church.

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January 2015

GMTD #70 Men's:

February 19 - 22, 2015

Rector:

Billy Rice

Send-off:

Thurs., Feb. 19 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., Feb. 21 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., Feb. 22 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #70 Women's:

Feb. 26 - Mar. 1, 2015

Rector:

Cindy Hallford

Send-off:

Thurs., Feb. 26 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., Feb. 28 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., Mar. 1 • 5:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

Our next Secuela:

Saturday, January 10, 2015

The Torch
800 Cannon Bridge Rd
Demorest, GA 30535
706-778-4063

www.thetorch.net

Please arrive early.

The Secuela will begin promptly at 6:00 pm.

Come and get a HUGE blessing!



Bring your favorite covered dish, enough to serve at least 10 people.

Sponsors: If you have sponsored candidates and have never brought them to a Secuela, please plan to bring them this time, or make arrangements for someone else to bring them.

Childcare will not be provided.

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Tres Dias: The Essential

IT IS ACCIDENTAL:

- Who is secretary at each decuria (table).
- The number of people at each table (not to exceed 9).
- The kind of jokes to be used, as long as discretion is maintained.
- That a group photograph be taken.
- That a mananita (serenade) be held.



It Keeps Getting Better...

Christmas Bible Codeword

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The History of Tres Dias Continued

The Cursillo movement was confined to Spanish speaking countries until the late 1950's when a group of men from the Spanish Air Force, who were in training in Texas, and were in a Reunion Group, conducted the first Cursillo in the United States. Among the Spanish-speaking people the movement began to spread across the United States. The first English speaking Cursillo was held in the early 1960's.

Protestants who attended the weekends, saw the need to make the experience available to other Protestants. This led to the development of the interdenominational Tres Dias. The first Tres Dias weekend was held in Newburgh, New York, November 2-5, 1972. Dave McManigal was its rector. He was a Protestant who had attended a Roman Catholic Cursillo and was led to be instrumental in forming Tres Dias. That weekend, then as now, was open to all Christian traditions.

Others involved in starting Tres Dias were Helmut Maier; and Bob and Mary Essert.

Starting from the Mid-Hudson community in Newburgh/Poughkeepsie, New York, the movement spread rapidly. Pittsburgh was the second community; then Fairfield County, Connecticut, Northern New Jersey, Long Island, Maine, Central Connecticut, New Hampshire, and South Hudson.

In the Spring of 1979, with the encouragement of the Mid-Hudson Secretariat, John McKinney formed an ad hoc "National" secretariat with Jim Thornley, Anton Wellbrock, Gerry Hoernes, and Bob Decker. That group produced initial drafts of a "National" constitution and "Essentials of Tres Dias". All other communities were invited to participate and refine the drafts.

On July 11, 1980, at Poughkeepsie, NY, the constitution and essentials were ratified and adopted by all of the above listed communities. The Tres Dias organization was formed as a national organization. The secretariats of the communities were chartered as local secretariats. John McKinney was the first president. Subsequently, Tres Dias was incorpo-

rated as a not-for-profit corporation in New York state ... and was recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

A "charter" member of the first National/International Tres Dias Secretariat, Peter Scharfenberg, labored for more than two decades ... stocking and shipping manuals and materials to Tres Dias people all over the world.

In 1985 Tres Dias became INTERNATIONAL when communities were chartered in Korea and Germany.

Tens of thousands of people have made the weekend and tens of thousands of lives have become more committed to serving our Lord Jesus.

The reporters of this history pray that Tres Dias will continue to be faithful to God's spirit. May the people who have made a Tres Dias, be among the Christian leaders God uses to revitalize his people.

Tres Dias Teams



Interested in serving on a Tres Dias team?

Go to www.gmtd.org or come to the next Secuela to sign up!

Upcoming Weekends

Georgia Mountains Tres Dias #71

Men's:

May 28 - 31, 2015

Women's:

June 4 - 7, 2015

Georgia Mountains Tres Dias #72

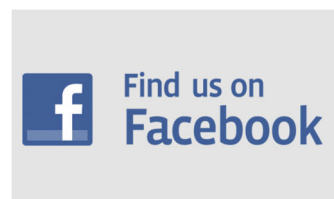
Men's:

Oct. 1 - 4, 2015

Women's:

Oct. 8 - 11, 2015

Facebook



To keep up to date with GMTD on events and weekends, please join us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GMTDfamily/>

Please note that this is a closed group. Only those who have attended a Tres Dias type weekend may join the group.

Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT: The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 7, 2014 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at United Community Bank in Dahlonega, GA

GMTD Applications may be downloaded at www.gmt.org. Please mail to:

GMTD Pre-Weekend Couple
Mike & Carol Hall
248 Long Mountain Trail
Cleveland, GA 30528

When sending, please include \$10.00 application fee. Please call Mike at 770-876-4059 with any questions.

GMTD weekend fees are \$110.

PALANCA GUIDELINES – (Burning CDs of copyrighted music is a violation of copyright laws, and burned CD's of copyrighted music cannot be accepted as palanca.)

Table Palanca – 6 tables, minimum of 65 individual items.

Bed Palanca – 45 for candidates, 80 for team. Team members may receive individual bed palanca. Palanca for specific candidates will be placed in their Sunday bags.

Kitchen Palanca – 125 place settings.

Oven Palanca – Please drop off at the Palanca room, not the kitchen.

Palanca Letters – Write the candidate's name on the letter and in the left upper corner write who the letter is from: sponsor, husband, wife, friend, etc. Letters from family and friends need to be at the camp no later than Saturday night. The earlier the better.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE PESCADORE'S PROGRESS at www.gmt.org. To receive your Pescadore's Progress in the U.S. mail, please send your name and address to the return address at the top of this page.

SPONSORS Please remember to stay with your candidate until they have been completely checked in during their weekend and all information and fees have been provided.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO! If your address, phone number or e-mail has changed, please notify GMTD Database Manager, Lisa Mitchell at:

records-database-manager@gmt.readyhosting.com, or 770-842-5423, or go to www.gmt.org/PescadoreUpdateForm.

The database is confidential and for GMTD use only to contact sponsors, team members, rector nominees, secretariat nominees, and for general GMTD purposes.

REMINDERS FROM THE SECRETARIAT: Weekend rosters are confidential and are not to be used for solicitations or anything other than Tres Dias. The Secretariat would also like to remind you that it is inappropriate to bring children to send-off, closing, serenade, or sequels. Further, only those that have attended a recognized 3-day weekend may attend Tres Dias functions. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these Tres Dias requirements.

Vida Nueva



Vida Nueva is a weekend retreat for young men and women ages 15-20. Vida Nueva is Spanish for "New Life" and like the Tres Dias, VN weekends are intended as an encounter with Jesus Christ. The weekends are similar to the structure of a Tres Dias weekend with certain changes to make it more relevant for teens. VN weekends begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday evening. The cost to sponsor someone on a VN weekend is \$80. If you have a teenager who you would like to sponsor, you can download an application at the web-site www.gm.vn.net. A group of teens who have made a Vida Nueva weekend recently put together a video to tell what VN has meant to them. The video can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DNV99f2Hko. Georgia Mountains VN currently holds two sets of weekends a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The next set of weekends are April 10 - 12, 2015 for the Young Women and April 17- 19, 2015 for the Young Men.

GMTD Secretariat Members

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Leaders-B	Ron & Debbie Gailey	706-878-6686
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Palanca	Lester & Beth Miller.....	770-633-0847
Pre-Weekend	Mike & Carol Hall	770-876-4059
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Treasurer	Henry & Chrissie Paseur	706-889-0659
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