

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. The Cursillo move-

ment 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".

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March 2024

GMTD #94 Men's:
May 16 - 19, 2024

Rector: Kurt Warren
Send-off:
Thurs. May 16th • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., May. 18th • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., May 19th • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #94 Women's:
May 23 - 26, 2024

Rector: Holly Salisbury

Send-off:
Thurs. May 23rd • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., May 25th • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., May 26th • 5:00 p.m.

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GMTD # - MEN'S

Feb.8-Feb 11, 2023

Rector: Lester Miller

~ Galations 5:13 ~



I was honored and humbled to be called as Rector Men's GMTD #93. Immediately I started to pray and ask God for the verse and vision for this Men's weekend. God was quick to respond. I was called to share this in 2019 previously, but to unforeseen circumstances and the pandemic I was cut off from sharing. I understand now that season was not missioned for a reason.

The verse is Galatians 5:13 ESV, and it says

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

The men on GMTD#93 were called to recognize their freedoms and learned how to become leaders over their family, the church, and in their communities.

Serving one another in love, and to live out their lives as it was commissioned by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 20:28 says "even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." As men, they accepted and were sent out on their 4th day to carry this mission forward. They were adopted into the Tres Dias Community and learned just how important their need is for each other. Proverbs 27:17. By surrounding their selves with a brotherhood of believers they are equipped to move forward with the mission to teach, lead, and create margin for spiritual discussion in their daily lives by loving God, loving people, and serving their neighbor.

As heard at closing by the testimonies they shared, The Mission for Men's GMTD# 93 had been accomplished.

DeColores,
Lester Miller (Rector)

The Men of GMTD #93 - Welcome!

Table of Luke

Jason Allen
Shane Ellison
Nicholas Swisher
Jamie Mealor
James Rush
Stanley Roberts

Table of Peter

Cody Butler
Jarred Dover
Stephen McFarlin
Tarence Jeffers
Steven Wassing
Robert Young
Dennis Merchoff

Table of Mark

Ralph Banks
Mike Cloud
Baron Ling
Matt McDaniel
Clint Griffith
Robert Hill

Table of Matthew

John Clark
Gary Eubanks
Colin Pritchett
Brandon Shaw
Justin Zabnikar
Joshua Taylor
Brian Murray

Table of John

Justin Boyd
Steven Holt
Eric Owens
Steven Thompson
David Gray
Collin Warren
Matthew Marini

GMTD #92 - WOMEN'S

Feb 15 - 18, 2023

Rector: Melissa Hamby

"Therefore, I am now going to allure her: I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.

There I will give back her vineyards" ~Hosea 2:145-15

My name is Melissa Hamby and I attended GMTD #42. Tres Dias has been a huge part of my life and an even bigger blessing. I was in awe and incredibly humbled and honored to be the Women's Rector of GMTD #93. Our scripture for that weekend was from Hosea 2:14-15 (NIV)

*"Therefore I am now going to allure her,
I will lead her into the wilderness
and speak to her.*

*There I will give her back her vineyards,
and will make the Valley of Achora a door of hope.
There she will respond as in the days of her youth,
as in the day she came up out of Egypt."*

My song was Out of the Woods by Krissy Nordhoff.

I prayed for God to allure these ladies into the wilderness and for the Holy Spirit to meet them there. I prayed that the ladies would realize that the wilderness is actually a beautiful place, a place to encounter our Father one on one. That we have to TRUST him to let him lead us and give us our vineyards, the abundance of his love. The book of Hosea is a love story of God's everlasting love and mercy. The Holy Spirit was so strong on this weekend, He moved on these ladies.

When I got the call I started praying for a humble team and the Lord blessed me with the best "Dream Team" ever! What an honor to serve alongside of this beautiful team. So much love was in this team and it over flowed into the New Pescadores. Love you Team! I cannot begin to express how thankful I am to have experiences this Phenomenal once in a lifetime experience. I want to thank the whole community for making these ladies feel loved from all the Palanca to Serenade. WOW!

Just as grapes need to be crushed to create new wine, we also must be crushed to have new life. A life much bigger and better

than we could ever imagine for ourselves.

De Colores,
Melissa Hamby
Rector GMTD #93



The Women of GMTD #93 - Welcome!

Table of Ruth

Katrina Boyd
Gail Eubanks
Brianna Ruark
Rhena McNealey
Lisbeth Valenzuela
Chasity Rush
Dorene Murray

Table of Elizabeth

Kristy Brown
Lexus Dover
Shelly Merchoff
Alisha Roberts
Jessica Thompson
Autumn Pritchett
Kristen Hill

Table of Rachel

Tammy Owens
Sarah Allen
Lynn Butler
Keri Ann Taylor
Bonnie Moree
Stephanie Gray
Jaci Pritchett

Table of Esther

Imijin Barrera
Cassie Marini
Jocelyn Jeffers
Linsey Cloud
Rachel Wassing
Lacie McFarlin
Lorraine Smith

Table of Rebekah

Cindy Banks
Anita Zabnikar
Leah Griffith
Alicia Rouse
Karen Yost
Wendy Stanley
Debbie Sutton

Table of Sarah

Angelique Mull
Lacretia Blackstone
Summer Darnell
Tammy Tippet
Jesse Shaw
Mandy Dickerson
Brittany Ellison

The History of Tres Dias, continued . . .

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 incorporated 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.



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 and 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!

GMTD Secretariat Members

Chairman.....	Brad Whitener.....	706-499-2790
Database.....	Hal Schneider.....	770-710-1775
Food Supply.....	Vern & Tina Vernon.....	706-254-5329
Fourth Day.....	Koby & Shay Dean.....	706-768-5260
Leaders-A.....	Mark & Lisa McClure.....	770-773-6005
Leaders-B.....	Bill & Carole Pittman.....	678-776-6763
Newsletter.....	Linda Alexander.....	678-201-5550
Palanca.....	Lester & Beth Miller.....	770-539-3909
Pre-Weekend.....	Patrick & Lisa Shurtleff.....	706-499-5899
Secretary.....	Denise Cowan.....	706-716-0057
Spiritual Director.....	Stacy Avery.....	706-344-7803
Treasurer.....	Kathy Crawford.....	706-244-1860
Webmaster.....	Karl Funderburg.....	770-905-9956
Weekend.....	Greg & Denise Morrow.....	706-599-4184
Weekend (In Training).....	John & Dawn Roach.....	
Worship Director.....	David & Angie Sellers.....	706-768-9354

Find e-mail contact info at www.gmt.org

Georgia Mountains 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 \$100 and is \$100 for team members. If you have a teenager who you would like to sponsor, you can download an application at the web-site www.gmvn.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 spring and one in the fall. The next set of weekends are March 22-24, 2024 for the Young Women and April 5-7, 2024 for the Young Men.





The Secretariat is currently looking for singles or couples that are interested in serving the GMTD community through the following positions. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please contact any member of the Secretariat.

The Secretariat of Georgia Mountains Tres Dias, Inc. is elected from the membership of the community to administer and manage the affairs of the community. Secretariat members should attend at least six Secretariat meetings per year.

All Secretariat members must hold the following qualifications:

- A.) Maintain a lifestyle in keeping with Biblical leadership,
- B.) Demonstrate a record of support of the Tres Dias movement,
- C.) Have worked at least three (3) teams, in three (3) different areas of service,
- D.) Possess the skills required by Secretariat position job description.
- E.) Relatives are not allowed to serve on the Secretariat in different positions at the same time, except for the Leaders position.

We are currently seeking qualified individuals for the following areas of service:

Leaders Couple B & Database Manager

MEN'S LEADERS/WOMEN'S LEADERS: There will be two couples serving in the Leaders position, with each couple having one vote. It is noted that one leader's couple may actually be two individuals, not married to each other, in this instance each individual would have one vote. (Effective 01/04/2002) They will share the position and alternate responsibilities each weekend. The Leaders Couple will be the mentor to each new rector and facilitate the training of the rector and the team leadership. The Leaders Couples duties include the following: Meet with each new rector during Orientation with the Chairman and Head Spiritual Director and help schedule training dates for the team. Train the rector on Policy, Procedures, Essentials, Team Selection and Team formation by providing training materials in these areas. Work with the rector in approving each team member selected and assist the rector in documenting their choices in an organized digital spreadsheet. This spreadsheet will be presented to Secretariat Leadership (Chairman and Head Spiritual Director) for approval. Train the Heads (Head Cha, Asst. Head Cha, BUR, Head Kitchen and Asst. Head Kitchen). Train the Professors and Area Heads. Attend the second team meeting and provide instructions and encouragement to the team. Regularly update the Secretariat on the rector's and team's progress. Meet with the rector after their weekend to be debriefed concerning any issues or questions that may have occurred on the weekend in an effort to improve the process for future weekends. All Training will be facilitated by the Leaders Couple and digital copies of the training material will be emailed to each individual unless they are not computer literate and in that case a paper copy will be provide. Participate in the overall guidance and planning of the Tres Dias activities.

DATABASE/RECORDS: Responsible for receiving and recording all information pertaining to attendance or service on a GMTD weekend as well as all updates that are received through the GMTD website. This would include the training of the communications cha and to assist in the training of the assistant head cha pertaining to accurate recording of attendance and use of spreadsheet. This training would occur during the heads and professors team training prior to the weekend. Maintain the computers for the communication chas. Provide the sign in credentials to the other members of the Secretariat for the OneDrive when passwords are changed. Print hard copies of service records, positions needed, script, time line, and material as needed for the leaders couple to provide to the upcoming rectors. Attend Wednesday set up to deliver printer and supplies. Participate in overall guidance and planning of Tres Dias activities.