



De Colores Communique - January 2021

As 2020 is now in the past, let go of what is past, and look forward with anticipation to what our Lord has in-store for 2021!

“Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert

-- Isaiah 43:19

Anne Campbell

Newsletter Coordinator

2021 NFTD Secretariat

The following individuals will be serving as the Secretariat for NFTD in 2021:

Chairperson – Omer Kenworthy

Community Spiritual Director – Barry Mason

Men's Leader – Ben Wilds

Women's Leader – Chris Farney

Secretary – Kristen Bailey

Treasurer – Ron VunKannen

Database Coordinator – Morgan Bass

Pre-Weekend Couple – Patrick and Melissa Smith

Weekend Couple – Clint and Margie Willis

Fourth Day Couple – Mark and Karen Savage

Food Couple – Jason and Nicole Stanley

Palanca Couple – Andy and Shannon Hall

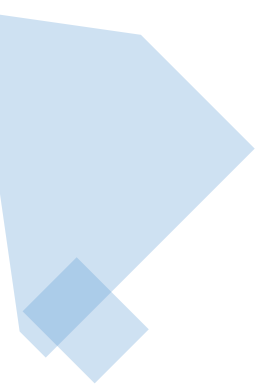
Pescadore Orientation Couple – Tom and Renee Van Gundy

Newsletter Coordinator – Anne Campbell

Please lift each of them up in prayer as they join together in leading this Community in 2021.

Contact information for each member may be found at NFTD.org.





Happy New Year community!

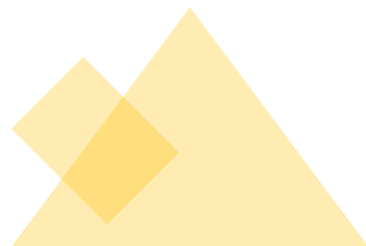
Although we have not been regularly meeting in person for Secretariat meetings we have been keeping in touch via Zoom and Messenger. I want to take this opportunity to share with you my communication with our governing board on our most recent developments regarding our upcoming Spring Weekends:

Welcome to the start of a New Year. I am writing this letter as your new Chairman and to inform you of our first order of business for the Secretariat.

Judy Kirk received the attached communique from International just before Christmas informing local communities that they would not support any community holding a weekend at least through May 31, 2021 and forwarded it to me to pray about and to make a decision on the direction the local Secretariat should make.

I reached out to the men's and women's leaders and we decided to move forward with conducting a meeting of the full Executive committee in keeping with our by-laws that govern our community. The meeting was comprised of myself, Omer Kenworthy(chairman), Kristin Bailey (Secretary), Barry Mason (Community Spiritual Director), Ron VunKannon (Treasurer), Ben Wilds (Men's Leader), and Chris Farney (Women's Leader).

All members of the committee were furnished with the full letter from international so they could review and discuss with full knowledge of Internationals stance on the issue. We convened a Zoom Meeting in which all members were present. Each member was allotted time to share their feeling as to how their decision would affect the full community.



From the Secretariat



From the Secretariat, continued

We as the appointed Executive Committee are united in our decision to follow the advice of International and will postpone the upcoming Spring Weekends. Please read the attached letter and I encourage you to click on the hyperlink and listen to our legal council. You will want to skip past the intros and go right to the presentation made by Attorney David Gibbs.

This is not a decision that was made in haste nor was it easy. It is with a very heavy heart that I enter my term as Chairman with an issue of such magnitude. We as a full Secretariat must pray and have serious discussion on ways that we can hold our community together and continue to support each other and most importantly, our upcoming Rectors and Rectors in waiting. Anne and Rodney have been on this emotional roller coaster far too long and are understandably drained and discouraged. Please lift them up in your prayers.

As we get further information from Tres Dias International we will share it with you.

Yours in Christ

Omer Kenworthy Chairman NFTD



Communique from Tres Dias International

Dear Bill,

This letter was just sent to your communities today. Please be sure that your community leader received it.

This is an important notice concerning any planned winter or spring weekends your community may consider having. You are receiving this email because you are listed as the leader of your community. If you are no longer in that position, please forward this to your current leader, and provide us with the contact information.

In October 2020, the Tres Dias International Secretariat, after much prayer and input, issued a statement that we would not support the conducting of any community weekends through the end of 2020, noting that we would provide further updates before the end of the year.

DECISION UPDATE: The International Secretariat met on December 12th and given the fluid nature of the pandemic and various approaches by federal, state, and local authorities, the decision was made that TDI will NOT support the conducting of weekends at least through May 31, 2021. This means that any communities who choose to conduct weekends will do so without the approval of the international governing body.

The Secretariat will be reviewing the data as we move forward and will keep you updated with any changes.

Communique from Tres Dias International, continued

BACKGROUND AND RESOURCES:

As you are aware, although vaccines are just beginning to become available, there has been a dramatic increase in positive COVID tests and related hospitalizations and deaths. The TDI Officers and Secretariat Board members have discussed this at length and, ultimately, feel that all of us, as Christian leaders, have the responsibility to provide for a safe environment in our communities—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. In Acts 20:28 we are told to, *“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.”*

We conducted a leadership forum in October where we invited TDI’s Christian legal counsel, Attorney David Gibbs, to provide an overview of the pandemic from a legal and Christian viewpoint. You can view this forum at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AwWBzu44YhVyzW6FdZmRYIH-zOw1fGf?usp=sharing>.

(note that the initial 7 minutes are introductions of the individuals involved).

MOVING FORWARD:

CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON 4TH DAY ACTIVITIES: While we know this is a disappointment and some might become discouraged, it is important that we continue emphasizing our “Fourth Day” activities in supporting, loving, and caring for one another. Now, more than ever, it is important that we stay connected with each other during our Fourth Day. To assist in that, during the month of February, we will be conducting a leadership forum on Fourth Day activities. Information on that forum will be coming out in early January.

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WHEN WEEKENDS DO RESUME: It is no secret that when weekends start up again, they are going to look different than they have in the past. To assist communities in planning for future weekends, Tres Dias International will be publishing a set of Guidelines and Recommendations for 2021 shortly after the holidays. I trust you will find these guidelines/recommendations helpful to you as you consider the changes that will need to take place to provide the safest environment possible for weekends, as well as pre- and post- activities.

We encourage you to wait on the Lord and be in prayer for each other...Psalm 27:14 *“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”*

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas and abundant blessings for the New Year.

Denny

Dennis Farkas
President
Tres Dias, Inc.

Sponsorship

Brothers and Sisters,

I say this with a heavy heart; I know we want things to return to the way they used to be, and we want to move forward with having weekends, but as Omer and our International Tres Dias governing body have suggested, we will not hold the weekends until at least May 31st, 2021.

So, what do we do in the meantime? We continue to build relationships and serve the Lord. Tres Dias is about building up leaders so that they go back into their churches and communities to serve. When we sponsor candidates to go through a weekend, we should have a personal relationship with them. We want to bring the love of Christ to everyone with whom we are in contact. Let's build those relationships!! Get ready, because when God calls us back, we will need those sponsorships!

This is what the Lord says: "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the Lord. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land."

Jeremiah 29:10-14 NLT

NEVER GIVE UP HOPE

Patrick & Melissa Smith

Pre-Weekend Couple

Sequelas

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another year has started and there is still much uncertainty about what is going to happen. As Christians we should not be worried about the things to come because we belong to Him. Many passages in scripture teach us how to realize and even apply peace and contentment in our lives.

In Numbers chapter 6 the Lord says to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons to bless the people of Israel with a special blessing." The Lord followed up by saying, "whenever Aaron and his sons bless the people of Israel in my name, I myself will bless them." God chose Aaron and his sons because they were high priest. Jesus is now our High Priest; however, we have all been called to be priests.

So, in the name of the Lord, we bless each and everyone of you with the same blessings (Numbers 6:24-26 NLT):

"May the Lord Bless you and protect you.

May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you His favor and give you His peace."

Thank-you, Father, because your blessings and promises are YES and AMEN.

Lord, our prayer is that you will guide us to realize our blessings of feeling peace and contentment. Help us to trust you in the crush of everyday life, to trust you to handle the challenges we face, and to let go of our own worries and fears. Amen.

We are very sorry, but due to the growing number of cases of Covid-19, we feel it is in the best interest of everyone to not have a sequela in the month of January. This decision is not being made in fear but rather in wisdom that God has gifted to us all. We will make a decision about a February sequela at a later date.

Blessings,

Mark and Karen Savage,

Fourth Day Couple

Pescadore Orientation

Happy New Year!!

Tres Dias Family, have you felt that there is something missing in your personal walk, a disconnect, a longing for something more? My longing and feeling disconnected seems to come from missing my community, my Tres Dias Family. I believe one way we can **feel** connected is to gather with our Reunion Group. If you do not have one, now is the time to start one. It can be a small group, which can encourage and pray for each other in their life journey. I believe that coming together to pray is such an encouragement to my personal walk, but it also helps me stay connected. If you do not feel comfortable meeting, then call someone, talk, and pray for each other, once a month or even once a week.

Let's draw together as a community to be intentional in our Actions, Time and Study and most of all, Love! Pray and Ask God how you can be intentional in your day to day and how to show Agape Love to others. I know He has much in store for each of us in the year to come!!

De Colores,

Tom and Renee Van Gundy

P.O. Couple