



March 2021

Please keep the Rectors, the Spiritual Directors, the team members, the candidates who God has chosen for NFTD #62, and all their families, in your prayers.

*This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

Anne Campbell
NFTD, Newsletter Coordinator

From the Secretariat

Dear NFTD Community:

Please be in prayer for those who may be moving off the Secretariat this year, and for possible candidates to fill those positions. The following positions may be vacated this year:

Spiritual Director: The Spiritual Director must be a member of the Clergy but may be single or married. (Bylaws 6.9.8 for a description of the duties required of this position).

Men's Leader: The Men's Leader must have served as a North Florida Tres Dias Rector. (Bylaws 6.9.4. for a description of the duties required of this position).

Fourth Day Couple: The Fourth Day Couple must be a married couple. (Bylaws 6.9.7 for a description of the duties required of this position).

Food Couple: The Food Couple must be a married couple. (Bylaws 6.9.10 for a description of the duties required of this position)

All members of the Secretariat must maintain a lifestyle compatible with Biblical leadership, have demonstrated a record of support of the Tres Dias movement, and have served on at least 3 Weekend teams preferably in different areas. The following is a link to the current Bylaws:

<http://nftd.org/Linked%20Documents/ByLaws2017.pdf>

From the Chairman

Greetings community,

Finally, my brethren be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Another month has quickly faded away and, we find ourselves wondering, are we ever going to get back to normal? The answer to that question continues to elude us.

I often say in the business world, that until you have owned your own business and shouldered the responsibility of making the tough day to day decisions you will often have a hard time understanding why and how certain rules and guidelines are made. I would now extend that to include being a member of a large community like Tres Dias and serving as a leader on our governing body, "The Secretariat".

We as NFTD are chartered under the leadership of Tres Dias International and as such, we agree to follow the Policies and Procedures set forth by them. At times we find ourselves in a position where we are provided with "Guidelines" that are given to us through "Position Papers". A position paper is just that. International is saying that after much prayer, Godly council, and sometimes legal council, they have come to the following position. We as leaders of the local community must then decide to adhere and heed to that position or discard the advice and operate under our own guidance.

COVID has caused us to do just that. Back in December we received word that International would not sanction any Weekend held through May 31'st, 2021. Recently we received an update to their directives and leadership has agreed to be wise servants and considerate of the well-being of the Whole Community of North Florida Tres Dias and adhere to the "General Guidelines" and ask our members to do the same while participating in activities including Sequelas and Weekends. This does not mean that each member agrees with each and every aspect of the guidelines handed down to us. We are merely saying that as leaders we are putting our personal feelings aside and considering the health and well-being of the full community.

We are asking that if you choose to participate in activities sponsored by NFTD that you follow these guidelines. If you feel that you cannot adhere to the guidelines established, we ask that you refrain from participating until we have different options available. Please understand we all have personal feelings related to these issues and respect whatever decision you make and ask you to understand the decisions made by fellow members. Satan would love to use these circumstances to divide us as a community.

Our desire as a community is to be open and obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As we move forward not every Weekend will look like your Weekend. With the exception of Essentials, each Weekend takes on a different flavor. God equips and imparts his vision into each Rector. Please continue to lift up your leadership, our upcoming Rectors, and Rectors-in-waiting. Hard decisions have and will continue to be made.

We will continue to keep you updated as we move closer to the Fall Weekends and to whatever adjustments will be made. Be in prayer for the strength of this community.

De'Colores

Omer A Kenworthy, NFTD #38

Chairman

From the Chairman, continued...

Below is a list of the general guidelines and a link that you may follow to the full documentation furnished to us by International. If you choose to serve on an upcoming Weekend you will be required to adhere to the current guidelines at that time.

General Guidelines:

- Follow all local, state, federal, and CDC recommendations.
- Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (door handles, faucets, light switches, etc.) using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe. Follow up with disinfectants approved or recommended by the EPA. Give Chas specific instructions for each section as to the areas to be cleaned and sanitized beyond what is normally expected.
- Provide adequate hand washing facilities and have hand sanitizing products readily available. Encourage participants to assume personal responsibility in using supplies.
- Practice social distancing in all areas of participation by membership.
- Mask-wearing is mandated while inside the facility and in group functions for all participants. Individuals can/should bring their own masks they are comfortable wearing, and the Community should bring ample supplies to supplement for the entire weekend.
- Frequently remind Pescadores that if anyone is feeling ill, in any way, or if a family member is ill, or if they have been exposed to anyone feeling ill, that they must refrain from attending ANY functions. Have sponsors check in with candidate's family from time to time to update them on the weekend and check the health of those at home.
- Older individuals, 65+ and those with severe chronic conditions are at higher risk from exposure and complications and should avoid crowds. We recommend that they do not attend Tres Dias functions at this time.
- Avoiding physical contact with other individuals, including handshakes and hugs at Tres Dias functions is very important. Emphasize the need to avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth, and to "cover your cough or sneeze into your elbow."
- Individuals who have traveled outside the country within the prior 14 days should be encouraged to self-evaluate before attending any in person Tres Dias functions.
- The same protocols used for candidates should be extended to those serving on team, coming on the facility to serve in the background, or participating in serenade, mananita or closing.

To review the full document please lick the hyperlink or copy and paste the url in your browser window.

<https://tresdias.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bdbf9b3b50e3399374b08b88d&id=0333b4672c&e=8b1b36285f>

Sequelas

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

It has been way too long!!! We miss you all greatly and pray that everyone is doing well. We are excited to share that we have an upcoming Sequela scheduled for **March 13th @ 5:00pm**. This is a much-needed opportunity to come together as a community to fellowship, worship, share communion, and share about our 4th day. The March 13th sequela will be held at **Victory Fellowship Church in Thomasville, GA**.

- Bring your own dinner.
- Avoid hugs, handshakes,
- Observe Social Distancing
- Wear a mask.

Please be aware that the updated guidelines created by Tres Dias International, will be followed. They are itemized below.



Sequelas

This sequela will be a little different than the past sequelas due to Covid-19 and some updated guidelines and recommendations that have been established by the Tres Dias International. The following are some of the guidelines and recommendations that we have been asked to follow:

- Host an outside event if weather permits.
- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet.
- Participate in adequate hand washing protocol and use of sanitizing products that will be readily available.
- Wearing a mask is mandatory if inside or in close proximity or contact with each other.
- Avoid physical contact with other individuals including handshakes and hugs.
- Older individuals, 65+ and those with severe chronic conditions who are at higher risk from exposure and complications, should avoid large crowds.
- Anyone feeling ill, in any way, or if a family member is ill, or if they have been exposed to anyone feeling ill, please refrain from attending any functions.
- Communion should be served in pre-packaged individual sets.

REMEMBER THESE ARE GUIDELINE AND WE ASK YOU TO USE YOUR BEST PERSONAL JUDGEMENT TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND EVERYONE AROUND YOU.

We can probably all agree that this has been a very crazy and unexpected year. The majority of us have been affected by this virus one way or another and our lives have been changed. We do not want to allow fear to control our hearts; however, we do want to honor God as we care for each other through this ministry by sharing a responsibility in limiting the spread of this virus anyway we can. Therefore, this sequela will be a picnic style sequela and be held outside. We will have table and chairs spread out on the VFC lawn; However, if you choose to bring a picnic blanket to spread out, that will be more than welcomed. We will not be serving any food but instead ask that you bring you a picnic basket full of your favorite foods to enjoy while we worship and fellowship. If you prefer to "brown bag it" we can relate. We will furnish water and tea to drink and individually prepacked communion elements. Please also bring your own mask and wear it when necessary.

We are also respectfully requesting that everyone please RSVP so that we can anticipate how many to expect. The following link has been attached for your convenience:

[March Sequela](#) Please review the available slots and click on the button to sign up.



We look forward to seeing everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give us a call

Blessings,

Mark and Karen Save, 4th Day Couple



Sponsorship

De Colores!!

Ever hear a song on the radio that takes you right back to your Tres Dias weekend? I do often, and really there is more than one song that can take me back to a place on the weekend, either my #19 weekend or any of the weekends I have served. Why do I ask this question? So glad you asked!! We would not have these wonderful memories if we had not been sponsored to attend a Tres Dias Weekend.

SPONSORSHIP is a very important role for any Tres Dias Weekend. However, SPONSORSHIP does not end at "Amazing Grace", or when your new Pescadore has been taken home. SPONSORSHIP is a lifelong commitment, a day in and day out, do-life-together kind of commitment.

Tres Dias is not just a weekend movement. It is a 4th day movement. During this time of waiting for the next weekend to serve, contact your pescadores and maybe do some palanca for them. Be active IN your 4th day, have a Reunion Group meeting, attend a Sequela, pray and ask God who you should sponsor. Don't let the weekends being postponed keep you from being active in Tres Dias. This is the time we need our Tres Dias family.

We hope to see you at the Sequela this month!

Your PO Couple

Tom and Renee Van Gundy



Golf Tournament Fundraiser
May 15, 2021
Tired Creek Golf Course, Cairo GA

- TIRED CREEK GOLF COURSE 1701 HWY 84 W, Cairo, GA 39827
- Registration at 8:00 AM
Shotgun at 9:00 AM
- PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE TRES DIAS COMMUNITY
- MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NFTD AND MAIL TO: JOHN MCDANIEL P.O. BOX 91 CAIRO, GA 39828