

# S P I R I T

## Mid Carolinas Tres Dias

### PREZ SAYS –HANK SADLER

Greetings Community! Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. To begin, I would like to welcome our newest Pescadores into the Mid Carolinas Tres Dias Community. I hope that your 4<sup>th</sup> Day is going well. Please try to join us at the next Sequela on Saturday, Jan. 15 at Mulberry Presbyterian Church in Charlotte from 5:30pm-9:00pm. Come and reconnect with some of your new brothers and sisters in Christ. Also, if you have any desire to serve on a Tres Dias team, we are offering a TD School on Jan. 8 from 8am-3pm at Mulberry Presbyterian Church. Team members are required to have attended a TD School. If you were blessed in any way on your weekend then think about how you could be a blessing to someone else by serving on a team. Join us. Our newly commissioned rectors for the upcoming spring weekends, Fred Hefner and Barbara Parker, are hard at work trying to build their teams. The men's weekend is March 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and the women's weekend is March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 3. Please be in prayer for them as well as potential candidates. Get a piece of paper (right now)

and make a list of people that you could ask to attend a weekend and start praying over that list of names. The weekends will be here before we know it so let's not wait until Jan-Feb to think about asking someone. Do it now! Sponsor, Sponsor, Sponsor! At our November 22<sup>nd</sup> Secretariat meeting, we appointed a special Sponsorship Enhancement Committee Chairperson to help develop new approaches to increase candidate applications for future weekends. Barbara Parker agreed to chair the committee and she is looking for people with 'creative ideas for sponsoring' to help her. Please contact her if you are interested in serving or have any questions. Speaking of Secretariat, our next meeting will be Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at Grace Covenant Church in Huntersville. Prayer time begins at 6:45pm and the meeting is from 7pm-'no later than 9pm'. Come and be a part of the business of MCTD. Let me end by saying how much I appreciate the support that I have felt so far these past few months as your president and I hope that you will continue to pray for your other officers and the community as a whole. We are



truly blessed to have such a wonderful ministry to share Christ with others and it is my prayer that you will continue to be blessed again and again by what you have experienced on your weekend and in your 4<sup>th</sup> day. We have a lot of opportunities/events on the horizon...Christmas, New Years, Sequela and Secretariat in January, MCTD's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party in February, Weekends in March and April, International Assembly in July..... I don't know about you, but I am excited!!! Finally, let me say that I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! Remember...Make a friend, be a friend, share Christ with your friend. Happy Birthday to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Your Brother in Christ, Hank Sadler Jr.

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 20th Anniversary Celebration
- New Sponsorship Committee
- New Pescadores Fall 2010
- Spring 2011 Teams #41

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## MENS WEEKEND #40 –DAVID FRIDAY –RECTOR

“MCTD Men’s Weekend # 40 was held at Camp Dogwood on the weekend of October 21-24. God was certainly with us and the Holy Spirit blessed us mightily throughout the weekend with beautiful weather and five brand new beautiful Pescadores. Please join me in welcoming Alan Cray, Patrick Duffy, Rick Elliott, Gary Sims & Brian Snead. The MCTD community served us and took care of all our needs so we could have a wonderful weekend. Praise God!” (NOTE: I apologize for the quality of this photo, technical problems)



## WOMEN’S WEEKEND #40 –MARY FRENCH HUTT –RECTOR

**We have 4 beautiful new pescadores from MCTD Women's #40 weekend. They are Marion Beyer, Cindy Elliott, Mollie Faison, and Jennie Lemmon. They participated well with little anticipation. The Father blessed us with beautiful weather, Rich Davis provided great food, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt moving during the entire 3 days. The community was so supportive with palanca of all sorts. What an awesome experience being a rector is!!!**



## PALANCA INFO –KATHY LINEBERGER

Palanca Committee receives and sends out community palanca throughout the year around the world. This past year over 100 letters were sent out to communities holding Tres Dais weekends. Four weekends were the first for their communities and I ask you to continue to remember them as they prepare for their 2<sup>nd</sup> set of weekends in 2011.

In April 2011 the Heart of Texas Tres Dias will hold their very first men & women's weekends and I ask you to remember them in prayer.

Please continue prayer for Mid Carolina's Tres Dias and for weekends #41 coming up in March 2011.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this community and serve the Lord in sharing our well wishes and prayers to communities around the world when they hold their Tres Dias weekends through out the year.

In closing I send Merry Christmas and Happy New Wishes. Jesus is the reason for the season. Blessing to you as you bless others.



**DeColores,**

Kathy Lineberger, Weekend #11 in the Spring of 1996.

## SPONSORSHIP –BARBARA PARKER

Mid Carolinas Tres Dias has reached a critical point. At the November Secretariat meeting, we discussed an issue that many of us have brought up among ourselves. Can we continue to support four weekends a year with the small turnout of candidates that we have recently experienced? It is obvious that our shortcoming is in our sponsorship of potential candidates. In response to this, Secretariat voted in a new committee, namely the SPONSORSHIP EN-

HANCEMENT COMMITTEE with a purpose of formulating a new strategy to enhance our Sponsorship. Barbara Parker has volunteered to chair the committee and would appreciate hearing your thoughts and suggestions for successful sponsorship. I may be reached at 704-784-1447 or [kparker63@carolina.rr.com](mailto:kparker63@carolina.rr.com).

Additionally, I have to ask if we are praying about it enough? Secretariat

suggested that we set aside a time each month for all of us to stop and pray about our sponsorship and for the growth and success of our beloved Tres Dias Community. Please take time on these dates to stop what you are doing and just pray:

January 2 @ 12:00 noon  
February 12 @ 1:00 p.m.  
March 12 @ 1:00 p.m.

## MCTD ANNIVERSARY HISTORY –WILLIAM BOYD

On Thursday evening, January 31, 1991, MCTD began the very first Weekend, with twelve candidates, some who continue to be active Pescadores in MCTD. Team members from Tres Dias communities in South Hudson (NY), Susquehanna Valley (PA), and North Georgia, as well as from Lutheran Via de Cristo, Methodist Walk to Emmaus and Episcopal Cur-sillo, served as team members. One team member from Mid Hudson Tres Dias (NY) was forced to drop off of the team after he became quite ill with cancer (and went on to be with the Lord shortly there-

after). So, on January 31, 2011, we will mark the **twentieth** anniversary of the first MCTD Weekend!!! Praise God!!! Since that original Weekend, over a thousand Pescadores have attended a MCTD Weekend, in addition to the original thirteen members who were the core from South Hudson and Mid Hudson who started MCTD, and the various members from other communities (various Tres Dias communities and Via de Cristo, Walk to Emmaus and Episcopal and Presbyterian Cur-sillo), who transferred to MCTD. Six of the original thirteen core members had

previously been rectors at least once in South Hudson Tres Dias, Ten months prior, in March, 1990, George Robbins, then President of International Tres Dias, and his wife, Carol, drove their motor home from Torrington, CT, to Concord, NC, where they presented MCTD with its first Certificate of Charter. During March 2011, we will mark the **twenty-first** anniversary of the MCTD charter and also, the approval of the initial set of Bylaws.

## TREASURERS REPORT – JAN RICHARD

Greetings to the MCTD community. We have had an incredible year in 2010 conducting 4 weekends and holding 8 sequelas. However, like most ministries, we have felt the sting of the economy and donations have not been sufficient to cover our costs.

As you probably know, Tres Dias is a non-profit, inter-denominational ministry. We have no other source of funds except those donated by individuals such as you. The sole purpose for the existence of Tres Dias is to share the beautiful weekend experience with as many as possible and we can only do so if supported by the community both through prayers and financial donations.

Obviously, many of you have already given generously during the year. Through November, 2010 we have taken in donations of just over \$33,000! But we have had expenses of almost \$35,000 to conduct the weekends as well as fund the regulatory obligations of a corporation and participate in International Tres Dias. This results a net loss or deficit of approximately \$2,000 that was funded by our general fund.

As you do your tax planning for the remainder of the year, prayerfully consider how God may be leading you to donate to this ministry. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to Mid Carolinas Tres Dias, you may

do so by sending a check post marked by 12/31/10 to our Financial Secretary, Tim Chamness at the address below.

God is faithful and has been gracious to this community for many years and we believe will do so for many years to come. We are excited to see how God moves through this ministry in 2011!

Tim Chamness  
19626 Shevington Drive  
Cornelius, NC 28031

**DeColores,**  
Jan Richards  
Treasurer

## SWEET SISTERS REUNION GROUP –CONCORD, NC

*What a beautiful name for a beautiful group of women.*

*Sweet Sisters meet in the Concord area. They take turns meeting at different homes.*

*If you are seeking a Reunion Group please email or call Kelley Lefler at [Leflerx04@bellsouth.net](mailto:Leflerx04@bellsouth.net) or you can reach her at 704-987-8770.*

*Please consider a Reunion Group or starting a Reunion Group... You will truly be blessed!!!*



*Congratulations to Barbara Parker & Fred Hefner for accepting the call to serve as MCTD #41 Rectors.*

*Men's weekend dates are March 3-6*

*Women's weekend dates are March 31-April 3*

*Please prayerfully consider if asked to serve. Also be in prayer for potential candidates.*

## POST-WEEKEND COMMITTEE NEWS - SADLER'S & RICHARD'S

Decolores & Merry Christmas to all Pescadores in MCTD! If you missed our Christmas sequela on December 4<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Episcopal Church in Concord, North Carolina, you truly missed a blessing. As always the food and fellowship were wonderful and what a joy to Deck the Halls and Ring the Bells with our MCTD family! Worship was exceptional as we celebrated the season of our Lord and Savior's birth. How grateful we are to be a part of this community and the love and joy that is there each time we're together.

We are so excited about the next two sequelas. We know you will want to put them on your calendar now – these are “can't miss” events! The first one is our Prayer Sequela at Mulberry Presbyterian in Charlotte, North Carolina on January 15. It is always a blessing to give thanks and raise petitions to our Lord together. It is an awesome opportunity to have burdens lifted and support each other and the community in prayer.

In February it is time to PAARRRTTTYYY!!!! Do you know why? MCTD is celebrating its **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** We think that is something to celebrate, don't you? Come join us at Lakeshore Church in Denver, North Carolina for this incredible celebration. Let's rock the house as we praise God for His incredible blessings on this community the past 20 years. Is there someone you know that is no longer active in Tres Dias? What a perfect time to call them up and bring them along! More information will be coming out about this event but go ahead and write it in **RED** on your calendars now and don't make any other plans to interfere. You absolutely don't want to be left out of the fun! If you would like to be part of the planning of this commemorative event – let us know. We would love the help!

Both events are from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Bring a covered dish and a friend. 2011 is a new year – now is a great time to get plugged in to the activities of MCTD.

Do you have ideas about other Post-Weekend activities? We would love to hear them! Consider this your personal invitation to be a part of Post Weekend planning. Just contact Hank & Bev Sadler (704) 249-9092/email [sadler-bev@aol.com](mailto:sadler-bev@aol.com) or Clay & Jan Richards (720) 220-6065/email [magnoliabloom7339@att.net](mailto:magnoliabloom7339@att.net).

**DeColores,**

Hank & Bev Sadler

Clay & Jan Richards

Post Weekend Chairpersons

**The New Year is upon us. Just like you remind yourself at the beginning of the New Year to change your batteries in your smoke alarms or change your filters in your heating systems you need to also add to your list to email us if you have recently moved, changed your phone number, changed your email address or you may have a new name due to a recent marriage (smile). If you have any changes please email Paula Bostic at [pjbeagle@aol.com](mailto:pjbeagle@aol.com).**



# 2011 MCTD Calendar

<b>Leadership Training</b>	<b>Jan 8</b>	<b>Mulberry Church Coordinators: Robert &amp; Marcy Myers</b>	
January Sequela	Jan 15	Mulberry Presbyterian Church, Charlotte	5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
January Secretariat Meeting	Jan 24	Grace Covenant Church, Cornelius	6:45- 9:00 p.m.
February Sequela	Feb 19	Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, Denver	5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
February Secretariat Meeting	Feb 28	Grace Covenant Church, Cornelius	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
<b>Men's # 41</b>	<b>Mar 3-6</b>	<b>Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, Rector: Fred Hefner</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. start 4:00 p.m. closing</b>
TD International Secretariat	Mar 11-13	Central Georgia, TD Warner Robbins, GA	
<b>Women's # 41</b>	<b>Mar 31 - Apr 3</b>	<b>Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC Rector: Barbara Parker</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. start 4:00 p.m. closing</b>
April Sequela	Apr 16	First United Methodist Church, Belmont	5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
April Secretariat Meeting and Annual Meeting	Apr 25	Grace Covenant Church, Cornelius	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
May Sequela Campout	May 14	Annual Camping Trip Fellowship Point Mike & Paula Bostic Hosting	
May Secretariat Meeting	May 23	Grace Covenant Church, Cornelius	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

# Directions To Events

## **Mulberry Presbyterian, Charlotte, NC:**

Exit 33 off I-85 (Billy Graham Parkway). Turn right onto Billy Graham Parkway if traveling south from Concord or left if traveling north from Gastonia. Proceed to the end of Billy Graham Parkway, which dead ends into Tuckaseegee Road. Church is directly across the street (5600 Tuckaseegee Road).

## **Grace Covenant, Cornelius, NC: (Secretariat Meeting – Fourth Monday)**

**Traveling North on I-77 from Charlotte:** At Exit 25, turn right off the exit ramp (towards Kohl's & Target Shopping Center) onto Highway 73 east / Sam Furr Road. At the traffic light at the Target Shopping Center, turn left onto Highway 21 / Statesville Road. You will pass Home Depot and church will be on the left.

**Traveling South on I-77 from Mooresville:** At Exit 25, turn left onto Highway 73 east / Sam Furr Road, cross over I-77, and follow above directions.

## **Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, Denver, NC:**

From North (Statesville, NC) or South (Charlotte, NC):

Take I-77 North to Exit 28 in Huntersville, NC. Head west on Sam Furr Road. (also called NC-73). Continue to follow NC-73 west for 8.4 miles. You will pass the McGuire Nuclear Power Station and cross the Catawba River. At the second stoplight after the Catawba River, turn right onto NC-16. Head north 2.35 miles to the next stoplight. At this stoplight, turn slight right onto NC-1439 / Unity Church Road. Go 0.18 miles. Turn right onto Graham Road, and go 0.75 miles. Turn left onto Hope Drive, and go 0.12 miles. The church is on the right. There is an upper and lower parking lot. Use either one. We will be meeting in the large Brick building at the lower parking lot.

## **Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC: (Weekend Location)**

Take I-77 North to exit 36 (Mooresville/Highway 150); turn left (west) onto highway 150 for 7.2 miles to the light at Terrell Crossroads. Turn right (north) onto Sherrills Ford Road and go 3.8 miles. Turn left at Camp Dogwood sign onto Mt. Pleasant Road (highway 1849) and go 2 miles. Camp Dogwood entrance is on the right

## **First United Methodist Church, Belmont, NC**

Take I-85 South from Charlotte and take Exit 27 which is NC Highway 273 / Belmont exit. Turn left on Highway 273 (Park Street) - go over the interstate and go 2 miles. Turn left onto South Central Avenue (which is still Hwy 273) and go 6/10 of a mile. The church will be ahead on your left.