

# ABUNDANT LIFE TRES DIAS

International Assembly Special Edition

July 2015 Newsletter

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## Tres Dias International Assembly Update

The 36<sup>th</sup> International Tres Dias Assembly is here! It's amazing to consider the journey we've been on since last July, but here we are ready to welcome 36 Tres Dias Communities with 113 participants (at last count!) who are registered for the Assembly.

So what can you still do? (Glad you asked! Details below...)

1. PRAY
2. JOIN US FOR SEQUELA
3. REPRESENT A TRES DIAS COMMUNITY IN THE BANNER PROCESSIONAL

We'd like to remind our ALTD and NITD community members, anyone is welcome to come and observe any part of the Assembly. Please wear your community name tag and if you have a shirt from a weekend (or a DeColores t shirt), please wear it. This is a very casual attire group.

We especially hope to see an awesome turn out for the Joint Secuela on Saturday evening.

Dinner is 5:30 – 6:45 pm with pulled pork on buns. Community is asked to bring generous side dishes (our traveling guests can't provide food, but you can!). Items we would like you to bring, enough for 12 people:

Applesauce – A-D  
Baked Beans E-H

Hamburger buns I-L  
Cole Slaw M-P

Potato Salad Q-T  
Pickles, Chips U-Z

Desserts – anyone who wants to enjoy dessert should definitely bring something to share!  
Beverages will be provided (sweet & unsweet tea, lemon aid, water, pop, coffee)

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Broken Shackles will be providing music for the Secuela, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, with a stirring message from The Reverend Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva, Fourth Day speakers Randy and Karen Reints, communion, and presentation of the 72-hour prayer scroll for the Assembly.

Some highlights of the Assembly you may not want to miss:

\* Tres Dias community banner procession, Saturday morning, about 9:15 a.m. We need people from ALTD and NITD to stand in for those communities who could not attend and carry their banner in the procession.

Friday, July 10, 2015  
 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of Tres Dias Secretariats  
 Hosted by ALTD and NITD  
 Westminster Presbyterian Church  
 2821 N Bell School Road  
 Rockford, Illinois USA 61107

Time		Location
9:00 – 12:00 PM	Registration & Welcome Packets <i>Check-in for Meetings, Workshops &amp; Assembly</i>	Main Entry
10:00 – 12:00 PM	Officers & Nominees Meeting ( <i>private meeting</i> )	C-113
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch break	
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Registration & Welcome Packets <i>Check-in for Meetings, Workshops &amp; Assembly</i>	Main Entry
2:00 – 4:00 PM	President's Informal Meeting <i>Tres Dias International Secretariat and Nominees</i> <i>All are welcome to come and observe this meeting – it is very informative and an opportunity to listen and share what's going on at many Tres Dias communities.</i>	Sanctuary
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Dinner – Taco Bar with all the makings for tacos and/or taco salad, homemade Flan for dessert!	Activity Center "Canta El Gallo"
6:00 – 8:30 PM	Tres Dias Essentials Training Part 1: Training – Essentials Core Content Part 2: Trainer Certification* – Techniques and guidelines for teaching the Essentials <i>* Attending both Part 1 and Part 2 qualifies you to conduct Tres Dias Essential Training Workshops for 3 years through July 2018</i>	Sanctuary
6:00 – 8:30 PM	Dessert with President Bruce Cato <i>An informal special meeting with Community Presidents/Chairmen/Lay Directors</i>	Conference Room C-113
6:00 – 8:30 PM	Coffee House – live Christian music is performed while you enjoy dessert and a coffee bar	Youth Center Lower Level A020 (elevator access)

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7:15 – 1:00 PM	Registration & Welcome Packets <i>Check-in for Meetings, Workshops &amp; Assembly</i>	Main Entry
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Hot & Hearty Breakfast – pancakes, sausages, fruit. Skip your typical hotel breakfast and eat here!	Activity Center
8:15 – 8:45 AM	Opening Activities Worship music – Debbie Rush, Jeff & Elke Ingersoll, Curtis Smith, Mark Nielcen	Sanctuary
8:45 AM	Welcome – Paul & Karen Weis, Assembly Co-Chairs Community Greetings – Arnie Bryson, ALTD, Dave Beguin, NITD Invocation – Rev. Dr. William Ward, Westminster	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Keynote Address - Rev. Dr. James Tilley, First Presbyterian Church, Rochelle	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Procession of Tres Dias Community Banners	Sanctuary
10:00AM–11:15AM	1st Business Session of Assembly – Valerie Mehl, Chairperson Call to Order  Our Roots and Our Branches – Paul Weis, Executive Director  Recognize Communities in Attendance (Roll Call) – Anita Rogers  The Two Governing Bodies of Tres Dias  Introduction of Appointed Parliamentarian  Introduction of Appointed Officers of the Assembly: Recording Secretary – Anita Rogers Financial Secretary – Henry Repay Treasurer – Joni Spartz Registrar – LuAnn Balch  Call for Motion to Approve <u>Standing Rules of the Assembly</u>  Call for motion to Approve <u>Agenda</u>  Call for any Motions for New Business (Motions must be made in writing by a Delegate and presented to Assembly Chairperson by 1:00 PM)  <b>Last Call for Proxy Ballots (Elections, Budget and Assessment, etc.)</b>  Attendance Report by Registrar – LuAnn Balch, Registrar  Annual Report of the International Secretariat – Bruce Cato, President	Sanctuary

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	<p>Election Committee Policies &amp; Procedures – Tim Real &amp; Eric Borman</p> <p>Announcement of Proxy Ballot Voting Results</p> <p>Prayers of Thanks for the Lord’s Guidance in the Process of Voting Results–Gretchen Hammeke, ALTD Community Spiritual Director</p> <p>Recess Business Session</p>	
11:20 AM	Break – proceed to Workshop Session One	
11:30–12:15PM	Workshop Session One President’s Forum – Bruce Cato	Sanctuary
	Creating an Atmosphere of Worship through Music & Scripture on a Weekend – Jeff & Elke Ingersoll	Choir Room lower level A005 (elevator access)
	Successful Candidate Sponsorship – Michael Dustman, Mark & Dee Hill, Jeb & Dawn Harper	A156 Education Wing
	Fundraising – Ed Scaro	A112 Education Wing
	Second Generation Tres Dias Leadership – Russ & Sherri Barber and Bobby & Megan Gardener	A143 Education Wing
12:30 – 1:30PM	Lunch – Tailgate Party! Chicago style hot dogs and Wisconsin Brats (Wisconsin/Illinois Stateline rivalries - Bears/Packers, Illini/Badgers, Cubs/Brewers). Special music - Steve Weber	Activity Center
1:30 – 3:00PM	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Business Session of Assembly</p> <p>Blessing and prayer of thanksgiving for all communities – Joel Balch, NITD Community Spiritual Director</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Past International Presidents and Secretariat Executives</p> <p>New Business: Consideration of written motions submitted by Assembly Delegates (prior to 1:00 PM deadline)</p> <p>Stories of Grace from Tres Dias Around the World</p> <p>Recognition of Host Community – ALTD and NITD</p> <p>Invitation to Next Assembly – Mid Hudson Tres Dias</p> <p>Announcement of Upcoming Secretariat &amp; Assembly Locations/Dates</p>	Sanctuary
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Break – Proceed to Workshop Session Two	
3:15 – 4:00 PM	Workshop Session Two President’s Forum – Bruce Cato	Sanctuary
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4:00 – 4:45 PM	Minutes <i>Reading &amp; Approval – Anita Rogers, Recording Secretary</i>	Sanctuary
4:55 – 5:00 PM	Adjourn the 36 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	Sanctuary
5:30 – 6:45 PM	Dinner – Bennie’s Famous B B Q pulled pork with sides provided by ALTD and NITD communities	Activity Center
7:00 – 8:30 PM	Secuela featuring Broken Shackles band, The Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva presiding	Sanctuary

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7:30 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast (provided by ALTD members of Westminster for committees/officers)	Youth Center Lower level A 020
8:00 – 11:00 AM	Worship & Opening Devotion  <i>Worship music – Karen Weis</i>  <i>Devotion and Communion – Ryan Bensheimer, Spiritual Director for ALTD Community</i>  General Meeting of International Secretariat – Bruce Cato, President  <i>President Assigns Committees</i>  <i>Break into Work Session; Committee Meetings</i>  <i>Nomination/Approval of Committee Voting Members</i>	Youth Center Lower level A 020

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10:55 AM	Adjourn Meeting until October	
11:00 – 11:50 PM	Worship at Westminster Contemporary Service	Sanctuary

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Thanks again to the ALTD and NITD communities who are giving generously of their time, talents, and gifts to serve in the planning and implementation of this 36<sup>th</sup> Assembly:

Officers for 36<sup>th</sup> Assembly:  
 Registrar, LuAnn Balch (NITD)  
 Financial Secretary, Henry Repay (ALTD)  
 Treasurer, Joni Spartz (NITD)  
 Recording Secretary, Anita Rogers (ALTD)

36<sup>th</sup> Assembly Planning Committee:  
 Administration, Co-Chairs, Paul & Karen Weis  
 NITD Coordinators Larry & Diane Johnson  
 Registration/greeters, LuAnn Balch  
 Financial, Henry Repay and Joni Spartz  
 Kitchen/Food, Derek Sherman  
 Music, Steve Weber  
 Palanca, Linda Mensching  
 Prayer, Dan & Judy Piecha  
 Transportation, John Grotjohn  
 Housing Coordinator, Karen Weis  
 Head Cha/Auxiliary, Tanya Muzzarelli

**And to all the many volunteers who have logged numerous hours this week getting everything ready....THANK YOU!**

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