



Rooster Tales



NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

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Highlights of the 2015 Canadian Anglican Cursillo Triennial and General Meeting, Lewisporte, Newfoundland, August 28-30

Did you ever feel you were cocooned in a place where love and kindness were the main thoughts of the people surrounding you? Well, that's what it was like to be in Lewisporte in Newfoundland. The team who had been selected to organize the Triennial and to be the "hands and feet of Jesus" on the ground were amazing. What we have always heard about the people from Newfoundland about their joyfulness – it is true – they have this incredible ability to keep smiling and make everyone feel at home.

From the moment we arrived in Lewisporte for our Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) meeting, a few days before the Triennial began, until we were leaving, we were looked after with amazing kindness.

The Emmanuel Convention Centre was the scene of the CACS meeting and then the Triennial. It is a huge campus with motel, hotel, cabins, parking for TVs, administrative centre, Christian Bookstore, a Chapel which holds 1,000 people, dining hall for a thousand and many meeting facilities. Staff of the centre was very helpful and took care of our needs quite nicely.

The Triennial began on Friday evening with Registration. This was followed Opening Prayer and Welcome. Then our Keynote Speaker, Bishop Edward Marsh (retired), engaged us in the first of a series of talks on "A Closer Walk with God". The last part of the evening was a night of Newfoundland entertainment and refreshments. We were treated to a "Mummers Party" and what a fun time that was. Afterwards, delicious Newfoundland refreshments were rolled out. What a great night and that was only the beginning.

Saturday morning began with Morning Prayer and then the second session with Bishop Eddie Marsh followed by two choices from three prayer workshops which were offered – Listening to God through Prayer; Hearing God's Voice through Others, and Palanca – Sharing God with Others through Prayer. Two of these were led by members of CACS and the other by Emma Marsh. All were well attended and we thank those who prepared for and led these workshops.

Following lunch, we were treated to the final part of the Bishop Eddie Marsh's talks and what an awesome speaker he was. He had all there listening intently as he spoke about "hearing" God – actually listening for God's voice and having a closer walk with the creator of the universe.

During the "free time" for all other attendees at the Triennial, the Lay Directors or their designate from the Cursillo Movements across the country were involved in a Round Table with CACS. This was the first time ever that a face-to-face gathering of this nature was held for Lay Directors and CACS

members. A number of items were discussed and it was the expressed desire of many to have this opportunity to meet together at future Triennials.

A Grand Ultreya was held on Saturday evening and there were at least 125 or more in attendance and it was filled with the Holy Spirit, music, a witness speaker and floating group reunion; a perfect ending to the day.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF CACS

On Sunday morning, following Morning Prayer, the Canadian Anglican Cursillo General Meeting was held and the new representatives for the CAC Secretariat were elected:

*Carol Summers (Diocese of Niagara) - Chair
The Right Rev. Ron Cutler, Bishop of NS & PEI - Episcopal Advisor*

Province of Canada:

*The Rev. Ed King (Diocese of Western Newfoundland and Labrador) -Clergy rep
Barbara Hobson (Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island)*

Province of Ontario:

*Bev Hatt (Diocese of Ottawa)
Marion Bailey (Dioceses of Niagara/Huron)*

Province of Rupert's Land:

*Wendy Goodall (Diocese of Calgary)
Gwenda Watson (Diocese of Qu'Appelle)*

Province of British Columbia & the Yukon:

Rev. Rob Hutchinson (Diocese of British Columbia) - Clergy rep

In accordance with the Constitution, the Past Lay Chair, Victoria Henrikson, from the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will remain on CACS for one year to assist in the transition to the new CACS.

Following the General Meeting there was a Eucharistic Service during which Bishop Leonard Whitten, retired Bishop of Western Newfoundland, Commissioned the new CACS for 2015-2018.

Our sincere thanks and kudos to Central Newfoundland Cursillo and the Triennial Planning Committee for all they did to ensure the Triennial went smoothly. Thank you also for your generous hospitality.

***Ultreya,
Victoria Henrikson
Past Chair, CACS 2012-2015***



GLEANINGS FROM CURSILLO MOVEMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY:

Central Newfoundland – (www.cursilloadcn.org)

In June 2015 the movement held a coed weekend with 12 participants. In April 2015 Bishop David Torraville wrote a letter about Cursillo to be read in every parish in the Diocese and a witness speaker then spoke about their experience in Cursillo. Many good reports were received from across the diocese and they hope to hold another Cursillo Sunday this year.

Thank you Central Newfoundland for the hard work you poured into the successful triennial.

Weekend: Co-Ed Weekend – May 20-23, 2016

Western Newfoundland

The Movement is setting up a Servant Community most of the Chairs are already in place ready for the next step. They held their first gathering in June and approximately 25 people attended as Rev. Ed King explained what a servant community should be. There was a lot of sharing of ideas and people left the meeting excited about the possibilities.

Weekend: Co-Ed Weekend: - May 20-30, 2016

Prayer Request: Please pray for Cursillo and our efforts to begin a servant community.

Nova Scotia/PEI – (www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org)

In 2015 this Movement held their 27th men's and women's weekends on the same weekend, at the same facility. The men and women had separate accommodations, dining rooms and conference rooms. The closing on Sunday was combined.

In June 2015 they held a Cursillo retreat day the theme was “May I have this dance? An invitation to intimacy.” It was a great program with excellent presenters, lots of music, dancing and heartfelt sharing. Lunch was provided by an external group so all were able to participate for the whole day. The turnout was excellent with a good mix of long time and new Cursillistas. They are looking forward to hosting another one in 2016.

They are hoping to expand their annual Cursillo retreat days to two per year in different parts of the diocese

Their website has been revamped to give it a fresh look and they welcome visitors.

*Weekends: Men's – October 13th -16th, 2016**

*Women's – October 13th-16th, 2016**

* Separate weekends being held at the same location.

Prayer Request: Pray for the new format of the weekend and that we can maintain financial security with increasing costs

Fredericton – (www.anglican.nb.ca)

Cursillo is “inactive” in the Diocese of Fredericton at this time as they have no functioning Secretariat, however, Cursillistas from New Brunswick did attend the Triennial.

Prayer request: Pray that the new Bishop will see the blessing that Cursillo can be in the Diocese and for a “rebooting” of the Movement.

Ottawa – (www.oacm.ca)

Ottawa has a new assistant Lay Director, Diane Brown, who was the rector for the women's 120th weekend. Cursillistas again led the opening prayer and sang a couple of songs at the beginning of their Diocesan Synod. God Alive was repeated again this year and the word from Synod was that they loved the energy and prayer support and the opening set the tone for the day. Bishop John was

very happy with the ongoing witness and support of Cursillo. They feel very blessed by his prayer for them and the time he spent with them.

On April 16th. 2016 they're planning a workshop. They are also hoping to promote a Cursillo Sunday across the diocese.

Weekends: 121st. Men's: 27th –30th October 2016

121st. Women's: 24th–27th November 2016

Prayer Request: For our Master Potter to form and uphold our secretariat, servant team and community.

Niagara & Huron - (www.niagaracursillo.org)

Huron and Niagara are working out a new way of doing Cursillo together as equal partners now that Huron has enthusiastically reopened Cursillo in that diocese. They have been working on preparations for the Triennial in 2018.

Weekend: Co-ed May 26-29, 2016 (at a new venue, with a joint Huron/Niagara team and participants).

Prayer Request: Pray for the new-style of Cursillo in Huron and Niagara

Algoma - Temiskaming Deanery

was no report from this area for the Fall Meeting of CACS.



Qu'Appelle – (www.quappellecursillo.org)

This movement held a coed weekend last September.

Weekend: Co-ed Weekend: October 27 - 30 2016, at a new facility, Wood Acres Conference Facility, Moose Jaw, SK

Prayer Request: Pray that more of those Cursillistas we see on our membership list become active in attending Ultreyas talk.

Edmonton – (www.edmontoncursillo.ca)

No report from Edmonton was sent for August 2015.

Calgary – (www.cursillo.ab.ca)

The movement now has three active monthly Ultreyas, one in Calgary with about 40–50 Cursillistas attending. The second, alternating between Fort Macleod and Lethbridge, with 20–30 Cursillistas. The third started in the spring of 2015, alternating between Red Deer and Sundre with 20 Cursillistas present. They are expecting to grow in numbers. Sundre held an Ultreya in August followed the next day by their annual outdoor Sunday church service

Weekends: Men's Weekend – April 21-24, 2016

Women's: - April 28-May1, 2016

Prayer Request: Pray for an increase in the number of Weekends and the candidates who attend.

BC & the Yukon- (www.cursillobc.com)

In August the Movement held their annual Cursillo campout and Grand Ultreya.

Weekend: Co-ed Weekend held: February 25-28, 2016

Prayer Request: Please continue to pray for the continued rebuilding of the movement within our diocese.

For those looking to connect with members of CACS and for all CACS guideline papers, you can find us at: www.anglicancursillo.com

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A WEB MANAGER FOR OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE
IF THIS INTERESTS YOU PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CACS MEMBER LISTED BELOW**

August 2015 CACS Meeting in Lewisporte

The Fall 2015 CACS meeting was held in the Diocese of Central Newfoundland, August 26–28, immediately before the triennial, at the Emmanuel Convention Center, Lewisport.

CACS members studied and revised the Guidelines for:

1. *Group Reunion*
2. *Ultreyas*

These will be updated on the website as soon as possible.

The work of the outgoing CACS was finalized, suggestions for the incoming Secretariat were discussed and preparations for the General Meeting were completed.

Please note - all workbooks are now free online and accessible at

http://episcopalcurstillominy.org/online_library.htm



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The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) is a registered non-profit organization and because of that designation, can provide tax receipts for personal donations towards its work. None of the members of CACS are paid for time spent on CACS activities and all donations are used solely to promote its purpose. If you would like to make a personal contribution towards the work of CACS please send a cheque to -



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

To the members of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo family:

It is my turn to say hello to you all as I begin my three year term as Chair of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat.

This has not been the smoothest of beginnings for me as I have been out of the country looking after my Father who has cancer, one of the scourges of our time. It has been a bit of a scramble to get everything done before our first CACS meeting in a couple of weeks. The time since the Triennial has not unfolded as I expected. My time has not been mine to spend, but has belonged to my Father who needed my constant attention and to an unfamiliar healthcare system. Fatigue and illness has taken more than it's share, too.

I am sure that life for many of you has been difficult and demanding, and has not gone the way you planned or expected. The world seems more uncertain than it did during the joy filled days in Newfoundland last August. Horrific, terrifying events take away our sense of security, making everyday, mundane things, take on sinister shadows, especially in Europe where I was.

We are not blind or immune to the negative things going on in the world but when things start swirling around us we know that we have a place of shelter, a firm place to stand. We don't even have to go anywhere special, we only have to speak and the Creator of the universe listens. We have only to open our hearts and the Lamb will enter and give us Peace. We listen to a song, see the beauty around us, read some ancient words and we are filled with joy beyond our understanding as the Spirit flows through and round us.

We have been given a great gift, a blessing, a promise which we want share with others. As you work with all you have to bring others to the foot of the Cross, I will do all I can to serve and support you.

May we bless others as we are blessed and may our work accomplish more than we can ask or imagine.

Ultreya!

Carol Summers



We ask you to continue to pray for each other, the other Cursillo Movements across the country, and the world and for your CAC Secretariat, as we continue to pray for you.

NATIONAL CURSILLO PRAYER CYCLE



- Monday** Pray for the Cursillo Movement Worldwide
- Tuesday** Pray for Cursillo in Canada & your National Secretariat
- Wednesday** Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Dioceses of Western Newfoundland, Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Central Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Montreal and Quebec
- Thursday** Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: The Dioceses of Ottawa, Toronto, Huron, Algoma, Moosonee and Niagara
- Friday** Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: The Diocese of Rupert's Land, Qu'Appelle, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Keewatin, The Arctic, Edmonton, Athabasca and Calgary
- Saturday** Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Caledonia
- Sunday** Pray for your own Diocesan Movement

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6

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Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

These are the only planned Cursillo Weekends that we are aware of at this time:

Central Newfoundland Co-ed May 20-23, 2016

Western Newfoundland Co-ed May 20-23, 2016

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

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Being held in the same facility but are not Co-ed Weekends.

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Qu'Appelle Co-ed October 27-30, 2016

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Women's April 28-1 May, 2016

CACS Facebook Page

“Like us” on our Facebook page and spread the joy of being one in fellowship with our brothers and sisters across the country, joined in the sharing of our faith through “make a friend, be a friend and bring your friend to Christ”.

