

Canadian Anglican Cursillo

**FULL COMMUNION WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**



The Waterloo Declaration

The Waterloo Declaration (2003) defined full communion between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada in the following manner: “Full communion is understood as a relationship between two distinct churches or communions in which each maintains its own autonomy while recognizing the catholicity and apostolicity of the other, and believing the other to hold the essentials of the Christian faith. In such a relationship communicant members of each church would be able freely to communicate at the altar of the other and there would be freedom of ordained ministers to officiate sacramentally in either church. Specifically...we understand this to include transferability of members; mutual ministries; freedom to use each other’s liturgies; freedom to participate in each other’s ordinations and installations of clergy, including bishops and structures for consultation to express, strengthen and enable our common life, witness, and service, to the glory of God and the salvation of the world.”

The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) encourages the full participation of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada members in Anglican Cursillo movements across Canada and offers the following guidelines for consideration of “full participation.”

1. Communicant members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada are welcome to participate fully and at all levels within Anglican Cursillo movements in Canada.
2. Participation in Cursillo by Communicant members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada does not constitute interdenominational participation.
3. Full participation by communicant members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada in Canadian Anglican Cursillo movements includes participation as: candidates, members of team including Lay Director/ - Rector/Rectora, clergy including Spiritual Director, members of diocesan Secretariat and representatives to Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat.

The CACS recognizes Cursillo as a diocesan work operating under the direction of the local Bishop and recommends the following guidelines regarding full participation of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada members in Anglican Cursillo movements across Canada:

1. Consult with your local Bishop regarding strategies for communication with and inclusion of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada members in your Cursillo movement.
2. Your local Bishop may choose to initiate communication with the local Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada on strategies to facilitate full communion (pertaining to the Cursillo movement) between the two churches.