



Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat

NATIONAL NEWS

Fall 2008

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NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador -

Approximately 100 people attended a 20th Anniversary Dinner and 120 at the following Service in September 2008. The membership directory was updated in 2007 and there are currently 862 registered members

Western Newfoundland - The Secretariat has undertaken an update of the membership, which currently numbers about 360.

Fredericton – Over 150 attended a renewal service June 15 celebrated by Bishop Miller, followed by a period of fellowship. A Leaders' School/Servant Community is being initiated to support pre and post-Cursillo activities and for choosing a new Secretariat and eventually teams for future weekends.

Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island - Successful weekends have been held in Cape Breton and Sydney and future weekends are being planned for these areas. Over a 100 people came together in Halifax in June to share a spirit filled weekend 25th Anniversary Celebration. The Diocese is hosting the CACS Triennial in June 2009.

Ottawa- The Ottawa movement held an AMG in September. No Weekends are planned until next year as the Secretariat is focusing on revitalizing the existing Servant Community.

Algoma

Temiskaming Deanery - The Secretariat hosted a Cursillo Seekers' Breakfast on September 20th and on October 4th a shared supper and Palanca Party were held to get together for prayer and making Palanca indicators for the upcoming weekends. Regular monthly Ultreyas are held at different churches in the Deanery. There are currently about 200 Cursillistas in the Deanery.

Thunder Bay Deanery - A one-day fall retreat is planned on November 8, 2008 for all Cursillistas with the intent of inspiring all to live out the Ultreya and to prayerfully locate candidates for a Weekend.

Muskoka Deanery - There are apparently a number of Cursillistas in the Deanery who are interested in re-activating the Movement and have made contact with the Temiskaming Deanery and will attempt to get candidates on the Weekends coming up in 2009 in North Bay.

Sudbury/Manitoulin Deanery – Several lay members and clergy are involved in Kairos in conjunction with members from North Bay (Temiskaming Deanery).



Brandon – Cursillistas in the diocese are looking at re-activation., and will be contacting the Bishop to get permission to hold Ultreyas.

Qu'Appelle - An interim Secretariat with Lay Director and Spiritual Director has been appointed by the Bishop and they are networking with Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatoon regarding re-activation. Men's' and Women's' Weekends are being planned for November 2009, assisted by Edmonton to build a team.

Saskatoon - A Welcome Back Ultreya and Potluck Supper were held 19 September 2008. A one-day renewal event is planned for September prior to Team preparation for upcoming weekends. The movement is actively and intentionally going about raising funds to support CACS.

Edmonton - The movement is still working on updating the membership list and is involved with Diocese of Qu'Appelle and Hay River, NWT in initiating weekends in those two areas. Information events and pulpit talks are being planned to renew interest in the movement in the Diocese.

A.P.C.I. A barbeque was held in June at a ranch in Merritt. Bishop Gordon retires in Dec and an event is being scheduled to honour him. There is ongoing correspondence with Kootenay, with 13 representatives from Kootenay attending the upcoming APCI weekend.



CACS FALL 2008 MEETING

The meeting was held October 23-23, 2008 at St. Andrew's Church, Sydney B.C. The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat extends its thanks to the Parish for use of the facility, and to members of the Diocese of British Columbia for their hospitality.

Business of the meeting dealt with issues arising from the regional reports, and other issues such as the health of the movement, budget implications, updating and revision of the CACS Guidelines, and planning for the June 2009 Triennial in Nova Scotia.

A heartfelt thank you to all Cursillistas in the Diocese of B.C. for their warm welcome to us, and for helping to make these meetings run so successfully. Your hard work and generosity is greatly appreciated.

THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC CURSILLOS

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Cursillos has begun an onward back journey to the Fundamental Charism of the Cursillo movement. As a member of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat, and learning that there was to be a two day Leader's School in my area of Atlantic Canada on this subject, I was pleased to be invited. I have been involved in Cursillo for over 20 years and have attended many learning events and programs. I felt that the presentations I heard during these two days were the most important of my Cursillo experience.

They were all on the theme of returning to the authentic method. "Good Stewardship and the Cursillo-The Necessity of Knowing Its History" illustrated the importance of looking back to where we come from. It stressed the necessity of looking at and knowing our roots. "The Charism (gift) of the Cursillo" was about accepting the gift of Cursillo from God and using it as a method to live out the Gospel in today's world. "The Conversations of Cala Figuera" dealt with how the writings of the founder, Eduardo Bonin, were being translated into English, and their relevance to the authentic method and how applicable they are to our communities. The last two presentations were on the Cursillo method and where we are going from here.

This weekend caused me to look at and think about what we are facing and have faced in our Anglican Cursillo communities. I saw how important it is for us to understand the history of the movement and not to lose sight of the intent; and how we need to get back to the basics- the Authentic Method still works. Many of us have gone astray in all the extras that are added to the weekend. It was stated that the first weekend had 14 candidates and 3 team members. Weekends need not be full. Ministry can be as affective to 6 as to 36 and teams can be scaled down. To be authentic, only the talks need to be presented. Cursillo is for the individual and is a personal experience between him/her and God.

We, too, in the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Movement can join this onward journey back to the basics and by doing so add life to our communities. We must be the living gospel in today's world. The authentic Cursillo method provides the tools. We must be bold and step out to share and give the gift that was given to us to others: the gift of Cursillo.

Your sister in Christ,

Marianna Stack, CACS Representative, Province of Canada



Kairos Cursillo in Prisons

Kairos Prison Ministries in Canada is Christian, Lay-lead, ecumenical and pastoral in nature. It came from the USA and was born out of the Cursillo Movement and adapted to fit a prison environment. The first one was held in Florida in 1976. Studies have shown that recidivism rates among those who participated in a Kairos program in prison are significantly lower than those who didn't.

In Canada, the main area of focus is concentrated in Ontario with most of the volunteers coming from southern Ontario. Anyone with experience in Cursillo, Koinia, or other 3 day movement experience and or Alpha instruction is welcome to volunteer.

Kairos Outside is a ministry for women who have someone currently or previously incarcerated.

Kairos Torch is a ministry for youth in detention centers.

You can visit it the Kairos web site for further information at www.kairosprisonministries.ca.

Please keep these upcoming Weekends in your prayers

Western Newfoundland

Co-Ed 15-18 May 2009

Eastern Newfoundland

Men 2-5 April 2009

Women 30 Apr - 1-3 May 2009

Nova Scotia & P.E.I.

Men – 23-26 April 2009

Women – 30 Apr – 3 May 2009

Algoma

Temiskaming Deanery

Saskatoon

Co-ed - 5-8 March 2009

Edmonton

CLW with Calgary Feb 09

Men: 23-26 April 2009

Women: 30 April – 3 May 2009



DIOCESAN WEBSITES

National - www.anglicancursillo.com
Eastern NL & Labrador – www.anglican.nfol.ca/cursillo.php
Central Newfoundland – www.cursilloadcn.org
Nova Scotia/P.E.I. – www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org
Fredericton – <http://personal.nb.ca/bbrottao/cursillo>
Niagara – www.niagaracursillo.org
Ottawa – www.oacm.ca
Toronto – <http://ca.geocities.com/torontoanglicancursillo@rogers.com/Home.html>
Saskatoon – www.saskatoon.anglican.org/Cursillo.htm
Edmonton – www.edmontoncursillo.ca
Calgary – www.cursillo.ab.ca
British Columbia – www.cursillobc.com

Secretariat Evaluation - Have you evaluated your Cursillo movement recently? This is one way to keep your movement focused on the authentic Cursillo and its purpose. It will also help you to maintain the vitality of your Secretariat. We recommend that you have a day-long retreat with your Secretariat to review or develop your vision.

The CACS Guideline *Evaluating a Diocesan Movement* will help you work as a team to make your Cursillo movement be the best it can be. Afterwards, you can share your work with your Cursillistas. This can also be a useful tool to help recruit new members to your Secretariat.



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, 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: 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 the Yukon: The Diocese of the Yukon, New Westminster, British Columbia, Kootenay, APCI and Caledonia

Sunday –Pray for your own Diocesan Movement.

Please pray for all Diocesan Bishops, Clergy, Diocesan Cursillo Movements, their leaders and communities, that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit and be a source of strength, encouragement and support to each other. Pray for guidance, discernment and wisdom that all well be done for the Glory of God as we strive to change our environments for Christ through Piety, Study and Action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Mark your calendars now!** The CACS Triennial meeting is scheduled for June 5-7, 2009 in Halifax Nova Scotia. The theme for the conference is **“Let Christ’s Light Shine”**. All Cursillistas are invited to attend.

2. The Triennial Meeting is also the time for the elections for Provincial Representatives to CACS. Eight representatives are elected-two from each Province of the Anglican Church of Canada. At this general meeting, CACS will also be asking for a vote on an updated Constitution. Changes will be forwarded to each active Cursillo Secretariat to examine well before we meet on June 7, 2009.

2. If your Secretariat is interested in hosting a CLW (Cursillo Learners’ Workshop) in 2009 or 2010, please contact the Chairperson of CACS. The CLW provides Cursillistas with the opportunity to learn more about Cursillo in depth.

3. All CACS Library Guidelines are available online at our website: **www.anglicancursillo.com** There are many new and updated guidelines in the NEC Library.

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