



Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat NATIONAL NEWS Spring 2009

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NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

Fredericton – The Bishop of Fredericton has added four new members to the Interim Secretariat and steady progress is being towards re-activation. The Interim Secretariat recently devised and conducted a successful 3 day REVISTA Weekend. The weekend featured a number of talks and discussion centered on a keynote address on the subject of the movement and its aim. The keynote speaker was retired Bishop the Right Rev. Wm. Hockin who gave three addresses on the subject of “*Connecting in a Disconnected World*” (based on his new book of the same title – Taylor, Fredericton 2008). Other talks, given by Secretariat members included Leaders, Group Reunions, Ultreyas, Environments and Looking Ahead. Saturday evening included a *Fiesta*. Following a morning Eucharist on Sunday, the closing event was an open discussion on Cursillo in the Diocese. For more information contact Marianna Stack (mlstack@nbnet.nb.ca).

Kingston - The Kingston, Ontario Secretariat is concentrating on training sessions for new Cursillistas, including Days of Deeper Understanding, focusing on Rule of Life Workshops summarized by the concepts of Faithfulness, Study and Apostolic Action. Annual Commitment Ceremonies are held in conjunction with an annual “Open Secretariat Meeting” (for more information caroljeanwk@yahoo.com).

Niagara - Following an evaluation of Weekend practices, the Niagara Secretariat

adopted a “back to basics” principle for their last weekend and the format has proved to be very positive, and will be continued in future weekends. Additionally, the Leader’s School has been conducting continuing evening and/or one day education events geared toward faith and spiritual growth and on the method, structure and purpose of Cursillos. These are often conducted as 10-15 minute vignettes at Ultreyas, focusing on The Structure and Function of Secretariat, Sponsorship and Guidelines for Witness Talks. They would like to share good news stories and hear from other Dioceses (www.niagaracursillo.org).

Algoma – Deanery of Sudbury/Manitoulin The Algoma Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin continues with its work in Kairos ministry, and successful Men’s And Women’s Weekends were held in February and March in the Sudbury Jail.



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

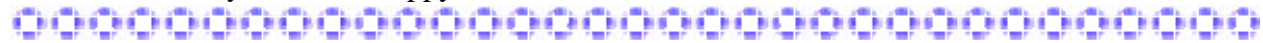
Qu’Appelle - Cursillistas in the Diocese of Qu’Appelle have been holding regular Ultreyas and working with the Diocese of

Edmonton. They hope to hold their first weekend in 2010, with the assistance of the Cursillo movement in Edmonton.

Calgary - In Calgary recent emphasis has been placed on revitalizing clergy interest/participation in Cursillo and sponsorship, and bringing Ultreyas to rural areas. This has resulted in an increase in clergy participation and in the number of weekend candidates.

Edmonton - Edmonton holds annual Information Events, as well as Pulpit talks, which have been successful in attracting new Cursillistas. They would be happy to share

with other dioceses how they go about this (contact: See CACS Web Site or the Diocesan Web Site www.edmontoncursill.ca).



CACS Spring 2009 MEETING

The meeting was held June 2-4, 2009 at St. Andrew's Church, Dartmouth Nova Scotia. The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat extends its thanks to the Parish for use of the facility, and to members of the Nova Scotia/PEI Diocese for their hospitality.

Business of the meeting dealt with issues arising from the regional reports, and other issues such as the Secretariat Evaluations, the status of Anglicans who have left the Anglican church of Canada, budgets, twinning of Dioceses, the continuing revision of the CACS Guidelines, planning for the Triennial and, issues for the incoming Secretariat. Minutes of the meeting have been circulated to all Secretariats. If you haven't received a copy please let us know.

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



2006 – 2009 Secretariat

Left to right: Terry Gushuliak, Roger Parkes, Rev. Ed Keeping, Gerry McDowell, Bob Campbell, Re. Mark McDermott, Valerie Wilbur, Marianna Stack, Bishop Larry Robinson (absent Tim Sandell).

Some people say, "I go to church, so I am a Christian." But that's like saying if you go to McDonald's you are a Quarter Pounder

A Message from the Chair

“It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to serve as the Chair of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo for the past three years. This CACS team has really been just that everyone has contributed in so many ways that it has made my job easy. Each of them have truly **Let Christ's Light Shine** through their work on behalf of Cursillo.

I would first like to acknowledge and thank all the CACS members who have served you and Cursillo in Canada so faithfully:

Our Episcopal Advisor, Bishop Larry Robertson

Our Treasurer, Terry Gushuliak

Our Secretary, Bob Campbell

Our ordained CACS members: Mark McDermott and Ed Keeping

Our Lay CACS members: Mariana Stack, Gerry McDowell, Roger Parkes, and Tim Sandell.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to each of you for your hard work and support to Cursillo movements across this country.

At the beginning of our term together in October 2006, we laid out what we hoped to accomplish in our three year term of office. Following the CACS Guideline on Evaluation of a Diocesan Secretariat, we reviewed our vision, goals, and work over the past three years. We started with an ambitious plan, but I am pleased to report that we have been able to meet almost all of our goals, and have also been able to pass on some recommendations to the incoming CACS. My report will summarize how we have served Canadian Anglican Cursillo over these past three years.

Communications

A high priority that we identified was to continue to improve communications with local diocesan Secretariats and bishops, as well as individual Cursillistas. Following each of the CACS meetings, both the Minutes, and the

Newsletter is sent to each Cursillo Lay Director as well as each Diocesan Bishop. The National Newsletter is also posted on our National Web Site www.anglicancursillo.com. We held our meetings across Canada in Milton, ONT, Saint John's, NFL, Sidney, BC, Ottawa, ONT, Regina SK and now here in Halifax, NS. At each, we had the privilege of meeting with the Local Secretariats, thus providing them with the opportunity to consult with us and discuss any issues of importance to them. We also attended the local Ultreyas and spoke with many Cursillistas.

I am pleased to report to you that the website has improved markedly, and this is in a large part a result of our dedicated webmaster, Liz Hubbard, a Cursillista from Tofield, Alberta. Liz has served us faithfully for the past three years, and I owe her a huge vote of thanks for all her work in keeping the website current and fresh. We contracted with a new Domain Host which has been much less expensive than the previous one, and has much greater capability as well. We are now linked to all Canadian Anglican websites, and post current:

Diocesan Contact People

Cursillo Weekend dates and locations

Local events

CACS Guidelines (available for download)

CACS newsletters (current and archived)

We do rely on you to help us keep the website current, and we do our best through your reports to us, but if you need to update any information between our meetings, or post a Cursillo-related announcement, please send the information to me and I will ensure that this is done right away. We also developed a CACS Guideline regarding the website during our term.

Each CACS representative also sent General Palanca to every weekend in his/her diocese of responsibility. Although a visit to each diocese is not always possible due to the

large distances and costs, CACS reps did try to keep in regular contact with each Cursillo Lay Director and/or Secretariat.

At the request of members at the 2006 Triennial General Meeting, CACS did begin to strengthen our ties with both the national Episcopal Cursillo in the USA, and the Roman Catholic Cursillo in Canada. NECS representatives were invited to this Triennial but were unable to attend due to their own meetings. Newsletters between the two organizations are now exchanged regularly. CACS representatives also attended two events hosted by the CCC - annual conferences in Ontario and the Maritimes- during this term of office. And, of course, George Henry has actively participated with us during this current Triennial Conference.

Cursillo Guidelines

1. CACS Library of Guidelines

The following new CACS Guidelines were developed and published:

- Secretariat Governance and Operation
- CACS Website
- Full Communion with the ELC in Canada

The following CACS Guidelines were reviewed and updated, as necessary:

- Weekend Team Selection and Development
- Questions and Problems: The Weekend and the Charismata
- Cursillo and the Clergy
- Duties and responsibilities of CACS Representatives
- Introduction of Cursillo into a Diocese
- Re-activation of a Diocesan Movement
- Planning Guidelines for Cursillo Triennial Meeting
- Questions and Problems: The Weekend and the Charismata

Our own CACS Library, with all updates and new guidelines, has also been made available on disk and may be downloaded from

our website, and as soon as new guidelines are developed they are posted.

2. NECS Guidelines

Wherever we travelled for our regular meetings, it was apparent that most Secretariats across the country needed the updated National Episcopal Library and the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Library, particularly the 2004 NECS Lay Talk Workbook and Spiritual Advisors Workbook. [In order to assist in acquiring these Libraries, our Treasurer regularly purchases the NEC Library and Lay Talk Workbooks in bulk to have them available for sale upon request. For some time in 2008 they were held up in customs, but are now available copies (contact the treasurer).

Workshops

During this past term, CACS members delivered a CLW Workshop in 2007 in Eastern Newfoundland. All three diocesan secretariats in the province of Newfoundland/Labrador were able to attend and participated. Several other Secretariats showed an interest in holding a CLW, but were unable to host for a variety of reasons. As an alternative to a CLW, CACS provided Day of Visioning to the Diocese of British Columbia in 2008. Both workshops were well received and positive feedback was provided during the evaluation process. A CLW is now planned for October 2009 in Edmonton. CACS also provided a speaker for a one day Cursillo renewal workshop in Niagara. If your Secretariat is interested in CACS providing your community with a workshop, please contact me to make the arrangements.

Local Issues

In Regina, to our great joy, we were able to meet with Bishop Greg Kerr-Wilson and the Cursillistas of the Qu'Appelle Diocese, who were contemplating initiating a Cursillo movement. I am pleased to report that they will be offering their first Cursillo weekend in the

next year, and the Dioceses of Edmonton and Saskatoon will be assisting them. Be sure to watch the website and read your newsletter for more details so that you can support this Cursillo movement as it develops.

During the last three years a number of local issues and questions have been discussed by CACS. Most recently, we asked the House of Bishops to clarify leadership in both local Cursillo movements and CACS. The Bishops supported the CACS Guidelines for Secretariat and Weekend leadership, and reiterated that Cursillo leaders must be approved by the local diocesan bishop. They also upheld that CACS members must belong to the ANGLICAN CHURCH of CANADA.

CACS reminds each Cursillo leader to maintain a CHRIST- CENTRED and CHRIST- FOCUSED MOVEMENT by adhering to the CACS Guidelines.

Financial

I am very pleased to report that not only were we able to meet our expenses over the past three years, but we did so by maintaining budgets unchanged since 2005. At our last triennial general meeting, you expressed concern that CACS members were paying for their own expenses and not being reimbursed in a timely manner. You also committed to make payments to CACS to remedy that situation. Well, thanks to you, we have been able to cover CACS costs promptly. Thank you very much to each Secretariat and Cursillista who supports this ministry. CACS cannot continue without your dedicated support.

The only funds which CACS has to operate are what we receive from local fees sent in by Diocesan Secretariats, Local Secretariat Donations and Personal Donations. The suggested diocesan fee has been set at \$3.00 per Cursillista.

Since we are registered with the Canadian Revenue Service, every individual donation receives a receipt for Income Tax purposes.

CACS Constitution

A review of our Constitution was undertaken and several amendments are before you today. Most of the changes are minor and have been changed to reflect the current practices of CACS. Several amendments which we are recommending fall under the Election Guidelines and Signing Authority.

In closing, I want to say that we on CACS praise and thank God for the gift of Cursillo to our Church. We also thank and recognize each of the Local Secretariats throughout Canada - for the work they have done in shining Christ's light in their own dioceses and environments. Christ is counting on each one of us to shine His light in the environments in which we live. Let us go forward with this mission resounding in our hearts!

Thanks be to God!

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Respectfully submitted,

**Valerie Wilbur, Chairperson
Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat**

7 June 2009



Valerie Wilbur (centre) with Yvonne Timmins (left) and Barb Hobson (right), co-chairs Triennial organization and planning.

PARTNERING OF CURSILLO COMMUNITIES A WORK IN PROGRESS

As a result of a request from several dioceses, at its past two meetings the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat has discussed the subject of twinning or partnering of Cursillo communities in dioceses across Canada. The following information is being provided from our discussions.

There are several reasons to support partnering or twinning between diocesan Cursillo movements:

- *Exchange of information such as diocesan Cursillo guidelines, Leader's School/ Servant Community topics, team training techniques, sponsorship training sessions format
- * Holding joint Days of Deeper Understanding, Workshops on Cursillo topics, Cursillo Learner's Workshop.
- *Annual meeting of both Secretariats to exchange information and support one another.
- *Mutually supporting each other by exchanging and providing information on events of local interest such as dates for weekends, time of weekend closings, special days, etc. to enable attendance from the partnering community.
- * The possibility of the two communities forming prayer chains in order to pray for specific concerns, exchanging newsletters, social networking such as setting up E-mail contacts, blogs, chat rooms.

A Cursillo Community might choose to form more than one partnership. For example one could be with an adjoining community to allow for greater personal contact and also with a distance community for exchanges of ideas, information and so forth. The possibilities are limited only by the imagination.

When this issue was brought to the floor for discussion at the Triennial meeting on June 7, 2009, those attending decided to leave any twinning or partnering decisions with the local Secretariats.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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.
2. All CACS Library Guidelines are available online at our website: www.anglicancursillo.com. There are many new and updated guidelines in the NEC Library.

Please keep these upcoming Weekends in your prayers

Western Newfoundland	Co-Ed : May 21 – 24, 2010
Eastern Newfoundland	Co-ed: 2010 (TBA)
Central Newfoundland	Co-ed: October 15 – 18, 2009
Nova Scotia & P.E.I.	Men: April 22-25, 2010 Women: April 29 –May 2, 2010
Ottawa	Women: November 12 – 15, 2009
Algoma	Men: November 5 – 8, 2009
Sudbury-Manitoulin Deanery	Women: November 26 – 29, 2009
Niagara	Co-ed: November 5 – 8, 2009
Saskatoon	Co-ed: March 5-8 ,2009
Edmonton	CLW: October 16 – 18, 2009 Men: April 22 – 25, 2010 Women: April 29 –May 2, 2010
Calgary	Men: October 29 – November 1, 2009 Women: November 5 – 8, 2009
APCI	October 2010 (TBA)
BC	Men: May 2010 (TBA) Women: May 2010 (TBA)

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

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A STATEMENT FROM THE CANADIAN ANGLICAN CURSILLO SECRETARIAT (CACS)

As a national body responsible for the governance of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo, we, the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat, affirm that Cursillo has always kept its eyes firmly focused on Jesus and on the Mission. One of the principles of Cursillo is that:

**We focus on Christ and His resurrection power on our lives,
Transforming us into the people He would have us be.
Theological and political issues have no part in our agenda.**

Cursillo is Christ centred and Christ focused.

The policy of CACS is that it will not be a political or social agenda organization. Canadian Anglican Cursillo is a movement of the Anglican Church of Canada. The Canadian Anglican Cursillo and its Secretariat was created to serve the Anglican Church of Canada, and operates under a Letter of Agreement with the United States Catholic Cursillo Movement. Despite our personal theological and political views, we are focused on knowing Christ and making Him, known to others. This is our call, and in carrying out that call this is our greatest joy.

Ultreya!

Affirmed June 2009

References:

“Growing Christ Centred Leaders” NEC May 2008

“A Statement from CACS”. November 2005

This statement will be added to the CACS Library of Guidelines.



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 will be done for the Glory of God as we strive to change our environments for Christ through Piety, Study and Action.



Rogert Parkes examining the Nova Scotia/PEI Puzzle Board at the Triennial

Please copy and distribute this newsletter to Secretariat members and all Cursillistas