



**Canadian Anglican Cursillo
Secretariat
NATIONAL NEWS
Spring 2006**

Website (www.anglicancursillo.com)

News From Across Canada

- **Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador** held a reunion for all Cursillistas on May 26. Every Cursillista in the Diocese was invited.
- **Central Newfoundland**, information is available through the website: www.cursilloadcn.org, on the 20th anniversary celebration to be held in Gander, NL. Aug. 25 – 27.
- **Western Newfoundland**. 2006 marks the 10th anniversary of Cursillo in the Diocese. A Co-Ed weekend was held in the Diocese May 19-22, 2006.
- **Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island** is looking forward to holding weekends in 2007. Planning continues for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Cursillo in the Diocese in 2008. Check out their website at www.nspeicursillo.Chebucto.org
- **Diocese of Ottawa**. Because of the size of the Diocese, Ottawa is implementing a deanery concept. The Fourth Day Co-ordinator on Secretariat will deal with the Deanery Reps. Who will communicate with the Parish Reps. This should improve communications throughout the Diocese. Ottawa Diocese is also encouraging Deanery Ultreyas. A Cursillo poster and an updated pamphlet are being developed to raise awareness of Cursillo in the parishes. 2006 is Ottawa Cursillo's 25th anniversary and a special service was held on June 25th at the Cathedral following the AGM. Also on September 17th, an all-day outdoor chicken BBQ, with sports, fellowship and worship, will be held in Morrisburg.
- **Diocese of Algoma Temiskaming Deanery** is planning a Day of Deeper Understanding for September 16th at Christ Church, North Bay. **Sudbury/Manitoulin Deanery**, the Rev'd Beth Topps is the newly appointed Spiritual Director for the Deanery. **Algoma Deanery**. The movement in the deanery is going into a period of reduced activity on the advice of the Bishop. This has come about due to a number of factors. Ultreyas will continue to be held approximately every six months and it is hoped that in time the movement will become fully active again.
- **Diocese of Ontario** is planning a Cursillo renewal weekend September 15-17, 2006.
- **Toronto Diocese** held an Ultreya and Pot Blessing supper for all those coming off the last weekend.
- **Niagara Diocese** is continuing to assist in re-establishing the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Huron. Also a cooperative relationship has been established with the Roman Catholic Cursillo Community. Cursillistas of both denominations are attending each other's Ultreyas. A joint secretariat meeting was held to plan an Ecumenical Ultreya. The Diocese has purchased some of the Roman Catholic materials on Renewal and the Basics of Cursillo. They are planning a year of stewardship/renewal/return to basics, and a renewal weekend in 2007. The diocese will celebrate its 25th anniversary of Cursillo in 2008.
- **APCI** (Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior BC) wishes to express how proud they are of LaVerne Bernier of their movement, who has served on CACS for the past six years as Treasurer and for two and one half of those years as Interim Chairperson also. Great job, thanks

- LaVerne.
- **Calgary Diocese** reports that the movement is showing signs of increasing clergy support and candidate numbers. Meetings were held with clergy to discuss issues and more importantly to listen as they shared. A clergy appreciation dinner was held last fall which has borne fruit this past spring in terms of participation. Also Parish Reps were re-identified and were reminded of the importance of their role within the parishes they represent. A Grand Ultreya was held in June 2006 in Calgary which included Anglican, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian Cursillistas. The day included singing, sharing, talks and food.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these upcoming Weekends in your prayers:

Central Newfoundland

Co-Ed: Oct. 12-15 2006

Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador

Co-Ed: Nov.17-20, 2006

Nova Scotia & PEI

Men: 2007

Women: 2007

Niagara

Co-ed: November 2-5, 2006

Renewal Weekend in 2007

2 Weekends in 2008

Toronto

Co-Ed: June 1-3, 2007

Ontario

Renewal Weekend Sept. 15-17, 2006

Ottawa

Women: Nov. 9-12, 2006.

March 1-4, 2007

Nov.1-4, 2007

Men: Apr. 26-29, 2007

Nov. 15-18, 07

Algoma (Temiskaming)

Men: Oct. 12-15, 2006

Women: Nov. 16-19, 2006

Day of Deeper Understanding:
Sept 16/07

Algoma (Sudbury/Manitoulin)

Men: Nov. 2-5, 2006

Women: Oct. 19-22, 2006

Algoma (Thunder Bay)

Women: Fall of 2006

Men: Fall of 2006

Saskatoon

Women: Nov. 16-19 2006

Men: Nov. 2-5 2006

Calgary

Women: Nov. 2-5, 2006

Men: Oct. 26-29, 2006

Grand Ultreya: June 17, 2006 in Calgary

APCI

Co-Ed: Oct. 26-29, 2006

British Columbia

Women: April 12-15, 2007

Men: April 26-29, 2007

Many weekends have been held since the last newsletter in the Fall. The members of CACS extend congratulations to all the new Cursillistas and to all those who served in the many tasks of putting on a weekend.

DIOCESAN WEBSITES

National www.anglicancursillo.com

Eastern NL & Labrador

www.anglicansynodeasternnl.ca

Central Newfoundland www.cursilloadcn.org

Nova Scotia/PEI www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org

Fredericton www.nbanglicancursillo.com

Niagara www.niagaracursillo.org

Ottawa www.oacm.ca

Toronto www.toronto.anglican.ca/

Saskatoon www.saskatoon.anglican.org (then click on the Cursillo Link)

Edmonton www.edmontoncursillo.ca

Calgary www.cursillo.ab.ca

British Columbia <http://members.shaw.ca/cursillo>

CACS SPRING 2006 MEETING

The meeting was held at St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Edmonton, AB., May 30 to June 1, 2006.

CACS extends their thanks to the people of St. Timothy's for their hospitality, the use of their conference room, and the tasty meals they provided.

Thanks also to the Edmonton Secretariat for hosting the meeting, and making all the arrangements.

The meeting began with Holy Eucharist, celebrated by The Rev'd. Alan Naylor, Rector of St. Timothy's.

The meeting was called to order by LaVerne Bernier, the Interim Chairperson. Reports were presented by Bishop Larry Robertson, (Episcopal Advisor to CACS), and by LaVerne Bernier.

Following these presentations the Diocesan Reports were presented by the CACS representative for each Diocese. Points to be addressed by CACS were noted and will be followed up by the Diocesan Reps. Changes to the Diocesan Contact Lists were highlighted and will be changed.

LaVerne informed CACS that the new, updated copies of the NEC Library and the Lay Talk Workbooks are now available and can be purchased from CACS. (Contact your Diocesan Rep. for details).

Other items of business dealt with were things such as the Financial Report, Proposed Budget, etc.

The web site is operating quite well and a new Webmaster will be appointed by the incoming CACS in the near future.

The remainder of the meeting dealt with the preparations for the upcoming Triennial Conference and General Meeting.

Triennial Conference and Meeting.

The Triennial conference and meeting was held at Kings College University, Edmonton, Alberta, from June 2-4, 2006.

Registration opened at 4:00 pm, Friday, June 2, and this was followed by dinner for those staying in residence.

Following dinner there was a short period of praise and worship. The conference was opened by LaVerne Bernier, Interim Chair of CACS.

The opening address was given by Bishop Victoria Matthews of the Diocese of Edmonton. Bishop Victoria gave an excellent and inspiring talk on "The Role of Cursillo in the Anglican Church of Canada."

Following Bishop Victoria's talk there was a welcoming reception.

Saturday began with Morning Prayer followed by a Prayer Workshop presented

by the Rev'd. Dr. Beth Marie Murphy. The theme of the workshop was, "Prayer gives us Life to Scatter God's Seeds." This workshop continued until noon. After lunch Rev'd. Murphy spoke on her experiences in Viet Nam, both as a Navy Nurse during the Viet Nam conflict and afterwards when she has made numerous visits to the country. Her basic theme was the Healing and Forgiveness that has taken place in the Vietnamese people since the end of the war. This was a very enlightening talk on how people can overcome past hatreds and become very forgiving to former enemies.

At 2:45 pm, a series of concurrent workshops was offered. The topics of the workshops were: Current Issues, Sponsorship, Ultreya & Group Reunion, Spiritual Direction, The Authentic Weekend, and the Role of Secretariat. Each workshop was presented twice and participants were asked to choose two of the six. The workshops were well attended and everyone seemed to feel that they were useful and worthwhile.

Saturday evening was a Grand Ultreya which was a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing, and a chance to meet Cursillistas from different parts of the country.

Sunday morning began with Morning Prayer, followed by coffee and then a CACS information workshop at which the process of the elections to be held at the General Meeting was explained.

After the workshop, Bishop Ken Genge gave an address entitled "Living out Your Fourth Day, -- Bloom Where You Are Planted". In this address Bishop Genge offered some excellent suggestions on how we can carry out the commission of the Cursillo Movement.

Following lunch, the CACS Triennial Annual Meeting was held.

In attendance were 31 members, representing 11 voting dioceses.

The usual format of a meeting was followed, with the opening prayer, call to order, approval of agenda, and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Interim Chair of CACS, LaVerne Bernier, then presented the accountability report of CACS for the years 2003 to 2006.

The acceptance of Laverne's report was

moved, seconded and carried.

The report appears at the end of this newsletter.

Amendments to the Constitution

The following proposed amendments to the constitution were presented by CACS to the membership:

1. That a new section entitled **Signing**

Authority and numbered 6.5 read as follows:-

6.5 The signing officers of CACS shall be any two (2) of the following three (3) officers – Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Moved by Ray Long, **Seconded** by Sherry Wieggers that the first amendment to the constitution be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

2. That section 7 entitled **Amendment to the Constitution** be amended as follows:-

7.1 This constitution may be amended at any Triennial Meeting of CACS by a two thirds majority vote of the member Dioceses present, voting through their designated representative, each Diocese casting one (1) vote. Proposed amendments must be furnished in writing to each member diocese at least seventy-five (75) days prior to action on such proposed amendment. This time limit may be waived by the unanimous vote of eligible member Dioceses present and voting at a Triennial meeting of CACS. Any amendment made at the Triennial Meeting in accordance with **SECTION 7.1** must be presented to the voting members in writing, at least twelve (12) hours before the meeting.

Moved by Sharon Insley, **Seconded** by Ted Wheeler that the second amendment to the constitution be accepted as presented.

Carried unanimously

Elections were then held for the **Ecclesiastical Representatives on CACS:**

The following persons were elected to CACS for the next three year term.

Lay Chairperson:

Val Wilbur

Episcopal Advisor:

Bishop Larry Robertson

Clergy Representatives:

The Rev'd. Mark McDermott

The Rev'd. Ed Keeping

Elected by Diocesan Representatives

Province of Canada ---Marianna Stack

Province of Ontario --- Robert Campbell

Province of Rupert's Land -- Tim Sandell

Terry Gushuliak

Province of British Columbia-- Jerry McDowell

Roger Parkes

The Interim Chair then gave her closing remarks expressing her pleasure at serving on CACS for the past six years, even though it had been quite a challenge and learning experience for her. She also expressed her thanks to all the members of CACS for their help and support.

The meeting was adjourned and all went to the chapel for the closing Eucharist and the commissioning of the new CACS representatives by Bishop Larry.

The members of CACS would like to thank sincerely the Edmonton Secretariat and its Planning Committee for all the hard work they put into planning and organizing an excellent Triennial Conference. Putting together a successful Triennial Conference requires the dedication, effort, and faith of a great many people. CACS very much appreciates all that the Edmonton Movement did to assure the success of the conference.

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SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: Just as this National Newsletter was about to be circulated, CACS members were informed of the sudden death of **Keith Birkinshaw** on August 17, 2006, four days after lung cancer surgery. Keith served as a member of CACS from 2000-2006

and for the past three years has been the Secretary. We would ask that you keep Keith's widow, Marian, and family in your prayers as they journey through this time of loss and sorrow. And in Marian's words - "Please rejoice that Keith had no pain from cancer or from the heart problems. He is also with his Heavenly Father, in peace; Praise the Lord."

Please pray for all Diocesan Bishops, 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.

NATIONAL CURSILLO PRAYER CYCLE

- **Monday;** Pray for Cursillo worldwide.
- **Tuesday;** Pray for Cursillo in Canada and your National Secretariat
- **Wednesday;** Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, which includes: The Dioceses of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador, Central Newfoundland, Western 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 which includes: The Dioceses of Ottawa, Ontario, Toronto, Huron, Algoma, Moosonee and Niagara.
- **Friday;** Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land which includes: The Dioceses of Brandon, 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 which includes: the Dioceses of The Yukon, New Westminster, British Columbia, Kootenay, APCI and Caledonia.
- **Sunday;** Pray for your own Diocesan Movement.

**CANADIAN ANGLICAN CURSILLO
SECRETARIAT
ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT
- 2006 TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE
KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
EDMONTON, ALBERTA
JUNE 2 – 4, 2006**

It has been a privilege to serve as the Interim Chair to the Canadian Anglican Cursillo. I came into this position during the Fall of 2004 following the resignation of the Chairperson elected at the 2003 Triennial in Calgary, Alberta. It was with regret that the previous chair had to resign for personal reasons. During the time of 2003 - 2006, I have also served as your Canadian Anglican Cursillo Treasurer.

Libraries: At the request of the 2003 Triennial, Canadian Anglican Cursillo members have developed a new paper for our Library entitled - "The Authentic Three Day Weekend".

The request for a revised book list has also been finalized. "A Beginning List of Reading for Spiritual Development" was revised November 2005 and is now available with our updates to the Library.

An extensive review was undertaken of the paper "Questions and Problems: Interdenominational Participation". It was determined that the current paper, along with the National Episcopal Library Booklet on the issue covered the matter in a sufficient manner.

Over the past year or so, it became evident to us that most Secretariats across the country needed the updated National Episcopal Library and the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Library, as well as the 2004 Lay Talk Workbook and Spiritual Advisors workbook. In order to assist in the acquisition of these Libraries arrangements were made to purchase the NEC Library and Lay Talk Workbooks in bulk to have them

available for sale here this weekend. Our own CACS Library, with the updates, has also been made available for sale this weekend.

Workshops: During this past term, CACS members delivered a SENT Workshop here in Edmonton in 2003 following the 2003 Triennial. Several Secretariats showed an interest in holding a CLW – Cursillo Leaders (Learners) Workshop, and in 2005 following our CACS meeting in Ottawa, a CLW was delivered in Carlton Place, Ontario, by the present and past CACS members. Both workshops were well received and positive feedback was provided during the evaluation process. I would be remiss if I did not share with you, the fact that we struggled to restore the documentation needed to present the CLW. All materials are now on disc and will be turned over to the incoming Chair.

Communications: Your CACS has worked over the past three years to try to build better communications with Local Secretariats. Following each of our meetings the National Newsletter and the Minutes of the meetings are sent to all Local Lay Directors and Diocesan Bishops. The National Newsletter is also posted on our National Web Site:

www.anglicancursillo.com

Also, during each of our meetings, we have provided an opportunity for Local Secretariats to meet with us to discuss any issues of importance to them. While we held our meetings across this country of Canada in places like Oakville, Ontario, Corner Brook, NL, Savona, B.C., Ottawa, Ontario and now here in Edmonton, Alberta, we have had the privilege to meet with those Local Secretariats.

Website: As many of you reminded us that our Web Site was not up to date, we also recognized that we needed to take action. A new Domain Host was acquired and a new Web Manager was put into place. Much work remains to be done, but we need input from the Local Secretariats, when there is a change in the Local Secretariat re: Contact People, Web Site Address (if you have one) plus events in your area, up coming Weekends, etc in order to have this information

posted across Canada and beyond for other Cursillistas to obtain.

Local Issues: During the last three years a number of Local issues have been discussed and resolutions reached. Much discussion and prayer has resulted in a **STATEMENT** being prepared and sent to all Bishops and Lay Directors of Cursillo movements across Canada. This **STATEMENT** is a reminder to **ALL** that **CURSILLO GUIDELINES** need to be followed in order to remain a **CHRIST CENTRED and CHRIST FOCUSED MOVEMENT in the ANGLICAN CHURCH of CANADA**

Financial: In 2000 CACS established a Charitable Organization Status with Revenue Canada. However, it has taken a considerable amount of time and effort on our part to obtain permission from Revenue Canada to have them recognize the change of our fiscal year to run from January to December. Our records have now been presented and accepted by Revenue Canada. This has taken from 2000 to the Fall of 2005 to complete.

The only funds CACS receives to operate are what we receive from Local fees sent in by Diocesan Secretariats, Local Secretariat Donations and Personal Donations. The suggested fee per Cursillista has been set at \$3.00 per person. All Personal Donations from individuals receive a receipt for Income Tax purposes.

CACS Constitution: A review of our Constitution was undertaken and two amendments are before you this weekend. One amendment deals with signing authority and the other with the length of notification given to Local Diocese Secretariats for any changes to the CACS Constitution.

In closing I want to say that we celebrate God's Gift of Cursillo to the Church. We also acknowledge the Gifts and Time offered by those who have served on CACS since the last Triennial, as well as past members.

They have **Scattered the Seeds of God's Love** through their work on behalf of Cursillo. We also thank and recognize all Local Secretariats across this country of Canada – for the work they have done in spreading the **Seeds of God's Love** in their Diocese and their Environments. All God asks of us it that we continue to speak God's word at the time and the place where it can take root in the Hearts and Lives of People: **by following Christ and Scattering the Seed of his Word.**

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LaVerne Bernier – Interim Chair
Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat