

Report for the Annual General Meeting: Diocese of Qu'Appelle Anglican Cursillo 2010

Spiritual Director's Report

There have been a lot of kilometres driven, prayers prayed, group reflections done, songs sung and secretariat meetings met in the last three years. With this past November's Cursillo weekends, God has rewarded a lot of groundwork that has been done. We are very thankful.

Some other aspects of my role have been just as varied. One responsibility has been the informing Diocesan clergy who have not done Cursillo about the movement and its benefits at meetings and through a letter sent in early 2010. I was involved with the rest of Secretariat in putting on a Day of Deeper Understanding Workshop in October 2009 for Cursillistas to prepare for the 2010 weekends. I have met with four people several times to offer individual Spiritual Direction in this role.

It is time for another priest to take up the reins as Spiritual Director. To this effect, as of June 2011, I have tendered my resignation as Spiritual Director to Bishop Gregory effective as of June 2011.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Diocese in this role. May God bless the fruits of our labours! De Colores!

Yours in Christ, Rev. Dr. Trish McCarthy

Lay Director's Report

Well it certainly has been a year or three of working in the fields to bring in the harvest! I think I can say on behalf of all of us working on secretariat that we were blessed and honoured to do the Lord's work.

It has been a busy, rewarding and Spirit filled 3 years since I started in this position. I will report on the goings on of the last year only. I have been blessed to lead a very small, and then smaller team of multi-talented, multi-tasking people on Secretariat, each of whom was prepared to step out to do what needed doing to make our weekends come to pass. It has been a year of great teamwork, making new friends, learning new skills and stepping out in faith to bring Cursillo weekends successfully to Qu'Appelle.

We started the year with 4 people on Secretariat (and the Bishop ex-officio), and over the spring lost Rev. Dell Bornowsky who moved to his new parish as priest in Kindersley. Mel Sanftleban was our treasurer and passed away in the early summer. We carried on without new recruits as we were focused on training for the weekends.

We did a number of things to promote Cursillo over the last three years. The Day of Deeper Understanding in 2009 focused on skills for becoming sponsors. We had a small turn out, as the date was too close to the Diocesan synod. However, each person who came ended up working on team for a weekend, so we harvested once again! We submitted 2 articles to the Saskatchewan Anglican in April and September. We approved a position description for a Parish Cursillo representative, who can be the “go to” source of all Cursillo information in each parish. We had a few of these filled before we got waylaid focusing on weekend preparation. This should be rebooted this year. We created and distributed a short outline for a personally adaptable “*What is Cursillo?*” pulpit talk and emailed it to all our Cursillistas, encouraging them to ask their priest’s permission to talk at a Sunday service. We have a registered website domain name and started work on filling in content on a website template recommended by our server administrator. However work on that got waylaid in the fall as well. Linda will report on our travelling road show of Ultreyas.

We have started to put many Qu’Appelle specific tools into place. Linda has worked hard to prepare a finished version of a Cursillo music book. The resources and mentorship of other Diocesan Cursillo movements and the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat provide guidance and ideas to prevent reinventing the wheel and ensure we stay true to the authentic Cursillo weekend and movement. The Lord does provide in response to prayer.

Holding first weekends in a Diocese can only happen if we are sponsored by another Diocese. We have been blessed by the contacts in Edmonton of Bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson, and by Rev. Dr. Trish McCarthy’s contacts in Calgary. We had initially contacted Edmonton for sponsorship, but the timing did not work out. Edmonton has certainly been holding us up in prayer and at their 20th anniversary of Cursillo celebration, took up a special offering to donate to our movement. Partnering with and learning from the Diocese of Calgary’s Cursillo movement under the Lay Directorship of Stew Perram have blessed us. Stew and the servant community of Calgary were wonderful in stepping up to help us launch our weekends, contributing team directors and members, mentorship, billets for training weekends, incredible organization and prayer, prayer prayer! They supplied 12 of the 25 team members on the women’s weekend and 2 came from Edmonton. On the men’s team, 17 of 22 came from Calgary diocese. Many of the team members from Calgary have said they would love to come and help this year. As a result of the weekends, we have added 11 men and 14 women into our Cursillo community.

I had agreed in the summer to take on the responsibility of being the Director for the 2011 women’s weekend, on the understanding that I would resign from the Diocesan Lay Director position. I will stay on in Secretariat as Past Lay Director. I have also agreed to become one of the two representatives from Rupert’s Land to sit on the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat, so I hope this will be of help to Qu’Appelle as well.

And now as our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has told us all: *Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for the harvest.* John 4.35b . Let us pray, examine, discern, plan and serve the Lord in our families, our churches, our workplaces and our communities. Ultreya!

Financial Report For Cursillo AGM 2011

We have 3 accounts for Cursillo.

Diocesan Cursillo Account (weekend expenses)

In 2010 we received donations from:

Diocese of Toronto Cursillo Movement upon closing	\$1035.46
Diocese of Edmonton Cursillo Movement 20 th anniversary	\$965.00
St. Barnabas in Medicine Hat: surplus from meal donations:	\$174.55
Personal Charitable Donations	\$1070.00
Total	\$3,245.01

Anyone who makes personal charitable donations to the Diocesan Cursillo Account receives a receipt for income tax purposes.

Please see attached financial summary for details. The current balance is \$3239.71

Cursillo Holding Account

The Cursillo Movement received a seed grant of \$3000 from the Diocese of Qu'Appelle specifically to support clergy involvement on team for the weekends, through reimbursement of the team fees. As of December 2010, \$2,250 remains in that account.

Petty Cash Fund

We have a chequing account at an Affinity Credit Union, for the purposes of payment of minor expenses related to Secretariat and Ultreyas. The income for that account is what is donated at Ultreyas.

The balance is \$225.57

For 2010, the total assets of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle Cursillo Movement are: \$5715.28

Submitted by Carol Marz

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