

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE ANGLICAN CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Annual Report for the Year 2014 Submitted to the Annual General Meeting January 31, 2015

A Message from Qu'Appelle Cursillo Movement's Spiritual Director - Rev. Dr. Trish McCarthy

There are special moments in the Christian life when we become keenly and perhaps even painfully aware of God's presence and Word for us. In these crucial moments, God clarifies our vision. The crucial catalyst may be a question with which we have been struggling. It may be our life context. It may be an experience of loss or pain. It may be a sharp consciousness of someone else's pain. But something in our life catapults us into a new awareness of God's presence, love and compassion.

The Cursillo method is designed to keep us in tune with these special moments of close encounter and conversation with God. We are asked in our group reunions each week when our personal moments closest to God have been. We read scripture together. We wait on God for answers and comfort and peace and direction. Then we act. A discernment pattern of prayer, study and action is a process with which Cursillistas are familiar. We don new glasses when we are faithful in prayer and study and then we act.

In many places of the New Testament, we are challenged by Jesus' divine-human existence and teachings. We who live in 2015, are challenged to watch for God breaking into our lives. When Jesus says in Mark 1: 15: "the kingdom of God is fulfilled," he is saying that it is TIME. It is time to listen, time to speak, time to act. Now is the time for Cursillo to take off in our diocese as so many parishes are earnestly seeking God's guidance for their work together: as they discern together their Mission Action Plans.

In Christian theology, we learn about different ways of speaking of time. The greek word, Chronos is the chronological marking of time, as when we celebrate an anniversary or a new year of loved one's birth. A second way of speaking of time is Kairos. In greek, the word "Kairos" means the right or opportune moment. While Chronos is quantitative, Kairos is qualitative. In Greek rhetoric, Kairos is "a passing instant when an opening appears which must be driven through with force if success is to be achieved." From Wikipedia online Kairos, in the Christian context marks a time when God's presence and guidance is clear and unequivocal. Kairos is about striking the iron while it is hot.

I encourage you, my Cursillista friends, to be faithful in your relationship with Jesus Christ by walking with each other in this journey of divine awareness. Use the Cursillo method regularly and you will find a new awareness of Kairos. You will become increasingly aware of the urgency of the gospel message and how crucial is our cooperation with God in bringing forth the kingdom which Jesus preached. For it is in moments like these, that we experience pure joy.

May you be truly blessed as you percolate the meaning of special moments in your relationship with God!

REPORT OF DIOCESAN LAY DIRECTOR FOR THE YEAR 2014

In February, 2014 we attended & participated in a well-organized Day of Deeper Understanding at St. Aidan's in Moose Jaw. Many thanks to Catherine Reichel for being the major organizer of this continuing education event. After receiving the news that the potential site of 2014 Cursillo Weekend, Calling Lakes Centre, Fort Qu'Appelle was being closed and put up for sale, we searched out other potential weekend sites. At our March Secretariat meeting a decision was made to defer our next Cursillo Weekend to fall, 2015. We located another facility close to Fort Qu'Appelle by the name of Echo Lake Evangelical Camp (10 minutes from Fort Qu'Appelle). A deposit was made and a 2015 Cursillo Weekend was confirmed for September 17 - 20, 2015. An excellent, well organized Learners' School presented by Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) members was held at All Saints, Regina May 30 - June 1, 2014.

The purpose of the Learners' School is to encourage our leadership and potential leadership in building an even more authentic Cursillo Movement. It also gave us attending an opportunity to hear some well-developed talks on the Cursillo Method. Since the CACS members represent all areas of Canada, it was a good time to interact with others, as to what was working in their area, share ideas and challenges. A good social evening held at the residence of Art Howell & Trish McCarthy in July. There was a good Cursillista presence at the Briercrest "Q" event in October with the Cursillo group leading the Praise & Worship on Saturday evening and a witness talk by Jennifer Jacobs. Some interest was shown by attendees to either work or attend a weekend in 2015. How encouraging Ultreyas are being better attended than in past. Perhaps due to Cursillistas being advised of the name of speaker and location more in advance. Rather than having a witness talk at our December Ultreya, people were invited to share how they have been 'putting Christ into their Christmas preparations'.

Here endeth 2014 with much praise and thanksgiving for His leadership in our lives. May we be willing to accept the challenges He sets on our path!! Thank you all for your spirit of love and friendship in these endeavours.

Respectfully submitted: Gwenda Watson, Lay Director

THREE-DAY COMMITTEE - AGM Report for 2014 Year

With the postponement of the 2014 Cursillo Weekend, the Three Day Committee took a bit of a break from our scheduled tasks.

That being said, one thing we did accomplish was finding a new location to host the 2015 Cursillo Weekend. We were under a bit of pressure to find a new venue as our 2014 location, Calling Lakes Centre in Fort Qu'Appelle, closed its doors in August of

2014. After a couple of road trips to investigate possible sites, we decided on Echo Lake Bible Camp (ELBC) near Fort Qu'Appelle.

Though ELBC is not "perfect", we are happy that:

- it is centrally located in the Diocese and easily accessible on paved roads
- it is located on the lake front in a beautiful, peaceful area
- it has a separate Chapel area (no need to transport room dividers!)
- it is accessible to those with mobility concerns
- it is available in September
- the cost for the weekend is \$180 per person
- we have use of an excellent kitchen facility and will be able to provide our own meals

On the flip side, there will be some "challenges". We'll need to accommodate the following changes:

- creation of a "Kitchen Team" to provide meals (addition of 4-5 team members)
- shared bathrooms in the main lodge (for Rollo team and Candidates)
- shower facilities (for team staying in outlying cabins) in a separate building

As you can see, the positives far outweigh the negatives!

Since we've had a break from duties last year, we'll soon be gearing up to accomplish the work that needs to be done prior to the September weekend. This means: reviewing and updating the job descriptions for the Three Day Weekend team leaders; reviewing and updating the weekend schedule; checking and replenishing supplies for the weekend.

Currently Marilyn Dubreuil and Kate Berringer are working with me on the 3-Day Committee. As Lorna Cross has moved into the role of 4th Day Committee Chair, I am now looking for one or two people to join our committee. If you have a strong interest in organization, scheduling and attention to detail, please contact me.

I am looking forward to getting back into the process of preparing for the next Cursillo weekend. After taking a "year off", there is a renewed excitement and an eagerness to provide the best weekend possible. Your support and involvement in the 2015 Cursillo Weekend is much needed! My prayer is that you will be open to hear and obedient in response to God's call.

Shelley Baron
Three Day Committee Chair

Fourth Day Report 2014

I stepped into the Fourth Day Chair position in Aug 2014. Since that time I have been blessed with the co-operation of many Cursillistas as I set up the Ultreyas/group reunions for the remainder of 2014. I have ventured out and tried some different times and styles of our Ultreyas.

In September we travelled to Fort Qu'Appelle for an afternoon Ultreya followed by a Cream tea. We had Cursillistas come from Yorkton, Melville, Regina and Moose Jaw. In October we met at St. Paul's Regina for an evening gathering Cursillistas from Regina, Moose Jaw and Melville attended. In November we met at St. Mary's Regina for a potluck luncheon followed by the Ultreya. Again we had a good turn out with Cursillistas from Regina, Fort Qu'Appelle and Moose Jaw. In December we met at St James in Regina for an Advent potluck breakfast this was also well attended.

In September I was able to send out a calendar with the dates and details for the Ultreyas booked through December; I believe that this helped people make plans to attend especially those from out of town.

Art and Marian Persson have faithfully shared their gift of music at all the Ultreyas. Bishop Rob Hardwick, Rev. Trish McCarthy, Rev Blair Dixon and Lorraine Hardwick helped out when they were available.

In October at the Q Event Cursillo had the opportunity to provide a "Taste of Cursillo" by leading the worship time and then having a Lay witness talk as well as a short explanation about Cursillo, this seemed to be well received with positive interest expressed by some of the attendees.

I would like to thank Linda Kapasky and Gwenda Watson for their generous help and advice in regards my new position as the Fourth Day Chair.

ULTREYA

Lorna Cross, Fourth Day Chair

Pre – Cursillo Committee

Greetings all.

First off I would just like to thank everyone who is involved with Cursillo. You all work tirelessly getting things organized and planning for our weekends and Ultreyas. As registrar my responsibilities have been rather easy this past year as there wasn't a three-day weekend to collect registrations for which is my main duty. I will be sending out letters and emails with sponsorship forms and the brochure to all past participants by the end of January. I am to give the secretariat the draft of the out going letters and once approved will then send it out.

The registrar is also a member of the secretariat and therefore is to attend the monthly meetings. Because I live 3 hours from Regina I usually participate by teleconference. I look forward to our up coming three day weekend and hope that I will be able to help in some way. I thank everyone for their support it has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Nisbet-Wall

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Currently, there are two bank accounts opened in connection with the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle Cursillo Movement – the General Account (maintained by the Diocese on our behalf) and the Petty Cash Account (maintained at Affinity Credit Union). The Clergy Holding Account (which, in the past, has been maintained by the Diocese on our behalf, to fund clergy attendance at weekends) currently has no funds in it.

General Account (maintained by the Diocese on our behalf)

Opening Balance	\$3,687.40
Income	\$2,915.00
Expense	<u>\$3,107.26</u>
Difference	<u>\$ 192.26</u>
Closing Balance	<u>\$3,495.14</u>

Although there was no Cursillo weekend this past year, the venue deposits were flowed through this account. A deposit and refund from the Calling Lakes Centre happened in the early part of the year and in September we were able to issue a deposit rental to Echo Lake Bible Camp for

the next Cursillo weekend this upcoming September. The closing balance is slightly less than last year.

Remember this account that pays the majority of the expenses incurred by the Cursillo Movement and not just weekend costs. It is imperative that when we discern about our donations that we keep the Diocese of Qu'Appelle Cursillo Movement in mind.

Petty Cash Account

Opening Balance	\$377.07
Income	\$363.10
Expenses	<u>\$233.83</u>
Closing Balance	<u>\$505.34</u>

This year this account has been bolstered by the income from Ultreyas. The only expenses paid out of this account this year were for supplies at our summer barbeque. Please note that there is an outstanding cheque to the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat for \$273.00 that represents our 2014 CACS registration fees.

DATED: January 16, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Kapasky
Treasurer

Servant Community

Servant Community is the arm of the Cursillo movement that gets the work done, outside of the Secretariat which makes the decisions under the authority of the Bishop. Servant community, for example, includes the people on our various committees, and those that come forward to work on events. We are a small enough movement that a lot of the Secretariat Cursilistas are also on the ground getting stuff done.

The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS), charged with helping Diocesan movements remain authentic to the Cursillo method recommends that the folks that do work in Cursillo come together periodically to learn more about Cursillo methods.

Two Diocesan Cursillo events were held this year. A Day of Deeper Understanding was organized by Catherine Harper in Moose Jaw in February. Evaluations were excellent. It is wonderful when people can say that they learned AND were spiritually fed and supported. In May, two experts in Cursillo from CACS came to come and hold a 2 day

workshop on building and sustaining our Cursillo movement, in an authentic and faith filled way. We opened the event to Dioceses around Qu'Appelle without Cursillo movements and did get some interest and a representative from Saskatchewan Diocese, under the direction of their Bishop.

Thank you to Linda Kapasky, Kate Berringer, Liz Turnbull, Catherine Reichel and Arthur and Marion Persson for helping to make this latter event happen, along with those of you who graciously provided Christian hospitality to both the speakers and the attendees.

We are looking for someone to chair this committee. There is lots of information on what to do for this position. Please consider it! We are a very helpful and supportive group!

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Marz

Communications Committee

In early 2014, Lloyd Begley retired from the chair position, having done a fine job for several years. I took this up briefly the end of this year to update the website. It is now pretty current, with a few links that still need to be established, since the webmaster had to relocate site on a new server last year. A Sparks in the Stubble newsletter was prepared and posted to the web, with an email notice. We over 170 hits on the website after that! Thanks to Alex Marz, not a Cursillista (but related to one), for being our faithful webmaster.

We do need a Communications chair this year, as I have served on Secretariat now for 6 years, and by laws say it is time for refreshment and I am past due date! Please consider this. The website is on a blog application called Word Press which is fairly simple to edit. I mean if I can do it. I would say required knowledge is how to use your browser, some word processing, and ability to cut and paste! Trust me, I had no more skills than that when I started.

I was thinking it would be a good idea to get a representative from the Yorkton/White Wood area, Swift Current, Maple Creek, Eston area and Regina Moose Jaw area. Responsibilities would be to communicate with each other about what is happening of interest to Cursillistas. We should have more Cursillista input into our communications!

Respectfully submitted

Carol Marz