



# Rooster Tales

## NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

*Please copy and share this Newsletter with all Secretariat members and Cursillistas in your Diocese.*

### 2015 CAC TRIENNIAL AND GENERAL MEETING

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE 2015 CANADIAN ANGLICAN CURSILLO TRIENNIAL AND GENERAL MEETING BEING HELD AUGUST 28-30, IN LEWISPORTE (NEAR GANDER), NEWFOUNDLAND? The theme for this gathering is "A Closer Walk with God".**



The Cursillistas of Central Newfoundland are waiting to welcome you there and to show you that famous Newfoundland hospitality. It's also a fantastic time to enjoy fellowship with others from across the country and to learn about what is happening in Cursillo. Bishop Eddie Marsh is the keynote speaker and there will be three workshops relating to prayer and Cursillo.

*You can find Program Information & Registration forms at [www.anglicancursillo.ca](http://www.anglicancursillo.ca)*

#### GLEANINGS FROM CURSILLO MOVEMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY:

##### **Central Newfoundland** – ([www.cursilloadcn.org](http://www.cursilloadcn.org))

The Movement is keeping Ultreyas going but having trouble getting participants for Weekends. Their Bishop David Torraville wrote a letter of confirmation of Cursillo to be read in every Parish in the Diocese and he designated April 26<sup>th</sup> as Cursillo Sunday. The Cursillistas there are very busy preparing to host the 2015 Canadian Anglican Cursillo Triennial and General Meeting in Lewisporte, August 28-30, 2015. *Thank you Central Newfoundland!!*

*Co-Ed Weekends – June 18-21, 2015*

*Prayer Request: Pray for their whole Cursillo Community and the Servant Community in particular as they work toward a successful CAC Triennial. Pray also that the Lord will continue to raise up people to attend Cursillo weekends.*

##### **Western Newfoundland**

The Movement held a successful Day of Deeper Understanding in September of last year. They are setting up a Servant Community and are excited to get that up and running, believing it will help revitalize their Movement.

*Weekend Planned: Co-ed May 2014*

*Co-Ed Weekends: - October 9 – 12, 2015*

*Prayer Request: Please continue to pray for the health of the Movement and that having a Servant Community will help breathe new life into our Cursillo.*

*For information about this Movement contact the Lay Director([marie.m326@gmail.com](mailto:marie.m326@gmail.com))*

##### **Nova Scotia/PEI** – ([www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org](http://www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org))

A successful Cursillo Day was held in May 2014 and a Women's Weekend in November at a new venue for the Movement. They were disappointed that no one felt called to lead a Men's weekend. They are hoping to get Ultreyas

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up and running again on Cape Breton Island as some from there have been asking to get them going again. Another Cursillo Day is planned for June 2015. They are excited about their new Website recently gone "live".

Weekends: Men's – October 22-25, 2015\*      Women's – October 22-25, 2015\*

\* Separate weekends being held at the same location.

Prayer Request: *Pray for the men of the Diocesan Movement that someone will step forward to lead the Men's weekend. Pray also for the numbers to increase at Ultreyas.*

**Note:** *At the writing of this Newsletter, God has blessed the Movement by providing leadership for the upcoming Men's weekend. Praise God!!*

### **Fredericton**– ([www.anglican.nb.ca](http://www.anglican.nb.ca))

Cursillo is "inactive" in the Diocese of Fredericton at this time as they have no functioning Secretariat; they are not holding weekends; there is only one Ultreya happening; and only one or two group reunions.

Prayer request: *Pray that the new Bishop will see the blessing that Cursillo can be in the Diocese and for a "rebooting" of the Movement.*

### **Ottawa** – ([www.oacm.ca](http://www.oacm.ca))

Ottawa had a good Welcome Back Ultreya after the Women's Weekend. Their Men's Weekend was postponed due to low numbers. They attended their Synod to speak about Cursillo and handed out brochures, sign-up sheets and had members speak to any interested Clergy and others. While at Synod they led Morning Prayer on Saturday morning. They also updated their letter home to new Cursillistas telling them how they can serve Cursillo after their weekends. They are updating their Weekend manuals. They also held a Diocesan-wide workshop in April 2015 for those who have been to Cursillo as well as those who have yet experienced a weekend.

Weekends: Men's: November 5-8, 2015      Women: November 19-22, 2015

Prayer Request: *Quite simply, please pray for them.*

### **Niagara & Huron**- ([www.niagaracursillo.org](http://www.niagaracursillo.org))

Huron is in the process of planning its first Weekend in many years. Huron had two seats on Niagara secretariat as liaison members since Cursillo was closed in Huron. It is the will of the Bishop of Huron to reactivate Cursillo which he sees as being on the cutting edge of Ministry and fitting into their Diocesan Plan. There has been much discussion with the Bishops of both Dioceses and Cursillo to continue to be a joint ministry with two Dioceses and one Secretariat. They have to re-think how they do things but it is a very exciting time and certainly the answer to many years of prayer and effort. A Renewal Week was held in April 2015. An Ultreya is being planned for July 2015 at the Mohawk Chapel in the Huron Diocese which will be a joint event with Niagara Diocese.

Weekend Planned: Co-ed April 28-May 21, 2016 (in Huron with joint Huron/Niagara team and participants).

Prayer Request: *Pray for Huron's continued growth and for the ongoing issue of attracting men to Cursillo.*

### **Algoma - Temiskaming Deanery**

There was no report from this area for the Spring Meeting of CACS.

### **Qu'Appelle** – ([www.quappellecursillo.org](http://www.quappellecursillo.org))

Secretariat hosted an evening of music and workshop at a Diocesan event. They talked about Cursillo and had a gentle witness talk. It was deemed very successful. They have updated their website and have studied the CACS guidelines at their Secretariat Meetings and found that very useful.

Co-ed Weekend: September 17-20, 2015

Prayer Request: *Pray for candidates for the upcoming weekend who are thinking about making their Cursillo. Please pray that they have been chosen with care and that they are already leaders in their community.*

### **Edmonton**– ([www.edmontoncursillo.ca](http://www.edmontoncursillo.ca))

Not much communication has taken place recently but they held a workshop back in March 2014 which was well attended and confirmed a strong and positive support for Cursillo with rich feedback. They have yet to put into action the ideas formulated. They feel one of their largest issues is that of planning for Ultreyas in a very busy community.

Co-ed Weekend held: May 21-24, 2015

Prayer Request: *Secretariat recruitment and ways to bring the ideas from the workshop to fruition.*





**Calgary** – ([www.cursillo.ab.ca](http://www.cursillo.ab.ca))

They have a new Lay Director and Spiritual Director.

Weekends held: Men's Weekend – April 23-26, 2015 Women's: - April 29-May 3, 2015

Prayer Request: *No request at this time.*

**BC & the Yukon**- ([www.cursillobc.com](http://www.cursillobc.com))

There are two active Ultreyas north of the Malahat and the area to the south is trying to revitalize.

Some areas are doing very well, others not. A camping weekend is being planned for August at which an Island wide Ultreya and pot luck will be hosted. They are looking at their Movement through a series of questions set out to Group Reunions. Answers are being collated and will be used for future planning.

Co-ed Weekend held: February 19-22, 2015

Prayer Request: *Please continue to pray for the revitalization of Cursillo in their diocese.*

*For those looking to connect with members of CACS and for all CACS guideline papers, you can find us at: [www.anglicancursillo.com](http://www.anglicancursillo.com)*

### **April 2015 CACS Meeting in Ottawa**

The Spring 2015 CACS meeting was held in the Diocese of Ottawa, April 19-21. The meetings took place at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Nepean. Thanks to the congregation and Rector of St. Stephen's for welcoming us into their space for our CACS meeting.

The following "New" Guideline Papers were approved:

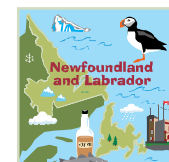
1. *Cursillo and Potential Liability Issues*- At last, after working on this document for some time and receiving legal advice, we now have this new guideline. All Lay Directors have been sent a copy of this document as it will be on the Agenda for discussion with them at the upcoming CAC Triennial and General Meeting in August 2015. You can also find it on our Website under "Guidelines"
2. *Servant Community/Leaders School* – This is a new guideline paper and it is the hope of CACS members that this document will help clarify the role of a Servant Community/Leaders School and that many more dioceses will implement this working arm of Secretariat. This is also on the CACS website.

Along with the two new guidelines, you will find "Revised" Guidelines on the CACS website for:

1. *Ultreya* – One item that was emphasized in our discussions on this document was the importance of including Floating Group Reunions in your Ultreyas – otherwise they are not "authentic" Ultreyas as outlined in the guideline. Those Movements where this is not happening are encouraged to take another look at how the Floating Group Reunion is being presented and find ways to reintroduce it so that they might fulfill this part of the Cursillo Method.
2. *Interdenominational Participation in the Anglican Cursillo Movement in Canada* – Although there were not a great number of changes to this document, historical notes, which are no longer pertinent, were removed and there is now a section included on the new Lutheran relationship with the Anglican Church of Canada.

The guideline on *Group Reunion* is being reviewed and will be discussed at the CACS meeting in August 2015.

The upcoming CAC Triennial 2015 which is happening in Gander, Newfoundland from August 28-30, 2015 was also on the agenda. There is excitement building in Central Newfoundland as they prepare for this event. Make sure to get your registration in so the Committee will know the numbers in preparation for meals, rooms, etc.



## *Donations from Individuals to CACS*

The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) is a registered non-profit organization and because of that designation, can provide tax receipts for personal donations towards its work. None of the members of CACS are paid for time spent on CACS activities and all donations are used solely to promote its purpose. We would welcome any and all personal contributions towards the work of CACS. We have had very few personal donations during the past year. Now is your opportunity to make a difference by sending a donation to:



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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



To the members of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo family:

As I am nearing the end of my three year term as Chair of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat, I am thinking about all the wonderful Cursillistas whom I have met from coast to coast to coast. To those across this country who have billeted me and other members of CACS as we met in their community, thank you for your kindness in opening your homes to us and for your gift of hospitality.

I give thanks for each one of you who serve on Secretariats, Servant Communities and Weekend Teams for your ministry in Cursillo and for the joy it has brought to thousands of individuals who have come to know Jesus in a more intimate and personal way. It is through your selfless giving of your time and energy to the ministry of Cursillo that many have found the path to a deeper faith and have found ways to live out that faith in their neighbourhoods and communities. Without your efforts to share God's love with them, their lives would not have been profoundly changed for the better and therefore their environments changed for Christ through them.

No matter how much time you have to invest in helping others find a path to Christ, it will be like the "mustard seed" - it will grow and flourish. You will plant and someone else will water - perhaps you will be the one who comes alongside a person in your neighbourhood, volunteer groups, and work community to speak with them about your faith and your experience of Cursillo. You may not have the opportunity to sponsor them to a weekend but maybe someone else will. You have done the part that God has called you to and someone else is destined to carry the individual the rest of the journey. What matters most is that you do something ... to help change your environment through this gift of inviting others to experience the real presence of the Spirit on a Cursillo weekend and to grow closer to Christ.

Leadership is one area in Cursillo that is crying out for individuals to give of their time and talent. I would ask that you encourage those in your Cursillo community to take a look at what time they might have available and see if they can do something for your Cursillo Movement. They will be so thankful they did because to share in another person's journey of faith is a remarkable gift to give. Someone did the work on Secretariat to keep the flame of Cursillo burning so that they could make a Weekend. Doesn't it make sense then that they should give of their time and talent on the Secretariat, Servant Community and Weekend teams so that others may receive what they have received?

If each of us does our part ... inviting, encouraging, and journeying with others, this Movement could change the church and the world for Christ.

Please know of my abiding prayers for your Movement and for the ministry of Cursillo that you have taken on and for those you encourage to join you in God's work.

Ultreya and Blessings, Victoria Henrikson



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We ask you to continue to pray for each other, the other Cursillo Movements across the country, particularly Fredericton and British Columbia, and for your CAC Secretariat, as we continue to pray for you.

### 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 and 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: The 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 Caledonia
- Sunday Pray for your own Diocesan Movement

***"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Philipians 4:6***

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### Ongoing Programs in Cursillo across the Country

On the Spring 2015 Diocesan Report Form, we asked you to tell us about any ongoing programs that are running in your Diocese. The responses were varied and few:

- ✓ One Movement said they hold their monthly Ultreyas in different parishes each month on a Saturday. They have contact persons in each Parish who provide a communication link between the Parishes and the Ultreya Coordinator.
- ✓ Another told us they held a Day of Deeper Understanding at which there were presentations on Sponsorship, Group Reunion and Ultreya and a "good" discussion on "What Cursillo has done for me/in my life". Attendance was good and there was good feedback.
- ✓ There is one Movement which holds what they call their Annual "Cursillo Day" and are planning for another this year. This day includes a program, prayer, music, fellowship and food.
- ✓ Summer outdoor Ultreyas are held in another Movement complete with a picnic and service. The attendance is good and the event is enjoyed by all.
- ✓ The last response was from a Movement which for the past 17 years has been holding a camping weekend on the long weekend in August. On the Saturday evening, they hold an Ultreya and pot luck.

Hopefully there will be something in these responses which could be useful for your Movement to consider trying.



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## Upcoming Cursillo Weekends



These are the only planned Cursillo Weekends that we are aware at this time:

Central Newfoundland	Co-ed	June 18-21, 2015
Western Newfoundland	Co-ed	October 9-12, 2015
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island		
	Men's	October 22-25, 2015*
	Women's	October 22-25, 2015*
*Being held in the same facility but are not Co-ed Weekends.		
Ottawa	Men's Women's	November 5-8, 2015 November 19-22, 2015
Niagara & Huron	Co-ed	April 24-27 and Oct 30-Nov 2, 2014
Qu'Appelle	Coed	September 17-20, 2015

### C A C S F a c e b o o k P a g e

"Like us" on our Facebook page and spread the joy of being one in fellowship with our brothers and sisters across the country, joined in the sharing of our faith through "make a friend, be a friend and bring your friend to Christ".

*"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*