



**Calendar at a Glance**

- † **AGM** Sept 15th 2013  
3 pm Holy Trinity Fennel Ave. Hamilton
- † **Ultreya** before the Annual General Meeting & Potluck to follow.
- † **Cursillo Learners Workshop** Friday Oct 4 to Sunday Oct 6 at The Church of the Nativity in Hamilton
- † **Weekend # 49**  
April 24-27, 2014  
Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre
- † **Weekend # 50**  
Oct. 30 - Nov.2, 2014  
Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre

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## Rainbow Newsletter

### Lay Director - 2012-2013

We have much for which to be thankful. We have seen evidence of the answer to prayer as Cursillo has grown in leaps and bounds this past year.

In March we had a wonderful celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of Week-ends in Niagara. We were joined by representatives from Huron and Toronto and, of course, Bishop Michael was with us. The hall at St Christopher’s in Burlington was full, the atmosphere was wonderful and the evening closed with joyful singing. It was just what we might expect of a Cursillo gathering. Larry and Jan Collinson organized the event and we owe them thanks for their hard work.

Weekend 48 was a huge success, almost more than we were prepared for, as participants poured in at the last minute. There was scrambling to be done to gather enough team members to serve all the Participants. There were almost three times more people than we expected, judging by past years’ numbers. What a delightful problem to have!

The year brought sadness along with the joys. We gathered to say goodbye to friends, some old, some new but we are confident in the knowledge that we will all be together again. What an Ultreya that will be!

In October I went to Halifax to attend my first Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat meeting. It was a pleasure to get to know the members of the National Secretariat and I was impressed by the generosity of our hosts who billeted us so that we did not drain Cursillo funds with the cost of hotels. The movement is strong in Nova Scotia and that in itself was encouraging. I found it interesting to hear how Cursillo is doing across the country. Some areas are flourishing while others are struggling, just as we were a couple of years ago. The National Secretariat works hard at providing support for each diocese.

## Lay Director

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The second C.A.C.S. meeting was held in April and took us to Vancouver Island, again our hosts were the local Cursillistas who billeted us and fed us and chauffeured us to and from meetings and the airport. I was impressed to see so much generosity of spirit and the principles of Cursillo alive and evident in the lives of those people.

In a few weeks it will be our turn to host the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat and I am certain Niagara will show the rest of Canada that we too know the meaning of Christian Action.

I would like to thank the members of Secretariat for their hard work this year and the wonderful support they have given to me.

Two people have come to the end of their terms and they merit special thanks. John Newton has been Communications Chair and as such has been at the centre of the flow of information. With the growth taking place in Cursillo John has had to keep up with the increased need for information. He has invested many hours updating the website and his voice will be missed at Secretariat meetings. Many thanks John.

Shirley Kitchen has been Weekend Chair and has had to adapt to the changes in Cursillo more than anyone else. Shirley agreed to be Weekend coordinator for the past Weekend and it was her task to lead us through the challenges around the increased enrollment. She did so with her usual grace and patience. Thank you Shirley.

Rev. David Toth has reluctantly resigned from his position due to health issues. We found David to be a wonderful representative for Cursillo and he generously gave us a place to meet and has offered space at Holy Trinity for us next year. We will miss David on Secretariat and ask you to join us in praying for his well-being. Thank you David for your work and support.

We are hosting a Cursillo Learner's Workshop in October and we are planning to hold two Weekends in 2014, one in the spring and one in the fall and so there is much work going on. The growth in Cursillo is exciting and encouraging and what a joy it is to be part of that.

Ultreya,  
Carol Summers

August 2013

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### definition of optimism

- † *Hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something.*
  - † *The doctrine, esp. as set forth by Leibniz, that this world is the best of all possible worlds.*
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## Spiritual Director

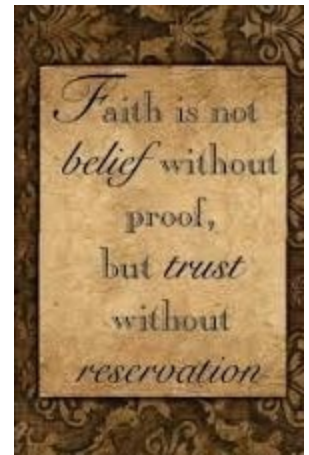
"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." So wrote Charles Dickens as the first line of "A Tale of Two Cities." That phrase characterized for me our Diocesan experience of Cursillo in Niagara in April 2013.

"It was the best of times." Weekend # 48, at which I was privileged to be one of the Spiritual Advisors, introduced 22 participants to Cursillo. This was the biggest group in many years which seemed to be reflected in the volume of enthusiasm within the weekend group and also the support community. We witnessed The Closing as a breath of new life for Cursillo in Niagara and Huron Dioceses.

"It was the worst of times." Immediately following Weekend # 48, we learned of the sudden, tragic death of David Hoover, one of Weekend # 48 participants. Great joy was replaced by deep grief as we found ourselves grappling for understanding and hope, seeking God's guidance in a situation we had never anticipated. I would like to thank Bishop Michael Bird and Archdeacon Michael Patterson for their empathy, concern and support for the Cursillo community during that difficult time.

Despite the sadness of David's passing, hope has reigned throughout the past year. The Weekend reunion Ultreya held April 28, pre-organized by Wendy Beresford who had to be absent herself, was well attended. Ultreyas have flourished in Acton/Milton, Guelph and at the diocesan level. In June Cursillistas in the southern part of the diocese from Ft. Erie to Niagara -on-the-Lake to Grimsby met for an Ultreya and potluck at Grace Church, St. Catharines. Those who met that day expressed a strong desire to plan future Ultreyas in the region. Travel distances may be up to 30 minutes. That did not seem unreasonable as those who attend in Guelph travel from as far as Shelburne and Brantford for their gatherings. We continue to work towards the goal of restarting regular Ultreyas in the Hamilton area.

As Spiritual Director, it is part of my job to encourage clergy to attend Cursillo. Two clergy expressed interest in a presentation to their parish in 2012. One followed through but experienced a conflict with Weekend # 48 dates and a major local event. I am finding that letters and application forms sent to churches are not getting the exposure that we might hope to have. In 2013/2014 I hope we can develop eye catching posters and ensure information is always available in as many parishes as possible. Clergy have expressed to me that it is difficult to clear a weekend to go to Cursillo. I would like to see us work towards providing supply clergy to enable clergy to participate in weekends where back up does not



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*Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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exist. I will continue to share with clergy the value I see in having Cursillistas in my parish. They are the leaven in the dough. Their love for the Creator, empathy for others and enthusiasm for learning more about God and God's purpose for them in this world encourages others to embrace their baptismal vows more fully, too.

I am looking forward to the rich learning that will be offered to us in the Cursillo Learners Workshop presented by our National Cursillo Secretariat October 4 – 5 when we host CACS (Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat).

Stephanie Pellow

September 2013

## ***Huron Liaison***

The training, learning, sharing and growing closer in my walk with Christ are blessings I have received working with Secretariat this past year. The passage from 1 John 5:14-15 NIV was brought to my attention "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him."

Five of the team leaders on Weekend #48 were from Huron and we welcomed five new cursillistas. We praise and thank God for answering prayers and we look forward to what He has in store for us as we continue our walk with Him!

On behalf of all Cursillistas, I extend many thanks to Jessie Johnstone, Holy Trinity Church, St. George for her work and dedication to Cursillo as she has decided to step down from the position of Huron Liaison to the Diocese of Niagara Secretariat. We welcome Gary VanKooten, St. James Church, Ingersoll, who stepped up to fill this position. Gary brings enthusiasm to the leadership of Cursillo and I feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with him. We look forward to upcoming ultreyas in Huron.

Huron Cursillistas have been attending ultreyas in Guelph and have been actively involved by leading the ultreyas, giving witness talks and assisting with the program, along with attending the diocesan ultreyas, day of deeper understanding, and the AGM.

The Cursillo Display Board was displayed at our Synod in London, on May 27th and 28th. Many brochures were distributed. Our goal was to raise awareness of Cursillo in Huron and how it supports the Five Marks of Mission and the Mission of the Diocese of Huron and to encourage cursillistas on their Fourth Day journey.

Respectfully submitted  
Marion Bailey

## Continuing Education

### 30th Anniversary

This year we celebrated 30 Years of Cursillo in the Niagara Diocese with a grand event On Sunday March 17 at St. Christopher's in Burlington. Here we looked back over the history of Cursillo in the Niagara Dioceses and we did learn about ourselves. As we are now working with the Huron Dioceses we learned they and the Toronto Diocese helped us to get started. Many Cursillistas submitted memories of moments from their experiences and we are working to develop a way to publish them for all to see.

### Cursillo Learners Workshop

Mark this next workshop on your calendars, you are not going to want to miss this opportunity. Our Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat is coming to the Niagara Diocese for their biannual meeting. Yes we were asked to host their meeting and as part of this they offer a Cursillo Learners Workshop. Yes; and you are all invited to attend. The workshop will operate from *Friday October 4 to Sunday October 6* at The Church of The Nativity in Hamilton.

Here are some of topics –

How the Fourth Day Fits

Pre Cursillo and the Authentic 3 Day Weekend

The job ahead – You and I

I'm very excited about this workshop and I hope to see a number of you there. We will be providing lunch on Sat. and Sun. and Supper on Sat. all for the low cost of \$40.00.

For more information or to register for this workshop email me at [larry.harrp@gmail.com](mailto:larry.harrp@gmail.com)

Send your Name - email - phone # , and I will respond as quickly as possible.

Space is limited.

Larry Collinson


## Weekend Chair

Looking to the future, Weekend #49 has been scheduled for April 24-27, 2014 at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre in Hamilton. Tim Standish has accepted the job of coordinating the weekend. Please keep him in your prayers as he fulfills this role. For this weekend we will have the use of both the Manor and the Villa along with the school. Our deposit of \$1000 has been submitted.

Interest has been shown in a fall weekend for those who are busy during the spring. So next fall, October 30 to November 2, 2014 we hope to organize Weekend #50 to accommodate them. This weekend will also be at Mount Mary.

Plans have begun for 2015 to have Cursillo Weekend #51 in the spring and our second Renewal Weekend for all Cursillistas in the fall. Dates have not been finalized.

Looking to the past, Weekend #48 took place this year at Mount Mary on April 11-14<sup>th</sup>. The theme was taken from **1 Peter 5:7**, "*Cast all your anxiety on Him for He cares for you.*" The theme song was "*Bless the Lord O my Soul*" by Matt Redman. I was the Coordinator for this weekend; Tim Standish was the



Assistant Coordinator. Our Spiritual Advisors were; Rev. Canon Dr. Mark McDermott, Rev. Stephanie Pellow and Rev. Carole Langlotz. Carol Summers was the Professor and a table enabler. Marion Bailey headed the Palanca team, which has been reinstated, with Kayte McCulloch. Music Director for the weekend was Kristy VanKooten-Bossence, with back up from Margaret Wilding-Denew. Our Support Coordinator was Terry Cousineau with his team; wife Donna, Wendy Beresford, Fred Predon, Kathy Parker and Richard Summers. Tracey Champagne was our Tech-Support with help from Donna Cousineau. Table Enablers were: Renee Anderson, Paulette Switzer, Janice Toth, Susan Little, Ted Moore, Gary VanKooten, Brian Langlotz, Colin Shutt, Sharon Insley, Laurie McDonald and Pat Roberts.

We were blessed to have 22 participants for this weekend.

A few changes were made concerning the running of the Cursillo weekend. We recognized the importance of prayer for the weekend and reinstated the Palanca Team as mentioned above. This allows the Support Team more time to deal with the many tasks that they need to fulfill. This weekend saw an abundance of prayer requests by all on the weekend, so it appears to have been a good decision. Support and Palanca continue to be part of the community, sharing meals and worship with everyone.

This year we also continued the change begun last weekend of returning the Mananita to the earlier time. The Wider Community met at 6:15 a.m. to greet the participants in song. This seems to work well as people need to get back to their own churches to worship.

One other change was to reinstate the Break In. The wider community had been asked to meet in the Chapel. It was then realized that with the large number of participants we were not going to fit in the Chapel for the Closing. The Closing was moved to the gym and the Wider Community joined us with the Break In. It was a wonderful welcome to participants.

I have come to the end of my term on Secretariat and my position as Weekend Chair. I have enjoyed this ministry and working with such a wonderful group of Cursillistas. God bless you all and thanks for all of the support and encouragement I have received over the years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Kitchen

## **Communications**

As I write this, it is the last few days of a second term as the Communications Chair. My time serving you through Secretariat has been life and faith affirming but not without challenges of course.

I've written previously of some of those challenges, and it occurs that perhaps I haven't shared much of how it has affirmed my belief, faith and 4th day journey. Without going on at too much length, let me say that I can only hope in some small way to have shared and uplifted you on your journey as I have received from you. I have benefitted greatly from the small service I have offered you.

I offer my thanks and appreciation to everyone for your support and guidance.

Ultreya!  
John Newton

# CURSILLO LEARNERS

## Workshop

A service provided by the

**Canadian Anglican**

**Cursillo Secretariat**



Fri. Oct. 4 to Sun. Oct. 6  
The Church of The Nativity  
1831 King St. E. Hamilton



Register on-line at [larry.harrp@gmail.com](mailto:larry.harrp@gmail.com)

Or call 905-545-4285

Cost \$40.00

Space is Limited

**Niagara Anglican Cursillo Movement**  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Held Sunday, September 16th 2012  
Holy Trinity Church, Hamilton at 3:00pm

**Call to order**

Carol Summers, Lay Director and Chair called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Rev. Stephanie Pellow led the opening prayer.

**2. Welcome**

Carol asked if everyone had signed the attendance record. All 20 people in attendance signed the sheet.

**3. Minutes of the previous AGM**

*MOTION: Marion Bailey/Tim Timbers*

*"that the minutes of the September 11th 2011 Annual General Meeting, as published in the Rainbow and amended, be accepted."* - CARRIED

**4. The Lay Director's Report – submitted by Carol Summers**

Although all reports were published in the September Rainbow, Carol decided that the reports would be read since not everyone in attendance had read the September Rainbow. Carol read the Lay Director's Report.

There have been 7 meetings of Secretariat over the past year. Carol explained that although there were no elections this year that Shirley Kitchen (Weekend Chair) and John Newton (Communications Chair) would be completing their final terms of office and that individuals were needed to fill these roles. If anyone was interested or knew of anyone who might be interested they were encouraged to contact any of the Secretariat members. Carol explained the length of office for the positions on Secretariat.

**5. The Spiritual Director's Report – submitted by Rev. Stephanie Pellow**

Stephanie read her report. One idea which Stephanie took from the Triennial Meeting was that we will not be able to attract younger people if we are always reminiscing and looking back. We need to be more youthful in outlook; to plan and look ahead with the kind of optimism that says the glass is half full rather than half empty.

**6. Committee Reports from Secretariat were all published in the September Rainbow.**

**a) Huron Report – submitted by Marion Bailey and Jess Johnstone**

Report was read by Marion Bailey. Awareness of Cursillo in Huron Diocese has been raised with two successful Ultreyas which were well attended.

Marion has the Cursillo display board for promotional activity in Huron.

**b) Communications Report – submitted by John Newton**

Report was read by Wendy Beresford for John since he was not in attendance. Nothing further was added to the report.

**c) Weekend Chair Report – submitted by Shirley Kitchen**

Report was read by Nyle Armstrong for Shirley since she was not in attendance. Nothing further was added to the report.

*MOTION: Gary Van Kooten/Renee Anderson*

*"that the reports as written and published in the Rainbow be accepted."*

CARRIED



Carol was very pleased to announce that **Shirley Kitchen** would be the **Weekend #48 Coordinator**. **Weekend #48 will be held April 11-14th, 2013 at Mount Mary in Ancaster.**

## **7. Treasurer's Report for 2011/2012 and Budget for 2012/2013**

Carol Summers gave an overview of the statements in Deanna Ross' absence.

Carol explained that due to Deanna's illness that Carol had the financial documents in her possession for part of the year. Now that Deanna is feeling better, she is resuming her duties as Treasurer beginning with the Treasurer's Report.

### **a) Financial Statement**

The left column reflects expenses over the past year and the right column is the budgeted expenses for this coming year.

The amount for the Triennial Conference is misleading (\$738) The actual cost to Cursillo was \$439.00 (\$299 for registration plus \$140 for gas). Stephanie and Carol each paid half of their costs as Cursillo would pay the costs for only for one person, the voting member, to attend and they felt it was important for both Lay and Spiritual Director to be at the Conference.

Carol agreed that some confusion may arise because the expenses were not broken down in the budget. Gary Van Kooten asked what the balance was in the bank since that number did not appear on the Financial Statement. As of the end of August there was \$8680.56 in the account.

### **b) Budget**

Rev. Stephanie brought it to our attention that the next Triennial Conference would be held in Newfoundland. With this in mind Tim Timbers suggested that a third of the projected amount be budgeted over the next 3 years. Sharon Insley made a motion

*MOTION: Sharon Insley/Terry Cousineau*

*"that the amount of \$400 per year over the next 3 years be budgeted for the next Triennial Conference held in Newfoundland"*

*All in favour – no abstentions CARRIED*

Gary Van Kooten wanted clarification on funds for CACS. What if the amount of \$400 was not enough to send our representative? Since the next Triennial is not for three years it was agreed that there would be time to address that issue at other AGM's.

Sharon Insley inquired if there would be an increase in the cost of the Weekend since Weekend #48 will be held in the manor at Mount Mary. Marion and Larry indicated that the amount will stay the same as the previous year since this was all booked in advance.

*MOTION: Tim Timbers/Gary Van Kooten*

*"that the Budget for 2012/2013 as amended be accepted" All in favour – no abstentions CARRIED*

### **8) Positions on Secretariat**

As mentioned earlier this is Shirley Kitchen's (Weekend Chair) and John Newton's (Communications Chair) last term and that we will need replacements. Communications Chair needs to be web-familiar and knowledgeable about producing newsletters.

Everyone on Secretariat will be finishing their second year and will be asked if they will be staying on. Larry Collinson pointed out that the correct procedure would be to still elect them and have them voted in again.

**9. Other Business and Announcements**

**a) 30 Year Anniversary of Niagara Cursillo**

This year will mark 30 years since the first Weekend in Niagara was conducted (March 17-20, 1983). Carol asked for ideas in planning a celebration. Larry made the motion

*MOTION: Larry Collinson/Donna Cousineau*

*"that a committee to make plans for 30 year celebrations be formed" - CARRIED*

Larry also showed us two booklets titled "Cursillo: the first 10 years" and "Cursillo: the next 10 years" which highlighted pictures and information regarding all the Weekends during those time periods. We need another to cover the past 10 years. He said that this would be a nice project for the committee to undertake.

Carol explained that this committee would need to communicate to Secretariat what their plans were.

**b) Announcements**

Stephanie made an announcement that Leader's School would be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012. This was for anyone who was interested in being on the team for the next Weekend or in the future. Attendance to be strongly encouraged.

10) **The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.** Stephanie Pellow led us in prayer. Following the meeting there was an Ultreya with Eucharist and a potluck dinner.

**Important Dates**

November 19, 2012

Leader's School to be held at Holy Trinity, Hamilton

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

April 11- 14, 2013

Weekend #48 is to be held at Mount Mary, Ancaster.

**Date Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

Carol Summers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lay Director

Nyle Armstrong: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

cc: Bishop Michael Bird - Niagara Diocese  
Bishop Robert Bennett - Huron Diocese  
Archdeacon Michael Patterson

## Lay Director's Report

My work this year as Lay Director has certainly taken over my time but I want you all to know how privileged I feel to have been soaking in the spirit of this movement of God.

I must begin by thanking the members of Secretariat for their work and support of Cursillo during the past year. It has been wonderful getting to know these people you wisely voted into leadership positions. Secretariat appointed Larry Collinson to the Continuing Education chair as that position was open. Larry brings years of experience and knowledge to the role which is greatly appreciated.

We held our regular meetings at Holy Trinity, Hamilton, thanks to David Toth who is Rector there. Secretariat held seven formal meetings during the past year and we have had many discussions through email. This edition of the Rainbow contains reports from the various "chairs" which will describe the work which has been done during the past year.

There are no elections necessary this year, however this will be Shirley Kitchen's final year as Weekend Chair and John Newton is also in his final term as Communications Chair, so we will be looking for people to fill those roles. If you are interested in either of these positions, or know someone who is, or might be, please talk to any member of Secretariat, we would be delighted to discuss it.

Rev. Stephanie Pellow and I went to Ottawa for the Triennial Conference. The speaker, Rev. Charles Owens, has a huge church in South Carolina. He talked about the Weekend, pointing out the significance of everything we do as he unfolded the Weekend for us. Sometimes we get so caught up in all the details we miss the overall design. He made various points which we will bring to the discussions as we plan the next Weekend.

Elections to the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat were held during the conference and I was elected as one of the two members from Ontario, the other one coming from Ottawa. Our first meeting takes place in Halifax in October and I look forward to working with the other members from across the country.

Over the past year I have been asked quite regularly where I get the energy to do this work and also fulfill my other commitments, which were keeping me very busy before this role popped onto to "To Do" list. I cannot take the credit. I am most definitely not a superwoman but simply one who follows the Lord's leading. I trust that God will not give me more than I can handle. Enthusiasm helps too. I am by nature enthusiastic. I was always caught up by things that were of interest to me and was raised to believe that "if a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing well." I thought I might grow out of this tendency towards enthusiasm as I matured and, I assumed, became more sophisticated but it appears that I am not going to become "cool"!

I looked up the definition of enthusiasm and found the following - *"intense enjoyment, interest, or approval...religious fervour supposedly resulting directly from divine inspiration - origin- C17- from French enthousiasme-or via late Latin from Greek enthousiasmos, from enthous meaning "possessed by a God"*.

So, maybe being enthusiastic is not such a bad thing after all. The sophisticated world may look down on enthusiastic people but God inspires them, the Oxford English Dictionary even says so!

In this past year I have met many Cursillistas, on Secretariat, at Ultreyas, funerals, the Weekend, and at the Triennial Conference in Ottawa. I am struck by the similarities in the individual stories, diverse though they are. I saw people moved to tears, to great joy and thankfulness for what had happened in their lives. They had all attended a Weekend, some were very reluctant to do so, but God had reached deeply into their lives and wakened them to His presence. Their lives were enriched beyond measure. The changes in their commitment to God and the Church were profound. They were enthusiastic, in the best sense of the word.

So as we look back at the past year and forward to the beginning of another year – our thirtieth- of Cursillo in Niagara, know that we are spending our time and energy on something worthwhile, which produces results. Keep up the good work, spread the news, our God is alive and well and working through Cursillo. Don't be ashamed to be enthusiastic, it's a gift given for us to use so that we may have the energy, and find the time, to do His work.

Ultreya,

Carol Summers  
15th August 2012

### **Spiritual Director's Report**

As I write this report for our Annual Meeting in September, I have just returned from a month at a cottage on Lake Simcoe. I feel rested and refreshed by a time spent close to nature and in the company of good friends and family members. It is hard to soak up this feeling and keep the memory close through the other eleven months of the year when things can be more active and exciting but also hectic and harried. However, I can rely on other times of refreshment that are the gifts of our loving Creator. There is the Sabbath rest; the time when God calls us apart to rest, pray, clear our heads and focus on the wonder of life on earth. There is also the rest and refreshment that we have in our Cursillo method: time for reflection in the company of a trusted small group and Ultreya to encourage and uphold us. Since our meeting last September, our Secretariat and Cursillistas have been active in planning and holding events to encourage each of us to invite others to explore their faith through Cursillo. We held a successful Day of Deeper Understanding in October 2011. Although we were not able to enjoy the contributions of a native drummer as planned, we had opportunities to deepen our spiritual lives and learn new skills through Rev. Brian Galligan's presentation on "Lectio Divina" and the Listening Skills Workshop. Watch for a Leaders' School day being planned for later this year.

The Diocesan Ultreyas were well planned, enjoyable and helpful. Thank you to all who gave witness talks and responses as well as our musicians and organizers. We are happy to report that regional Ultreyas have continued in Milton/Acton, Oakville and Guelph. Ultreyas have now been held in Huron Diocese and are being planned for Fort Erie. We are working towards the goal of restarting regular Ultreyas in the Hamilton.

Our Secretariat has been able to communicate effectively with our Diocesan Resource Centre personnel so that our mailings are distributed through the diocesan system and notices can be posted to the diocesan website more easily. Those responsible for congregational development are suggesting Cursillo to parish leaders. I have also contacted clergy by mail, at meetings and informal gatherings. Weekend # 47 in May introduced new participants to Cursillo. The group was small but we had a sense of the Spirit

working mightily among us over the weekend. Hearty thanks to the many Cursillistas who supported the Moonlight, prayer vigil, Mananita and Closing.

Finally, in late June, I was privileged to accompany our Lay Director, Carol Summers, to the Triennial Conference of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo in Ottawa. Carol and I learned a lot of new music and heard challenging talks. A former school principal of mine used to say if you got one good idea out of a professional development session that was enough. What stood out for me was part of one of the addresses by the Rev. Chuck Owens from South Carolina, U.S.A. He said, "The difference between older people and younger people is that older people tend to look back while younger people look ahead." Like the church, Cursillo for many reasons, has a preponderance of older people. If we are always reminiscing and looking back to "the good ol' days," we will not be able to attract younger people. They simply won't understand why we think the way we do. So, I am challenging myself and praying for God's help to be more youthful in my outlook; to plan and look ahead with the kind of optimism that says the glass is half full rather than half empty, to live as though I have more life ahead of me than behind. After all, Jesus came that we might have abundant life.

Stephanie Pellow

### **Huron Liaison Report**

Weekend # 47 was encouraging for the Huron diocese. Three of the team leaders were from Huron and we welcomed another new Cursillistas. The Day of Deeper Understanding, held in Oakville, was well attended by the Huron Cursillistas despite the travel distance. In addition, the enthusiasm created there encouraged two Ultreyas – the first held in June and the second to be held on August 19th in Ingersoll. There were 28 guests at the June Ultreya in Brantford and the newest Huron Cursillista gave the witness talk. Thanks to the musicians and folks from Niagara who supported this event.

Huron Cursillistas have been attending Ultreyas in Guelph and have been actively involved with leading the Ultreyas, giving witness talks and assisting with the program.

We displayed the Cursillo Display Board at our Synod in London, on May 28th and 29th. Many brochures were distributed. Our goal was to raise awareness of Cursillo in Huron and how it supports the Five Marks of Mission and the Mission of the Diocese of Huron. The display board is now in Ingersoll as we continue to promote Cursillo and to turn non active Cursillistas into active members again.

Respectfully submitted

Marion Bailey

### **Communications Report**

It's been my hope that communications with and among Cursillistas in this Diocese and wider, would flourish and be source of fellowship, trust and community. Communication is best received and provided when it is requested and relevant.

Earlier this year we began emailing the Rainbow Newsletter, weekend information along with news and updates regarding Cursillo events & Ultreyas using an Email List Manager - MailChimp.com. Mail Chimp is relatively easy to use, allows you to store up to 2,000 subscribers & send up to 12,000 emails per month without a charge. If you haven't received an email recently your email address may have changed or your email service may have denied the email before it landed in your in box. If you have changed your email address, or just haven't been receiving any email from Niagara Cursillo please send an email to : [communications@niagaracursillo.org](mailto:communications@niagaracursillo.org)

If you would like to be added to our email list and haven't previously received our communications please visit this page, < <http://eepurl.com/IP4dz> > fill in the fields, hit the submit button. You will receive a confirmation request email, to confirm that you did indeed make the request, simply click on the link (or copy and paste the link if clicking it doesn't work for you) and you're done!

Ultreya!

John Newton

### **Weekend Report**

Weekend #47 took place at Mount Mary in Ancaster this past May. What a Spirit filled weekend it was from all reports! The Theme Song was "How Can I Keep From Singing" and the music was one of the highlights of the weekend. Thanks to Kristy Van Kooten Bossence and her team. Pat Roberts from Oakville was Coordinator, John Newton from Fort Erie was Assistant Coordinator and Marion Bailey from Huron Diocese was Support Coordinator.

We had three clergy, Rev. David Toth, Rev. Stephanie Pellow and Rev. Brian Galligan, which worked very well and a wonderful team. And we welcome seven new Cursillistas; Jane French, Sharon Mashinter, Kathryn McCulloch, Diane Preston, Jennifer Settle, Colin Shutt and Tim Timbers.

Now we look forward to the upcoming weekend, Weekend #48. Mark your calendars for April 11th to the 14th 2013 and please keep this weekend in your prayers and consider whom you would like to sponsor. We will be at Mount Mary again. The facility seems to work so well for our purposes, but this time we will stay in the Manor. If you are interested in serving on this weekend, be sure to let Secretariat know. The team is already coming together, but it helps us to know who might be interested for this and future weekends.

And I repeat as I mentioned in my last report, you all know a Cursillo Weekend cannot happen without the help of all of you who are Cursillistas. Mark your calendars and make a commitment to help out in some of the many ways that are needed. The team needs your help to: pray for the weekend, set up at the beginning of the weekend, prepare for the Agape Dinner and clean up after and to help with packing up after the Closing. Many hands make light work and a whole lot of fun!! You also will be a blessing to the participants as you support the participants with Palanca, take part in the Mananita and/or the Closing welcoming our new Cursillistas.

Ultreya,

Shirley Kitchen  
Weekend Chair

**NIAGARA ANGLICAN CURSILLO  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2012  
HOLY TRINITY, 120 FENNEL AVE. EAST, HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
3:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

- 1) Call to Order – Welcome and opening prayer
- 2) Attendance book – sign in
- 3) Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sept. 11th 2011
  - a) Any errors or omissions
  - b) Motion to accept minutes
- 4) Lay Director's Report
- 5) Spiritual Director's Report
- 6) Committee Reports – discussion and motion to accept
- 7) Treasurer's Report
  - a) Financial Statements
  - b) Budget for 2012 – 2013. Motion and Discussion
- 8) Positions on Secretariat – no elections this year
- 9) Any other business – announcements
- 10) Closing prayer and adjournment

Following the meeting there will be an Ultreya, with a Eucharist and a Potluck Supper.

<b><u>Niagara Anglican Cursillo</u></b>		
<b>Profit And Loss</b>		
		<b>Jul '12 - Jun 13</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>40000 · INCOME</b>		
40001 · Cursillo -Week-end Fees		8,655.00
40002 · Cursillo PPD Donations		2,982.00
40003 · Donations		2,589.00
40005 · Cursillo Church Offering		956.20
<b>Total 40000 · INCOME</b>		<b>15,182.20</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>15,182.20</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>60001 · EXPENSES</b>		
60003 · Bank Service Charges		136.42
60008 · Dues and Subscriptions		300.00
60017 · Postage		336.85
60018 · Printing		192.10
60019 · Cursillo Mount St. Mary #47		13,386.55
60020 · Training		200.00
60021 · 30TH Celebration		1,366.00
60023 · Cursillo expenses		259.31
60024 · Cursillo #48 Deposit		1,000.00
<b>Total 60001 · EXPENSES</b>		<b>17,177.23</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>17,177.23</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>(1,995.03)</b>



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