



The RAINBOW

Niagara Anglican Cursillo Newsletter

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CURSILLO CALENDAR

Sept 12	AGM & Commissioning of New Secretariat 3:00pm Church of the Nativity
March 31 – April 3, 2011	Weekend 46 Mount Mary, Ancaster

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We welcome submissions from readers as viewpoints, faith journey stories, book reviews, news and coming events from parishes.

All submissions must include a name, telephone number or e-mail for verification purposes. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for content and length.

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From Our Lay Director

Nancy Harris

I can hardly believe that another year has passed and that I am completing my first year as Lay Director. It has been a good year. Secretariat has worked hard. We put on two weekends. The first being held in November 2009 with Marion Bailey as Weekend Coordinator and the second weekend held in April 2010 with Larry Collinson as Weekend Coordinator.

Plans are underway for the next weekend which will be held in Spring 2011. I am very pleased to announce that **Sharon Insley** has accepted to be the Weekend Coordinator. Please keep her in your prayers as she puts her team together.

Secretariat members have had a little break in July from our regular monthly meetings. We will be getting together again in August at which time we will be putting together the 2010-2011 budget and getting ready for the AGM on September 12th, 2010.

I have attended several Regional Ultreyas in my first term as Lay Director. I will be continuing to do this. I am pleased to note that there has been an increase in attendance at the active Regional Ultreyas. We at Secretariat are hopeful that there will be even greater activity at the Regional levels.

I thank all members of Secretariat for their work over the past year. There are 3 members of Secretariat that will be completing their terms in September 2010. They are **Susan Little, Jan Collinson and Laurie McDowell**. Susan & Jan have completed 4 years and Laurie has completed 2 years. Their dedication to Secretariat is appreciated.

I look forward to seeing as many as possible at the upcoming AGM on Sept. 12th, 2010 and I look forward to serving as your Lay Director for another year.

Ultreya and God Bless,

Nancy Harris

FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

REV SUSAN WELLS

Report not available. Report will be provided at the AGM.

Huron Liaison

The Cursillo movement continues in Huron diocese. The light of Christ in the Cursillo way shines from various spots in the large diocese – from North to South, Westward to East.

We hear from the deanery of The Bruce, that they are active in their 4th day walk in various ministries & diligently being aware of the next weekend in the spring of 2011 for some more candidates. Two “graduates of Niagara weekend” sponsored by Tobermory group were asked to be on the spring weekend of Ontario Diocese as they are now residing there. The seeds continue to grow!!

Weekend 45, there were 2 graduates of Huron joining the Cursillo community, & 3 working on team.

A group has been attending Ultreyas regularly with the Guelph Ultreya over the last year. We have found it to be very Faith restorative & educational. Accounts of the action in each others lives continue to encourage each other, surprise us & fill us with joy. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are visible in each other.

We continue with our small group reunions. Marion , Lue , Liz & Renee continue to meet in House church setting each Wednesday evening. We all find strength & encouragement in our grouping.

God's Love & Ultreya

Jess Johnstone, Holy Trinity, St George.
Marion Bailey, Grace, Brantford

A Word from the Treasurer

We made it through another year! What a year it was. We had two weekends and we still managed to come out in the black. I would like to thank you all for your donations, time and talent.

The next fiscal year promises to be another exciting one with some Continuing Education planned a weekend in March and who knows what else God will lead us to do.

The Loonie and Toonie banks that are used towards the sponsorship fund were down this year, however sponsorship donations were up as were general donations. For those who do not know, the sponsorship fund is used to pay for the new Cursillistas weekends. This upward trend is one I would like to see repeated for years to come.

Please remember all donation received are charitable donations and you will receive a receipt at the end of the year. If you have a change of address, please don't forget to notify me so the receipt will get to you. If you would like to make a donation, or get a bank, please contact me at dduck48@hotmail.com. If you would like to go on the Pre Authorized Giving Plan, forms can be found on our web page or contact me and I will send you one. This is where the Diocese takes a specified amount of money (can be a dollar or two or more) out of your bank account monthly. This form of donation is a great help to us because it helps us meet our monthly expenses.

Thank you once again and let's keep up the great work.

Jan Collinson
Treasurer

Nominations for Secretariat

It is with deep regret that the Nominating Committee has no names to put forward for Secretariat. Our efforts to get people to stand have come up empty. It is not too late. If you are interested, please contact me at dduck48@hotmail.com or any member of secretariat and we can tell you about our duties. It is a wonderful, fulfilling job.

Please give this some prayerful thought.

Jan Collinson
Nominating Committee Chair

Member-at-Large

I began my first year as Member-at-large for Secretariat last fall after missing the 2009 AGM because of previous commitments and wondering what I might contribute to Cursillo. It has been a busy year so far.

Laura McKenzie and I attended Synod in November to represent Cursillo Niagara. We had some good conversations with those attending and felt it was a worthwhile time. Laura put together a collage of pictures on the display board and printed up 'save the date' bookmarks for the upcoming weekend which we handed out. It was a good experience.

Larry Collinson asked me to be part of the Support Team for Weekend #44 this past November. It, too, was a wonderful experience to see the way that God touched those attending. For anyone who has been on team, you know that being on team can also be a special time personally. This weekend was no exception.

Again this past spring for Weekend #45 I was delighted to help. As Support Team Coordinator this weekend it was a time of stretching for me and I couldn't have done it without my team. Special thanks to Jan Collinson, Carey dePass, Laurie McDowell and John Newton. We all worked together and again the weekend was terrific. We had a small group of participants, but it worked well and the number seemed just right in the end.

My other venture was to get our Ultreyas up and running again in Milton. The fall flew by as it has a way of doing, but in the New Year we had a meeting at Grace Anglican with our Lay Director, Nancy Harris to discuss Cursillo in Milton. In February I did the witness talk for our Diocesan Ultreya at Church of the Nativity in Hamilton. Lorrette Shermet gave the lay response and Rev. Susan Wells, the clergy response. Later we were able to have Ultreyas in April, May and June with witness speakers Carol Summers, Carey dePass and Lorhel White. The lay responses were given by Susan Farrant, me and Carey dePass. We had ten to twelve people out each time and realized again that small can be very good.

God bless and Ultreya,
Shirley Kitchen

Post Cursillo (Fourth Day)

I want to start out by thanking St Simon's for hosting the Diocesan Ultreya. Certainly they came through in a short time frame and in flying colours. Thank you for opening your doors and making us all feel welcome and at home.

We have added the feature of a teaching moment at each of the Diocesan Ultreyas. Thanks to Jan Collinson for her leadership in this area. I, for one, have found these moments informative and beneficial.

Thank you to Marion Bailey and John Newton for picking up the torch to share and supply Palanca from the Niagara and Huron Cursillo to weekends being held in various other parts of God's world.

I would like to focus the balance of this report on witness talks at the Regional and Diocesan Ultreyas.

Many times the witness talks given reflect heavily on what God has done or is doing for the speaker. How God has influenced and blessed the speaker's life or those of loved ones. These are important aspects of each of our lives. As testimonials they are informative, worthy of being shared and most times very inspiring. We miss the point however. The Cursillo weekend reinforces and confirms what we are about as Christians. That is to go out into the world and evangelize. The witness talk then should not be about what God has done for the speaker but rather what is the speaker doing for God. Make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ. The witness talk is about the recent action part of our journey. It should contain some element of faith and study. Having to stand in front of others and share our successes, fears and perhaps what we see as failures is not necessarily easy. But this is what we as Christians are about. Sharing our walk with God and supporting by sharing, asking for prayer and praying.

I thank everyone who faces the challenge to prepare an eight to ten minute presentation and then stand in front of his or her fellow Christians and talk about what he or she is doing for God. Tears, laughter and prayer are shared. Love for each other and for God is given and received.

Ultreya!

Respectfully
Richard Turner

Weekend Committee Report

Just a closer walk with thee. For me, this line from a great hymn signifies what Cursillo means. Jesus wants so much to walk closely with each of us if we'll let him. Participating in a Cursillo weekend may be a step that can help someone you know in their faith journey.

The last weekend was held April 22 to 25, 2010 at Mount Mary Immaculate in Ancaster. There were some new, enthusiastic participants. We are looking to get some of them involved in upcoming weekends.

Sharon Insley is the Coordinator for the upcoming weekend, Weekend # 46, which takes place from March 31 to April 3, 2011. It is not too soon to start thinking about sponsoring a participant. The application form can be found on the Cursillo website.

Now is the time to bring a friend to Christ. Speak to someone you think might benefit from Cursillo and consider sponsoring them!!!

Laurie McDowell,
Weekend Chair

Pre-Cursillo Report

Thank you to Dave Tinker for his work as Chair of the Pre-Cursillo Committee. Unfortunately due to personal reasons he found that he had to resign from this position and Secretariat. We were sorry to lose Dave. Before he left he spent a great deal of time designing our brochure, and also made arrangements for us to have a display at Synod in November 2009.

We had a booth at Synod using our display board. Thank you to Laura McKenzie and Shirley Kitchen for manning our booth. Also, thank you Laura for the bookmarks that you made. These were handed out to those who visited our booth.

Our display board was also used at the Huron Diocese Synod.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Harris
Lay Director

Communications Report

No report available.

Don't forget to notify us of any change to your email or mailing address. Send information to communication@niagaracursillo.org

Cursillo Prayer Requests

At this point in time if you have a prayer request (for a Cursillista or an immediate family member) send your request to:
communication@niagaracursillo.org

Regional Ultreya Schedule

Hamilton & Burlington: Second Friday of month (excl. Jul & Aug) at 7:30 pm Church of the Nativity, Hamilton
Contact: Tim Standish (905) 318-7405

Oakville: Sunday afternoons as determined, at St. Simon's
Contact: Lorraine Cassidy (905) 842-5832

Niagara Peninsula: *(currently inactive)*

Guelph: Third Friday of every month at 7:30pm.
Location as determined
Contact: Brian & Elizabeth Rothwell
(519) 823-1124

Georgetown/Milton: First Friday of month (excl. Jul & Aug) at 7:30 pm Meetings at Grace, Milton
Contact: Shirley Kitchen (905) 878-2630

Music Report

This year has been a very busy and fulfilling one. We have continued with our ongoing consolidation of music from the revisions begun four years ago and we have become more comfortable using PowerPoint for the lyrics for most Cursillo events. We have also enjoyed having overheads available for those occasions when more flexibility was needed, and we have never forgotten how handy the printed booklets can be in an emergency!

We have been actively involved in several events throughout the year. We began the year by providing music for the Ultreya following the AGM in September of 2009.

Throughout this past year, the Music Committee was especially busy with organizing and leading music for the Moonlight and the Closing Eucharist for both Weekends 44 and 45. Special thanks to the musicians who showed up in the early light of morning to help serenade our new Cursillistas with the Mañanita in November and April.

In early January and again in mid-May, this committee was joined by several other musicians from across the diocese to lead the music for the Diocesan Ultreya at The Church of the Nativity in Hamilton.

The Music Committee also had the privilege of providing music at the ordination of two Cursillistas at Christ Church Cathedral as they were priested in May.

The Music Committee looks forward to another year, especially with the emphasis of our Bishop on passionate spirituality and life-altering worship. Special thanks to these people for offering leadership and support whenever music has been requested: Ann Grose, Susanne Adams, Nancy Wood, Richard Turner, Margaret Wilding-Denew and Bill Parker.

We especially appreciate the work of John Newton for pursuing the use of PowerPoint for our music and organizing overheads when necessary.

Our job is to ensure that all music sung is covered by license and that annual payment is channeled to the licensing organizations. Thanks to our treasurer, Jan Collinson, who works hard to cover this essential part of our work.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan A. Little

AGM

Date: Sunday, September 12, 2010

Time: 3:00PM

Location: Church of the Nativity
1831 King St East, Hamilton

The meeting will be followed by the commissioning of Secretariat at a Eucharist and then a pot luck

Weekend # 46 - March 31 -April 3, 2011
Coordinator – Sharon Insley

Weekend to be held at Mount Mary
Immaculate in Ancaster

***The Rainbow* is published about four times per year:** at the beginning of November, February, May, and August.
Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Please send to: Nancy Wood, 2262 Kirkburn Dr, Burlington. ON L7P 4G7 or e-mail editor@niagaracursillo.org.
All submissions must be Cursillo or Christ oriented, not of a political or controversial nature, and are subject to editing.

Secretariat has final approval as to appropriateness of any articles submitted.
If you know of an event, concert or activity that you feel might be of interest to Cursillistas please let us know.

Niagara Anglican Cursillo Movement

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held Sunday, September 13, 2009

At Church of the Nativity, Hamilton.

1. Call to order

Ann Grose, Lay Director and Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. Rev. Susan Wells led the opening prayer.

2. Welcome

Ann welcomed everyone and asked that they all sign the attendance record. All 19 people in attendance signed the sheet.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM.

a) No errors or omissions were found.

b) *MOTION: Jan Collinson/ Nancy Harris*

“That the minutes of the September 7th 2008 Annual General Meeting, as published in the Rainbow, be accepted.”

CARRIED

4. Ratification of change in CAC's voting delegate.

At the last AGM it was mistakenly believed that we could send two voting members to CAS's and so two people were elected to represent Niagara Diocese. Ann Grose reported that we are only entitled to one vote at the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat. Upon discovering the error and since there was an immediate need to rectify it, Cursillo Niagara Secretariat decided at its March meeting that Nancy Harris, as Deputy Lay Director, would be the voting member and Jan Collinson would attend as a participant. Ann asked for this decision to be ratified.

Members unanimously ratified the decision taken by Secretariat to alter the number of voting delegates from Niagara Anglican Cursillo to CACS from two to our entitlement of one.

5. The Lay Director's Report was published in the August Rainbow.

Ann Grose thanked Secretariat for their love and support during the past year. Ann introduced the members of Secretariat, explaining that Dave Tinker, Laura McKenzie and Laurie McDowell sent regrets that they were unable to attend.

6. The Spiritual Director's Report was published in the August Rainbow.

Susan Wells noted that Brian Galligan and David Toth were unable to attend the AGM but hoped they would be able to attend the next Ultreya when they would be presented with their gifts of a stole for Brian, made by Jean Reville and a sacred oil container for David.

7. Reports from Secretariat, all published in the August Rainbow.

MOTION: John Newton/ Susan Wells

“That the reports as written in the Rainbow be accepted.”

CARRIED

8. Treasurer's Report for 2008/2009 and Budget for 2009/2010

a) Financial Statements.

The Treasurer's Report was published in the August Rainbow and the Budget was mailed with the Rainbow.

- Jan Collinson, the Treasurer, gave an overview of the statements. She explained the deficit in 2008/2009 had been caused by the cost of the library which had been purchased to provide Secretariat members with essential information about their positions. The books will be passed down to new members as they assume the roles on Secretariat. This item had not been included in the budget in 2008/2009.
- Jan also explained that the aim was to pay for all Participants who attended a Weekend. Last year, at the AGM, approval had been given to transfer \$2250.00 from the General Fund to the Sponsorship Fund to cover the cost of the Weekend for Participants.

*MOTION: Jan Collinson/Susan Little
 "That the Finance Statement for 2008/2009 be accepted"*

CARRIED

b) Budget for 2009/2010

Jan explained that the cost of the Weekend had risen to \$225.00 per. person. Participants had been asked to pay \$75 deposit to help offset the cost. There was a general discussion about the Budget and the expenses of the Weekend.

It was necessary to have two Weekends close together so that we could offer a Spring Weekend for those who could not attend in November.

Rev. Susan Wells explained that some parishes, or sponsors, had paid for their members to attend a Weekend but not everyone received this financial support. The Sponsorship Fund was set up to level the ground for all Participants. Team members still pay for themselves but receive a tax receipt.

- It was felt that asking the Participants to pay a deposit encouraged them to invest themselves in the Weekend.
- Jan told members that the General Fund was meeting day-to-day expenses. The Sponsorship Fund, however, is still fairly new and it may not be well known about or fully understood. We need to build up this Fund if we are to continue to give the Weekend as a gift to the Participants.

*MOTION: Jan Collinson/Richard Turner
 "That the Budget for 2009/2010 be approved"*

CARRIED

9. The Nominating Committee Report was published in the August 2009 Rainbow.

Ann noted that the Nominating Committee consisted of people who were not current members of Secretariat. She gave a vote of thanks to Marion Binns, Lorrette Shermet and Jack Beddgood for their work.

a) Ann called for any nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

b) *MOTION: Jan Collinson/ Nancy Wood
 "That nominations for Secretariat be closed"*

CARRIED

c) *The nominees for Secretariat were acclaimed.*

Ann welcomed the new members, John Newton and Shirley Kitchen and also Richard Turner and Laura MacKenzie who are returning to Secretariat.

10. Appointments

Lay Director

Susan Wells announced that she has spoken with the Bishop who is pleased to appoint Nancy Harris as the new Lay Director.

Treasurer

Jan Collinson has been appointed as Treasurer

Secretary

Carol Summers has been appointed as Secretary.

11. **Other Business / Announcements**

Important Dates

November 22, 2009 at 3:30pm - **Ultreya at Church of the Nativity**, Hamilton. Pot-luck to follow. Hope to be able to present the gifts to Brian and David.

November 1st at 3:00pm - **Moonlight to be held at Church of the Nativity**

November 5th-8th - **Weekend 44 at Mount Mary, Ancaster.**

Contact Nancy Harris or Marion Bailey for information on the Weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm. Ann led us in prayer.

Following the meeting there was a service of Commissioning of Secretariat and Eucharist.



Niagara Anglican Cursillo

Pre-Authorized Giving Program

Authorization Form

To: Jan Collinson, **Treasurer**
156 Crosthwaite Avenue North
Hamilton, ON L8H 4V5

I/We wish to take advantage of the Niagara Anglican Cursillo Pre-Authorized Giving Program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: Postal Code: _____

I/We hereby authorize you to debit my/our account on or about the 15th of each month in the amount of \$ _____ payable to The Diocese of Niagara for Niagara Anglican Cursillo

Enclosed is a blank cheque clearly marked "VOID" showing my/our bank account, which you may use to obtain the correct account number.

Your treatment of each payment shall be the same as if I/we had personally issued a cheque authorizing you to pay as indicated and to debit my/our account accordingly.

I/We understand that this authorization may be cancelled or changed at any time upon written notice by me/us, provided that I/we provide this notice in reasonable time for the current month. **(Please allow two weeks for the change to take effect.)**

Please note: for joint accounts both parties should sign below

Date: _____

(Signature)

(Signature)

- Note:** 1. Income tax receipts are issued in February for the previous year.
2. The Treasurer can be reached at (905) 545-4285

[Please attach VOID cheque here]