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Newsletter

"Like the bow in a cloud on a rainy day such was the appearance of the splendor all around. This was the appearance of the glory of the Lord. Ezekiel 1.28

1. Lay Director *(Susan Little)*

Over the last twelve months, God's faithfulness to Cursillo has been astounding. As our meetings gather people from different parts of Niagara and Huron, we are regularly reminded of the travelling needs of Secretariat as well as our Cursillistas for special events. Over the past year, we have held nine meetings. We have spent time reviewing the format of the Weekend, to reduce it to two days instead of three. We have also revised our Library and binders and floating Group Reunions so to determine how we may be true to Cursillo while still appealing to prospective Cursillistas. It has been refreshing to question our practices that we have always 'had' and affirm what is strongly part of who we are as Anglican Cursillo.

The 2016-17 program year has been a busy one with two Cursillo Weekends, 52 and 53, held in Niagara and Huron, respectively. Thanks go to Jan Collinson and Anne Gould and to Renee Anderson and Colin Shutt for their outstanding work as Co-ordinators. In addition, we are working on the Triennial National Anglican Cursillo Conference June 22-24, 2018 at Renison University in Kitchener-Waterloo. We are excited about hosting this event for Cursillistas all across Canada as well as the recent announcement that the Primate, Fred Hiltz, will be our key note speaker throughout the weekend. Please save the date now for this important event. More details will be coming from the Triennial Committee, under the leadership of Tim Standish.

Over the past year, I have represented Secretariat in attending funerals and memorial services of those who have died. It is always a joy to represent the members who cannot

attend and it is a way of affirming that our relationship to Jesus Christ binds us together as brothers and sisters forever. As a Secretariat, we have also done our share of celebrating landmark birthdays and anniversaries of our members. As our geography expands, this need to be personally present at such events is especially important. It is indeed an honour and a privilege to attend such events on behalf of Niagara Huron Cursillo.

As our 2016-17 year concludes, we say good bye and thank you to Marion Bailey as she steps away from Secretariat for a while. She has done a superb job as Weekend Co-ordinator and Huron Liaison. Her incredible work, together with Renee Anderson, to spread Cursillo into Huron Diocese has already gained incredible results over the last few years. Now she can focus on her role on C.A.C.S. (Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat) for another year as well as the many other activities she is involved in the Church.

We also say good bye to Pam Battersby as a Member-at-Large. She has worked on Secretariat providing leadership for tasks like the Grouping survey and others jobs when needed. We will miss her compassion and caring way.

Finally, we say good bye to Paulette Switzer who has cheerfully and faithfully looked after Ultreyas, both Diocesan and Regional, as needed. It is not easy to find musicians and clergy who are free to serve but she persists. Her determination to give people new experiences by providing a witness talk or a response has made Ultreyas vibrant and worthwhile. She encourages leadership in those around her, growing us as people and as an organization. We will miss her caring heart and hard work.

We are grateful that Renee Anderson is accepting the role of Huron Liaison and she will continue on as our Treasurer. She is more than capable to carry out well this double responsibility. We are also pleased that some people have accepted the nominations to fill the other two vacancies: to take on Fourth Day to keep our Cursillistas connected and encouraged and to provide leadership as a Member-at-Large as needed for various tasks. We will be voting for these nominees at our September meeting.

At our Annual Meeting on September 24, 2017, we look forward to an exciting year of programming. We have been gifted with many good people on our Secretariat. Each member has done well in their role and contributed to a healthy and productive group. As the new members are commissioned, we wish them well as they begin their jobs.

I am also very thankful for those members of Secretariat remaining in their roles. I am especially indebted to our Spiritual Director, Stephanie Pellow, and our Treasurer, Renee Anderson, for their continued leadership, dedication and expertise. I am grateful for Shirley Kitchen working on Education, Jan Collinson on Weekend, Heather Garland on Pre-Cursillo, and Kathy Beattie as a Member-at-Large.

As the 2017-18 Secretariat forms and new members join, there will be new ideas, new challenges and new growth. It takes a wide spectrum of talents, interests and abilities to make an organization like Cursillo work effectively. Thanks be to God that right now in Niagara Huron Cursillo, we have such motivated, experienced and servant-minded people, working to bring the Light of Christ into the lives of others and to keep it burning to the glory of God and the increase of the Kingdom.

I look forward to the year ahead, supported by dedicated Cursillistas in the Wider Community and lead by God's Spirit and grace. Please continue to pray for our members, our work and our growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Little

Lay Director, Niagara Huron Cursillo

2. Spiritual Director

In the 2016-17 year as in all previous years that Cursillo has operated in Niagara and now in Huron as well, Cursillistas have been asked to offer service above and beyond a regular parish call. Participants who come to weekends are often already very involved in their parish church life. We encourage them to continue not only to offer that service to God but to offer even more of their time, talent and treasure to the health of their home parish. Beyond that, Cursillo also invites Cursillistas to embrace regular group meetings and to take on leadership roles within Cursillo. Many are willing and able to give up time to participate in team training and offer leadership on Cursillo weekends. Others offer to serve on Secretariat or committees of Secretariat. Many come out to Ultreyas, Moonlight Retreats, Closings and other events. Most surprising is that so many take part in all of the above roles and all do it willingly and with joy. We do all this because we feel a call to serve in this way and we believe we have a gift to offer to others in the Cursillo Method of living a Christian life.

Jesus had something to say about this kind of service in a brief example we find in the Gospel of Luke, 17:8 as he is speaking to a mixed group of followers and the public including scribes and Pharisees.

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all you were required to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

Jesus is pointing out that all our service, following his example that he “came not to be served but to serve” (Matt. 20:28), is just what is expected of us and not some exceptional sacrifice we offer to God. Perhaps, however, we may have trouble relating to the description of “worthless slaves” too completely, as we know that Jesus talks about how precious we are in the sight of the Creator in so many other places in scripture. The strength of that description, however, does make the point of the example memorable.

In my routine duties, as Spiritual Director of Cursillo Niagara in the past year, I have had the privilege of meeting with Bishop Linda Nicolls of the Diocese of Huron and keeping in contact with Bishop Michael Bird of the Diocese of Niagara. Both of them encourage us in Cursillo to continue with the work we are doing to invite more Anglican Christians to embrace their faith and work fully. I enjoyed being a part of the Team for Weekend # 52 and I am excited about the work being done by the Committee led by Tim Standish planning the Triennial gathering of Cursillistas from across Canada happening in June of 2018. Although I assure you of my commitment to continue as Spiritual Director into the next year, I am hopeful that another Cursillista priest can be named to take my place in the near future.

Thank you to all who have served on Secretariat and are stepping down this year. Working with our Secretariat over a number of years has been a joy to me. May God continue to bless us through Cursillo so that we may be a blessing to others.

Respectfully submitted
Rev Stephanie Pellow

3. Treasurer

(Renee Anderson)

Did you know
only 15 people
donate to
Cursillo by PAP?

Ways you can donate to Cursillo:

- Preauthorized form:
Any amount starting at
\$5.00/month using the
form on our website
under financial tab.
- Cheque to the
treasurer, any time of
the year made out to
Niagara Anglican
Cursillo
- J.O.G. (Joy of Giving)
envelopes available at
Ultreyas, the Annual
Meeting, Weekends
- Or, a combination of
these.

No, I didn't
know that.

I think I'll sign
up for PAP
today!
Thanks.

Cursillo does not fundraise.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Niagara Anglican Cursillo
 Balance Sheet Y/E June 30, 2017
 at June 30, 2017

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
10000 - Bank		
	10001 - TD CanadaTrust	11,480.97
	10003 - TD CanadaTrust - Triennial	(80.00)
	Total 10000 - BANK	11,400.97
	Total Chequing/Savings	11,400.97
	Total Current Assets	11,400.97
TOTAL ASSETS		11,400.97
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
	30000 - Opening Balance Equity	11,431.48
	32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	-
	Net Income (YTD net)	(30.51)
	Total Liabilities & Equity	11,400.97

NIAGARA ANGLICAN CURSILLO
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT Y/E JUNE 30, 2017
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2017

	Actual Month of June, 2017	Encumbered	Actual YTD Y/E June 30, 2017	Budget Y/E June 30, 2017	Actual Last Y/E 2016
INCOME					
40001 - Cursillo - Weekend Fees	\$ 275.00		\$ 7,575.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,665.00
40002 - Cursillo PAP Donations	\$ 320.00		\$ 4,060.00	\$ 3,630.00	\$ 3,630.00
40003 - Donations - J.O.G. & Other	\$ 425.00		\$ 2,505.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,232.25
40004 - Triennial 2018	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00		
40005 - Cursillo Church Offering (closing/weekends)	\$ 199.00		\$ 280.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 303.10
40006 - CACS Dinner	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 380.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,239.00		\$ 14,440.00	\$ 17,980.00	\$ 18,210.35
EXPENDITURES					
60002 - Advertising and Promotion	\$ -		\$ 219.10	\$ 300.00	\$ 175.00
60003 - Bank Service Charges	\$ -		\$ 4.95	\$ 59.40	\$ 44.55
60004 - Business Licenses and Permits-Music	\$ -		\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00
60005 - Website	\$ -		\$ 100.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 20.14
60006 - Conferences and Secretariat Meetings	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00
60008 - Postage	\$ -		\$ 9.61	\$ 50.00	\$ -
WEEKEND EXPENDITURES:					
60015 - Office Supplies - photo copies - printing	\$ 79.09		\$ 79.09	\$ 15.00	\$ -
60016 - Cursillo Snacks & supplies	\$ 69.20		\$ 69.20	\$ 100.00	\$ 175.89
60017 - Postage	\$ 9.61		\$ 9.61		
60018 - Agape and Mañanita	\$ 147.64		\$ 147.64	\$ 150.00	\$ 114.05
60019 - Crieff Hills Community (prev. Mount Mary)	\$ -		\$ 11,527.02	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 11,811.50
60020 - Team Training (church use & supplies/snacks)	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 211.50
60021 - Bulletins, closing	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ 62.50
OTHER:					
60023 - Cursillo expenses-previous year	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
60024 - Cursillo expenses-current year	\$ -		\$ 75.65	\$ -	\$ 24.83
60025 - AM Supplies	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.34
60026 - Cursillo equipment - projector	\$ -		\$ 796.64	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
60027 - CACS - annual dues			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
60028 - Triennial 2018		\$ 4,900.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 872.91
60029 - CACS Meeting, Dinner & Snacks	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 583.36
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 505.54	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 14,470.51	\$ 20,918.40	\$ 15,568.57
NET INCOME	\$ 733.46		\$ (30.51)	\$ (2,938.40)	\$ 2,641.78
#40004 - e-transfer bank test					
#60006 - Church of the Nativity					
#60020 - Church of the Resurrection					
#60028 - deposit to Renison College for 2018 Triennial					

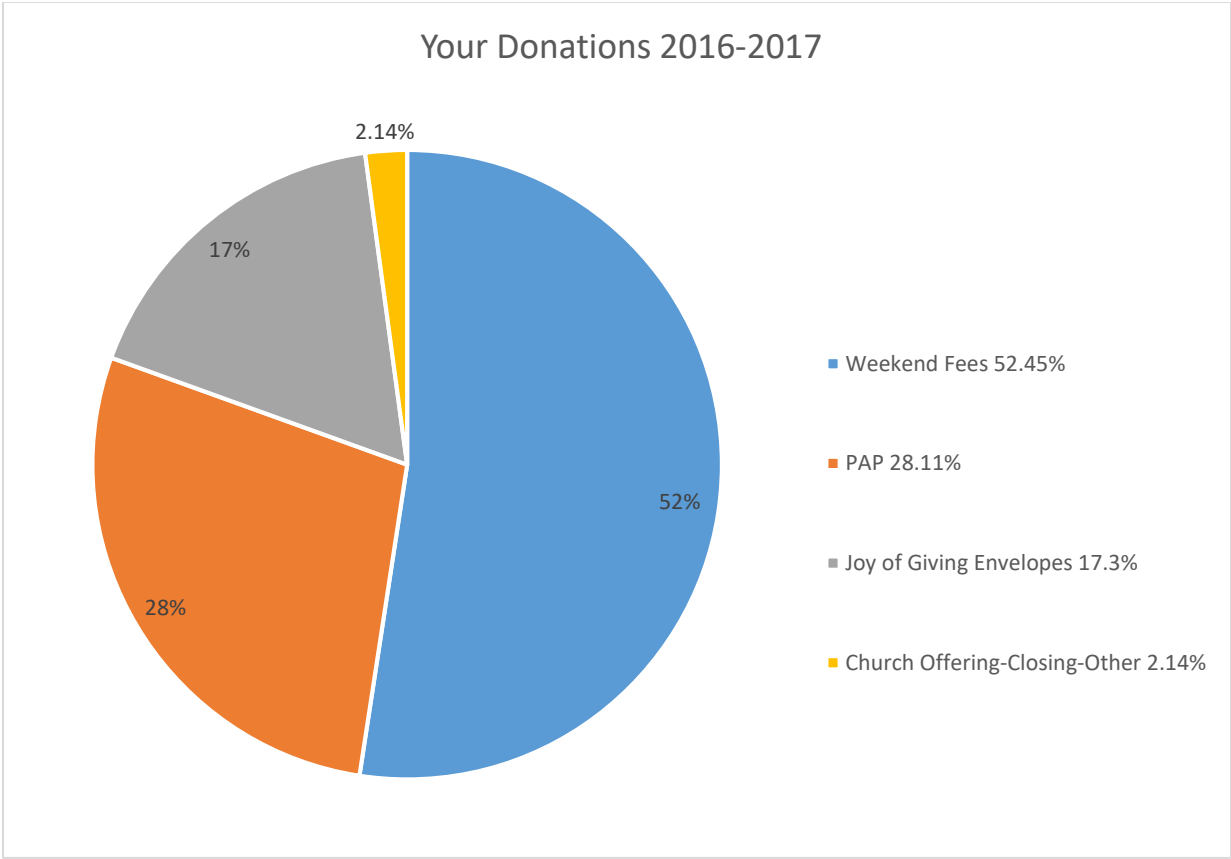
NIAGARA ANGLICAN CURSILLO

NIAGARA HURON CURSILLO

PROPOSED BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENDITURE JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018

	Budget Proposal 2017-2018	Actual YTD Y/E June 30, 2017	Budget Y/E June 30, 2017	Last YTD 2015-16
INCOME				
40001 - Cursillo - Weekend Fees	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 7,575.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,665.00
40002 - Cursillo PAP Donations	\$ 3,960.00	\$ 4,060.00	\$ 3,630.00	\$ 3,630.00
40003 - Donations - J.O.G. & Other	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,505.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,232.25
40004 - Triennial	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ -
40005 - Cursillo Church Offering (closing/weekends)	\$ 250.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 303.10
40006 - CACS Dinner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 380.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 14,610.00	\$ 14,440.00	\$ 17,980.00	\$ 18,210.35
EXPENDITURES				
60002 - Advertising and Promotion	\$ 500.00	\$ 219.10	\$ 300.00	\$ 175.00
60003 - Bank Service Charges	\$ 59.40	\$ 4.95	\$ 59.40	\$ 44.55
60004 - Business Licenses and Permits-Music	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00
60005 - Website maintenance & host service	\$ 440.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 20.14
60006 - Conferences and Secretariat Meetings	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00
60008 - Postage	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.61	\$ 50.00	\$ -
WEEKEND EXPENDITURES:				
60015 - Office Supplies - photo copies - printing	\$ 80.00	\$ 79.09	\$ 15.00	
60016 - Cursillo Snacks & supplies	\$ 70.00	\$ 69.20	\$ 100.00	\$ 175.89
60017 - Postage	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.61	\$ -	\$ -
60018 - Agape and Mañanita	\$ 150.00	\$ 147.64	\$ 150.00	\$ 114.05
60019 - St. Ignatius Centre/Crieff Hills Community	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 11,527.02	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 11,811.50
60020 - Team Training (church use & supplies/snacks)	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 211.50
60021 - Bulletins, closing	\$ 65.00	\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ 62.50
OTHER:				
60023 - Cursillo expenses-previous year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
60024 - Cursillo expenses-current year	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.65	\$ -	\$ 24.83
60025 - AM Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.34
60026 - Cursillo equipment - projector	\$ -	\$ 796.64	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
60027 - CACS - annual dues	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
60028 - Triennial	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 872.91
60029 - CACS Meeting, Dinner & Snacks	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 583.36
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,591.40	\$ 14,470.51	\$ 20,918.40	\$ 15,568.57
NET INCOME	\$ 2,018.60	\$ (30.51)	\$ (2,938.40)	\$ 2,641.78
#40004 - grant requested; dollar amount undetermined \$20.00 e-transfer tested				
#60019 - St. Ignatius is more reasonably priced than other sites; shorter weekend				
#60028 - \$100 deposit submitted to Renison College in 2016-17; income and expenses will be reported on separate statement 2017-2018				

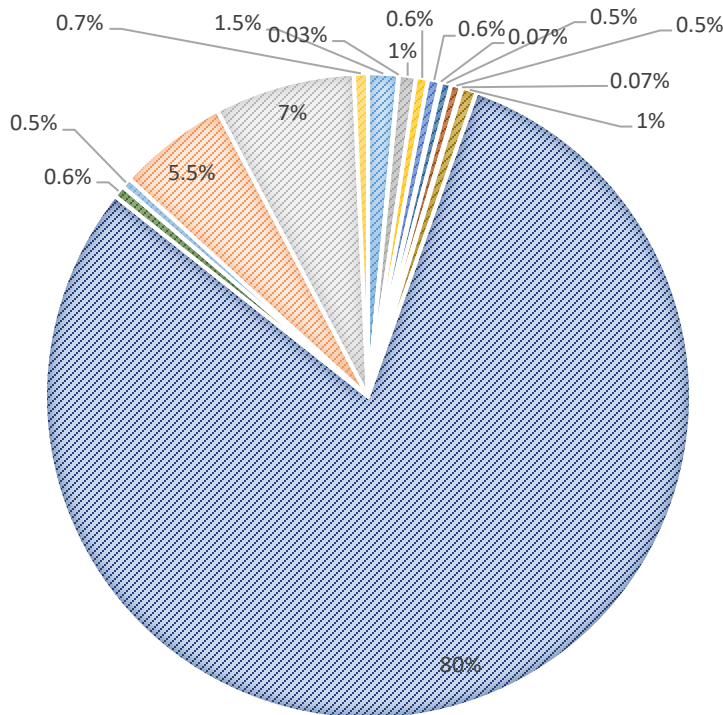
Niagara Huron Cursillo Donations Received and how they are used



Allocation of Revenues on Financial Statement Year Ending June 30, 2017.
Statements to be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

EXPENSES 2016-2017

■ Advertising 1.5%	■ Bank Charges .03%	■ Business License (music) 1%
■ Website .6%	■ Secretariat Mtgs. .6%	■ Postage .07%
■ Weekend office supplies .5%	■ Weekend snacks .5%	■ Weekend postage .07%
■ Agape & Mananita 1%	■ Crieff Hills Accommodations 80%	■ Team Training .6%
■ Cursillo exp. Current .5%	■ Equipment (projector) 5.5%	■ C.A.C.S. annual dues 7%
■ Triennial (Renison deposit) .7%		



Expenses listed on Financial Statement Year Ending June 30, 2017
to be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Notes:

1. Many of the expenses incurred throughout a fiscal year by members are returned in donations.
2. C.A.C.S. – Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat – we are obligated to support the national level of Cursillo. Representation is also required. Please visit the website www.anglicancursillo.com.
3. Donations are given to churches who offer a place to meet i.e. secretariat meetings and team trainings. To name a few we are thankful to Church of the Nativity, Church of the Resurrection and the Cathedral for these considerations.
4. Triennial will be held next year. Renison College has received our deposit. E-transfer has been set up to accept registration fees.

4. Weekend Chair

(Jan Collinson & Marion Bailey)

The close of Weekend #35 in March 1995 marked the beginning of my Fourth Day Walk. Weekend #51 renewed my enthusiasm in the continuation of my Fourth Day Walk. I continually thank God for the gifts of unconditional agape love, friendships, encouragement and support which I have experienced as I learn and grow with each new challenge. The Niagara Huron Cursillo Secretariat continues the journey with Christ but without the Wider Community and the Love of God, an authentic Cursillo Weekend experience is impossible.

***A Cursillo Weekend is a part of the Method, which is summed up in these words: "The living out of what is fundamental for being a Christian." Another way to say this is that Cursillo seeks to enable us to live out our baptismal covenant. What is fundamental to the weekend may be seen in four ways:*

- *Encountering God, which entails encountering ourselves*
- *Developing a relationship with Christ*
- *Taking our place in a community of brothers and sisters*
- *Taking Apostolic responsibility for the world*

Since these 4 elements are fundamental to the Christian faith, the weekend provides an occasion for a personal experience of the life in grace. Far from being a wonderful production, put on to impress, it is an experience in which the wonder of the Church, the body of Christ, can be focused.

You may remember that our talks start with Ideal – Self-examination - we need an ideal of our own and begin seeking for that ideal. Grace is the second talk and the talks continue – Laity, Faith, Study, The Sacraments, Apostolic Action, Obstacles we may realize along the way until we arrive on Sunday with the Fourth Day and Total Security talk. By this time, we are well on our way to establish or revisit our personal Rule of Life. The talks move in an orderly direction.

***The message of the Three-Day Weekend conveys the message in a variety of ways:*

1. *Connecting with Christ through sacraments and liturgy*
2. *Listening to God in meditations that call us to action as individuals and as community*
3. *Responding to talks and discovering in community our call to apostolic action***

This spring, Weekend #52 was held at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre in Puslinch under the guidance of Jan Collinson, Anne Gould and Holy Spirit. New Cursillistas entered into their Fourth day walk with prayers and support from the wider community and the team was renewed and encouraged with fellowship, prayer and love.

This fall, Weekend #53 will be held at the St Ignatius Retreat Centre in Mildmay under the guidance of Renee Anderson and Colin Shutt. We are praying for Holy Spirit to accept the invitation and bring the Weekend to a full experience for team and participants. Please pray with us. This weekend will be a shortened version of the Three Day Weekend. It will begin on Friday and end on Sunday, under the careful consideration, direction and examples set by the Episcopal

Church in Oklahoma, the Western Diocese of Newfoundland and the careful consideration of the Niagara Huron Secretariat.

All of this is to say that we need to continue to work to support each other - the wider community - with Continuing Education, Ultreyas and Grouping. Please mark your calendar to attend the Moonlight, the Manyanita, and the Closing. More details will be advertised as they become available.

As the goal of the Cursillo movement is to raise up witnessing apostolic leaders who will bring the world to Jesus Christ by transforming the environments in which they live, the role of the Ultreya is to encourage, support, and foster the unity of purpose of the local communities of these witnessing apostles.....your friends. Ultreyas are a vital link to keep Cursillistas together.

Please seek out and support your local Ultreya – encouraging your friends as written in *Hebrews 10:23-25 (NRSVA)* *Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and do good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Without you, this will be impossible. I pray that you will share your time and talents in this mission. It is up to us – If not us, then who? If not now, then when? Please prepare your hearts to say “Yes!” for it is through us that He works as we confirm our faith saying: *“Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.”*

Marion Bailey
Weekend Chair

(**The Authentic Three-Day Weekend Booklet #11 2006)

5. 4th Day Chair

(Paulette Switzer)

As I sit down to write this my final report as 4th Day Chair. I was humbled and honoured to share Christ's Light for the last 4 Years.

I served on Support on week-end 52. The Holy Spirit was with us that week-end.

Each of the new Cursillistas shared their experiences at the closing Eucharist. The June 11 diocesan Ultreya held at Grace Church, Brantford was well attended by the newest Cursillistas. It was an enjoyable afternoon with all the music, talks and great food! In June Acton/Milton held our last Ultreya until September at St. Alban's Acton. We enjoyed fellowship and a potluck before our Ultreya. There were around 17 in attendance. We were blessed to have both Stephanie and Father Mark with us. The Ultreyas between Grace Milton and St. Alban's Acton start again in September. Grace Milton will host the Ultreya September 8th at 7:30. Shirley Kitchen will be sending out notices.

In closing I would like to end with this Bible Reading 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 Verse 13: and now faith, hope and love abide, the greatest of these is love.

Submitted with respect,

Paulette Switzer

6. CACS Report

(Marion Bailey)

GREETINGS FROM CACS

I have attended two meetings of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) as your representative, since my last report to you. The fall meeting of October 2016 was hosted in Cole Harbour, just next to Halifax, N.S. The Halifax Secretariat graciously hosted our dinner at the church and we met some of the members of their Secretariat. The Lay Director expressed her concerns around grouping at Ultreyas. They have 12 churches which rotate hosting the Ultreyas. I shared our Ultreya model with them.

Over the course of the three days, the meeting minutes from the spring 2016 (hosted by our Secretariat at the Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton) were approved. We discussed a model for a 3 Day Weekend which would begin on Friday late afternoon and end on Sunday which is being done in the Episcopal Church. We talked about the website maintenance, CACS Vision, Strategy and Letter of Agreement. We talked about the archival policy, along with requests and concerns written in the reports submitted by the Canadian Secretariats. We discussed the next CACS meeting venues and possible Cursillo Leaders Workshops to be held.

The spring meeting was hosted from April 30 – May 2nd 2017 in Victoria, B.C. We were met by a Cursillista and delivered to the church where we met up with the team that had arrived before us. Rev Rob Hutchinson welcomed us and took us on a brief sightseeing trip along the coast.

Following are highlights of this meeting. I would be happy to speak to any of these items with you on your request.

The ***October 2016 minutes*** were approved. (They have been sent to Niagara Huron Secretariat and are available upon request.) I reported on the 2018 Triennial preparations – all are pleased. The theme chosen is from Isaiah 43:19. I have reported to the Triennial Committee. We talked about a webmaster for the CACS website – a new webmaster has been found. The Archival Policy has been under review and investigation found that librarians are very definite on what goes in and what does not. We will proceed accordingly.

Specifically to our interests the constitutional review remains under review (*specifically 3.5.2 In the event that a local Movement has a secretariat that is shared by more than one Diocese, that secretariat shall be able to send a voting delegate member from each of the Dioceses to the Triennial, but the maximum number of elected representatives to CACS from any local Movement shall be one. Conversely, if a Diocese has more than one local Movement that has an active secretariat, e.g. regional or deanery secretariat, each Movement may send a voting delegate to the triennial but no more than one person from that diocese can be elected to CACS. 3.5.3 Notwithstanding 3.5.2 above no diocese shall have more than one ecclesiastical provincial representative on CACS.*)

We have been in liaison with CCCC (Catholic Cursillo) regarding the shorter weekend format. We have authority to hold the shorter Three Day Weekend - The new format was being tested in Nfld in May and they will send their weekend schedule along with their observations and comments for our consideration.

Bishop Logan of BC joined us for the last half hour of our morning and then lunch. The financial reports were approved and then we reviewed the Diocesan Reports. Bishop Ron Cutler gave us his report. We reviewed 3 guideline papers that we found to be duplicated: Sponsorship and Sponsoring, Role and Function of Clergy in Cursillo and Cursillo and the Clergy. Rev Rob will review and combine these 3 reports into one and bring them to the next meeting.

To Be a Pilgrim. This document has been updated/revised on the website but still under construction. Ed King++ was working on this and would like to tweak it and put it into a booklet format before he calls it completed. However, I found out that none of the other Dioceses use this document in their Fourth Day packages. They use a Fourth Day Booklet which is unique to each of them. Further to this, I asked about the Floating Group Reunion Card. We are out of print and have been using a photocopy for some time. I found that other Secretariats were using a varied Floating Group Reunion Card plus a Floating Group Reunion card to be used at Ultreyas only. Guidelines for Witness Talk has been revised to – “Lay Witness Talk” as Clergy do not give Witness Talks. This has been updated and made more user friendly. This will be uploaded to the website. Words and Expressions: - ‘Tekky’ was added. I

expressed our concern, however, the word is used and should be included in the list of Words used.

I asked about Bible Enthronement – no other diocese practices this at a weekend and it is not a part of the CACS guidelines – therefore – we added this on by ourselves and can take it off.

We are asked to pray on the Development of New guidelines as our movement evolves: i.e. A new model of Cursillo for a changed and changing world / When we talk about Cursillo, it seems like work / How can we spread the truth of Cursillo beyond this ministry. I am most excited about the new model of Cursillo for a changed/changing world.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Cursillo that you would like me to relay to our CACS on your behalf, please connect with me. The fall 2017 meeting is quickly approaching. I ask for your prayers for safe travel and meaningful conversations.

Respectfully submitted
Marion Bailey



Back row (L-R) Barb Hobson, Halifax & Nova Scotia, Bp. Ron Cutler - Spiritual Advisor, Ven. Ed King - Western Newfoundland, Carol Summers – Chair
Front Row (L-R) Bev Hatt, Ottawa, Wendy Goodall, Calgary, Gwenda Watson, Qu'Appelle, Marion Bailey - Niagara Huron, Rev Rob Hutchinson - Vancouver

7. Food for Thought (Cursillistas)

Submitted by Susan Little

FOOD goes better with?

Someone recently asked me why do we mix business with pleasure? When I asked them to explain they asked, “Why do we have a pot luck supper after the Annual Meeting? Why can’t we just stick with business and socialize at another time?” Here’s a summary of my response.

There are a few reasons why our Annual Meetings are not just business meetings. I am told that Cursillo has had a pot luck supper afterward for as long as our oldest members can remember.

First, feeding our members is always good. It is practical to feed and refresh those who have travelled from afar or come from a busy Sunday. As Niagara Huron grows, we will find it increasingly important to think of the ‘human’ needs of our Cursillistas.

Secondly, a pot luck supper always feeds us better than we can feed ourselves individually. Who can say that they have several choices of salad or dessert when they eat at home? When we have a potluck supper, we experience God’s abundance in community.

Thirdly, a pot luck supper provides a few moments to catch up on one another. We have an opportunity to exchange information as well as to express our natural concern for the lives of people we care about. If we are involved in some project or event, this supper gives us time to finalize details or find out what needs to be done next. It saves us another meeting.



Most of all, Cursillo cares about people. Cursillo builds bonds that tie us together, forever, whenever we work on a weekend together or on a particular event. That’s why at funerals, in sickness or at other times of need or celebration, Cursillistas look after one another. We honour one another by taking care of one another. We feed the body and the soul as members of Christ’s family.

Taking care of our brothers and sisters in Christ is a blessing and an honour. That’s why Ultreyas and Annual Meetings always go better with a pot luck supper.

FOOT NOTE: After I wrote this for *The Rainbow*, I attended a funeral for Frances Fordham (Weekend 26) in Guelph. This experience gave me more food for thought. The Celebrant, the Rev. Ralph Blackman, said that Frances wanted the celebration of her life to centre on what all families such as hers like to do best: eat. Then he



expanded this to say Frances' favourite meal was the Lord's Supper, what she called the best food for God's family.

This comment reminded me that whenever we have a chance to share in a potluck, even after a business meeting, we should feel honoured. Although the meal at the Lord's Table by far beats out any pot luck supper, in both settings we are invited into an intimate relationship with God and God's family.

Thank you, Frances. Ultreya!

A Note from Huron

The two short months of July and August, for me, is a time to do the little jobs I have not had time to do since last summer - you know, those little things that take time and can wait. There is also time to do the things I ought to do – vacation, visiting and rest. This is the perfect time of the year as we have no worries about the weather and driving conditions. The days seem to be longer as the early mornings have become a habit and there seem to be fewer interruptions of my day. I have time to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings, as I go through the “stuff” on my desk that I just don't want to part with The joyous Mother's Day cards, notes, and silly stuff that grandchildren have gifted, along with the drudgery of the purging of a bursting filing cabinet.

A special moment came when I opened a file and found the first Secretariat meeting minutes that I attended as a Huron “guest” in January 2006. Wow!!! Brian Galligan was the Lay Director (before he was priested); Susan Wells+, Spiritual Advisor; Laura McKenzie, Recording Secretary; and other members including Zandra Miller and John Pennylegion (before they were married), Marion Binns, Sharon Insley, Nancy Wood, Ted Moore, Sue Anderson, and Gladis DiPaolo. Guests included David Eccles (Treasurer) and Jessie Johnstone. I went along as an observer. I remember their welcoming smiles. I remember the friendships. This community of Cursillistas, strengthened by the Cursillo Method, continues on the Fourth Day walk. Since that time, I was accepted by the Niagara Secretariat as a voting member representing the Huron Diocese partnership and became a part of the Niagara Secretariat, serving as a chair person. Niagara Secretariat has worked to pave the way for a new way of doing things. Through this blessing, I have the privilege to serve as a CACS (Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat) representative.

I feel blessed that I have been on this journey. In just 10 short years we have evolved to a ‘new thing’: Niagara Huron Cursillo Secretariat partnership! This would not have been possible without the prayers and support of the faithful and steadfast Wider Community, the support and encouragement of our CACS, our Bishops Michael and Linda, and the will of God. Thanks to you and thanks to God for His answer to prayers.

Have **you** thought about being a part of Secretariat? If you are interested in being a part of the team, or would like more information – just ask! This is an exciting time in the life God's Church. You will have a front row seat as the Cursillo Method enables leaders and inspires Christians to action within their communities.

Meetings are on Saturday mornings – one per month. **You** can be a part of this! Holy Spirit is alive and well and working through us – can you not see it?

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Getting this **Newsletter** out to our **Cursillistas** and keeping you informed of what is happening in our **Niagara and Huron Cursillo** movement via the **niagaracursillo.org** website is a privilege and I pray I am up to the task. I am continually reminded that effective communication is NOT a one way street! I deem it most unfortunate for this job that God did not make me all knowing, I must rely on other people to tell me what needs passing along. So if you wonder why some event or happening was not passed on, the most likely cause was I was not informed of said meeting or happening! I do check email once a day, no more or nor less.

Please visit our website: go to the **weekend** page for applications and weekend info, go to **upcoming events** for what's up in **study, faith & action**, Ultreyas, workshops and more.

The newsletter is for ALL Cursillistas! Yes, it is an important tool for the secretariat to keep all members informed of happenings. Ideally, it is also for fellow Cursillistas to pass on ideas and or events that might help others on their journey.

If there is a Cursillista who needs our prayers contact me and I will gladly get their name to our Prayer Team.

Please contact me at niagaracursillocomm@gmail.com with any inquiries, if you find something missing, if you wish something added or if there appears to be a mistake.

Remember if you change your email address please let us know so we can continue to keep in touch with you! If for some reason you wish to be removed from the email lists, email your request for removal from the list and I will remove you from our email lists.

Yours in Love and Service, **Ultreya!**