The Rainbow

Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo Newsletter

Summer 2022

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1. Lay Director's Report

Renée Anderson

"The church is calling us to be involved." (Sr. Thea Bowman in her 1989 address to the US Bishops.)

These words from the mouth of Sister Thea can ring true for anyone, of any age, any race, and any religious denomination.

We are delighted we have made it through another noteworthy year for Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo. The message is loud and clear—we are not alone—God is with us! Praise God! What is God, through the church, asking you to do? Consider contemplative prayer and action to help answer this question.

I thank God for all the support seen through Secretariat chairs and the wider community. We are blessed to have strong leaders. So many others have answered the call to lead, provide music, offer prayers etc. We can offer hope to anyone dealing with the same struggles we are dealing with. We are here to support one another. Thank you everyone.

We remember our strong faithful leaders who entered their 5th day in 2021 and 2022. Some to mention are Marj Brown, Paris; Rev. Bob Gardner, Oakville; Helen "Pat" Eden, Niagara-on-the-Lake; Rev. Donald Eustace, Jarvis/Hamilton; Gail Quinton Kuschei, Oakville; Dave Arnold, Tobermory; Cathy Goulding, Milton; Yvonne Skreprechuk, Caledonia; Bob Stevenson, Oakville; Annis Laureen Dixon, Oakville; and Paulette Switzer, Acton. At many services our wider community was in attendance to support the families. Our thanks goes out to Rev. Brian Galligan for his pastoral service wherever it was called upon.

On January 22, 2022 CACS hosted a Zoom Round Table inviting all Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors. This exchange of information and offering of support is crucial to these leaders. We discussed Sponsorship, Grouping, and Weekends.

Our Movement submitted its first written report to the Synod of the Diocese of Huron's Circular Report as Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo. This illustrates to our church communities how two dioceses are working together with a proven method in faith formation and developing our relationship with God. Following this submission Brian and I met with Bishop Todd Townshend and Bishop Susan Bell in

March to continue our connectedness with the very offices that appointed us. The Bishops' support has been insightful and gives growth to our undertaking to continue to make Cursillo well-recognized and well-respected. A copy of Brian's presentation of March 3rd with new deacons (Niagara) was received by the Bishops as well as an updated copy of the implementation of the New Model, which was gratefully acknowledged by Bishop Todd as we take steps to construct the same plan in Huron as has been done in Niagara. However, the pandemic and movement of the clergy has made the implementation a challenge and we assure you that we will make every effort to move positively forward to build this model in each diocese. Our efforts will be put to the test with the upcoming fall Weekend in November.

We anticipated that many would register for the June 4th Day of Deeper Understanding with our guest presenter, John Bowen. Our focus that continued education on how we can talk about our faith with the people we meet and the desire to invite them to the Weekends and join a Group Reunion was very important. That was the intent of this evangelism discussion. It was very successful and well-received.

Our bank account name now matches the official name of our Movement and will certainly simplify things when a Weekend occurs.

A lot of work went into the new Weekend Application & Sponsorship package to ensure our new or revised perspectives on selecting participants for the Cursillo Weekend were met. We encourage sponsorship for any participant willing to seek out Christian growth using the advice of their rector and priest and being fully supported before, during, and after their Weekend by an active Cursillista. I wish to thank Brian and Karen Galligan as well as Melanie Bray (Brown) for their input and suggestions to help bring us the document we need for this purpose.

We continue to keep in contact with clergy about their participation in the new model we have created

The Ultreya team created a couple documents to record who participates with their gifts and our attendance reflecting how well we do with drawing people to learn and share. There is a real connectedness in holding Ultreyas and although we have had to use Zoom, we still have maintained some continuity in our faith and our mission. The Bishops were also impressed to receive some form of status of our Ultreyas and the participation that takes place with so many, both in Niagara and Huron.

In March Brian prepared an email to Lviv, Ukraine through the Hamilton Diocese expressing our concerns:

"Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

As we watch the heartbreaking news reports from Ukraine, we grieve for you, as fellow Cursillistas and for all the Ukrainian people, who are suffering so much at this time. At our recent Secretariat meeting we all agreed that we would offer you and all Ukrainians, our prayers for peace and for a swift, just resolution of this horrific conflict.

The heart of our Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace must surely be saddened and His tears falling, as He sees His children engaged in such awful acts of violence. Please be assured that you are in our thoughts and that we will continue to hold you and all of your loved ones being

affected by this invasion of your precious homeland, in our loving prayers. *Ultreya*,
Renee Anderson, Lay Director
Father Brian Galligan, Spiritual Director"

Response from Cursillo Lviv:

Thank you so much! Keep up those prayers, please, as they are really working! De colores! Tom Creen

We continue to pray for Ukraine.

2. Spiritual Director's report

Rev. Brian Galligan

Don't Be Silent

³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.'

⁴⁰He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.' (Luke 19:37-40)

Recently my wife and I celebrated our Wedding Anniversary and so I went out on a shopping trip to buy her an Anniversary Card. I wanted one which would express both my loving feelings towards her and my gratefulness to God, for the blessing of having her in my life. You see our meeting didn't happen by chance but by design. As a lay person I was helping to facilitate an Alpha Course at the time and Karen just happened to see a sign advertising Alpha. She felt a need to come along and check it out, we met and thankfully she decided to complete the course and become a member of our church. As part of a wider group of church friends, we got to know each other better by attending church events including "Christian Concerts in the Park" and the day after she attended her Cursillo Weekend, I showed up at her door to ask her out on a date. Four months later, while participating in our church's Maundy Thursday night-time vigil, I decided to propose to her at 2am in front of the Altar and four months later we were married in front of that same Altar. A year later she was writing to the Bishop professing her support for me as I answered a call to ordination and we have been serving God together, in ministry, ever since. I had so much to thank God for, yet could I find a "Christian" card that expressed my thanks? Not easily!

I tried store after store and each one said the same thing to me, "well there just doesn't seem to be a demand for them anymore." I certainly expressed my disappointment to the store managers and eventually I did manage to find one that was suitable, although it wasn't in a section clearly marked "Religious Cards" or with a large "+". I raise this as an issue because it seems that in many areas of life, we are allowing our voices to be silenced. In Mark 16:15, Jesus certainly calls for us to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation. It is a right that is even entrenched in the Canadian Charter of Religious Rights and Freedoms which provides for freedom of

conscience, religion, thought, belief, opinion and expression. It also includes a preamble which begins; "Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law". My friends, we need to find our voices!

One line in the passage of scripture that I quoted at the beginning of my report reads, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." In the context of this passage, "these" is referring to those supporters and disciples of Jesus who were loudly raising their voices to welcome him into their lives and the City of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, proclaiming him to be their King and Messiah. The Pharisees were furious and ordered Jesus to silence them, but he explained that even if he did, the stones would just take up the call and begin to shout out. I suspect that at the time Jesus used those words, it was thought he was literally referring to the stones lying on the ground at the sides of the road, but over time, a new interpretation has emerged. The words are now thought to represent the so called "Living Stones", which is a term first used by the disciple Peter when he described all of those individuals, including ourselves, who collectively make up the Body of Christ throughout the world. "Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:4-5).

As the Living Stones, whether lay or ordained, we must continue to raise our voices as we welcome Jesus into our own lives and cities, proclaiming him to be our King and Messiah. As Cursillistas we have learned and been equipped, to do this with confidence, openly sharing our faith in Jesus, the source of our hope and joy, wherever and with whoever we may be. This may be amongst family. friends or strangers, even those working in stores selling Greetings Cards as we explain the importance of being able to give thanks to God for the blessings in our lives. By doing so we are planting the seeds of faith so that one day, all can come to learn and welcome him into their own lives. When that day comes, as it surely must, the world will be transformed, but until then we must not be silent. Whether you are a lay or ordained Cursillista, now is the time to raise your voice about the wonderful ministry that is Cursillo. God is calling you to actively seek to transform fellow Living Stones, through strengthened faith, study and action. Please pray about who you might want to Sponsor to attend our next Weekend, which is scheduled for Nov 11-13, 2022, at Five Oaks Retreat Centre in Paris, Ontario. If or when, a name comes to you, talk first to that person's priest and have them agree to support your Sponsorship of their parishioner. They might know a reason why it's not a good time for a person to attend a Weekend and they must also agree to accept their role in that person's pre- and post-Cursillo Weekend experience, before you speak to your potential participant. But if you remain silent about the gift that is Cursillo, what then?

Ultreya,

Brian+

Rev. Brian Galligan, Spiritual Director

3. Weekend Chair

Carol Summers

Sadly, again I must report that we have been unable to hold a Weekend in the past year. We did, however hold an alternative event via Zoom.

On November 13, 2021, a team of 16 people held an Introduction to Cursillo. The intention was to put together a program that people with no knowledge of Cursillo, as well as those who wanted to refresh their understanding, would find useful.

We decided to hold it as a one day event, from 9:30 - 3:00 pm, with a break for lunch. Anything less than that would not have permitted us to give a worthwhile introduction to Cursillo.

We began by discussing what Christianity is, how Cursillo fits into that call and how it was developed. We included a meditation on prayer. We wanted to show how a Weekend unfolds with talks and discussions and then how Cursillo continues to enrich our Christian walk. We included an example of Grouping and an explanation of an Ultreya.

Prayer and music enhanced the day.

This project was extensive and much prayer and effort went into it before and after the event. We also recorded the day so that we could allow people to access it and use it as a resource, hoping it will prove to be a useful tool for anyone wanting to know about Cursillo.

I am delighted to tell you that we are in the process of preparing Weekend # 56, which will be held on the weekend of Nov 11-13, 2022, at Five Oaks Retreat Centre, Paris ON.

Our Coordinator is Rita Predon and the Assistant Coordinator is Tim Standish. It has been a long time since we had the joy of holding a Cursillo Weekend so let us join together in celebrating this gift that has proven to be so meaningful to so many.

Please come out to support the Weekend as much as you can and hold the Leaders, the whole Team and the Weekend in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Summers, Weekend Chair.

4. Music chair

Karen Galligan

Psalm 95:1-2 (NIV) "Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song."

This past Fall 2021, I happily accepted the position of Music Chair for our Niagara Huron Secretariat. Our online Zoom Ultreyas over the year have been graced by many wonderful musicians who have shared their musical gifts with us, enriching our time together with songs of worship and praise. We give thanks to our very talented Cursillistas: Anne, James and David Gould, Margaret Wilding-Denew, Susanne Adams, Kristy Van Kooten-Bossence, Susan Little, and Rev. Patty Dobbs Luxton.

During the online Day of Deeper Understanding workshop, which was held in June, two YouTube music/video selections were successfully used to open and close the event, allowing our own musicians to just relax, enjoy and reflect upon the presentation along with everyone else in attendance.

Music touches our souls. It moves us, soothes us, inspires us, and fills our hearts with joy, hope, promise, thanksgiving and praise. Please join me in continuing to pray for our upcoming Cursillo Weekend this November. Pray for the Music and Worship team as they discern, select, prepare and practice many musical selections to support and enrich all aspects of the Weekend. Pray for the Speakers who will choose just the right songs to enhance each of their talks. Pray also for the Participants who will attend the Weekend, that the Holy Spirit will speak to their hearts and minds through the gift of music.

Blessed be the Music Makers! Ultreya!

Karen Galligan

3. Pre-Cursillo

Colin Shutt

As the weekend approaches the anticipation for a Christian is palpable. As the teams are falling into place I am reminded just how important the Cursillo weekend is for all who have and who intend to be part of a weekend.

Like us on

My fourth day journey has been serving, some studying, some befriending all with Jesus by my side for he doesn't want perfection just a loving try.

This commentary from Stephen McAlpine "Christians, it seems, are becoming an unpopular minority, and belief in God and all He intends for His creation is increasingly viewed as being opposed to individual rights, particularly as they pertain to marriage, gender, and sexuality." Makes me feel our work on the Cursillo 'Movement' is even more vital today.

So I'm ready to get things going in Niagara and Huron. Pray for Covid freedom.

We shall pray for the Participants and Team. I'll be there and I hope all Cursillistas rise up for Jesus!

Ultreya, Colin

4. Education

Melanie Bray Brown

I wish to express the extreme gratitude I feel, with regards to the successful implementation of a virtual Day of Deeper understanding with our team.

On June 4 we had the Day of Deeper Understanding with John Bowen. This brought light to our understanding of how and what we can do to promote Evangelism in keeping with our understanding of our fourth day and being Christians in general.

On this journey together our actions and our kindness matter to one another. John has shown us in a simple way how we all can contribute, participate and keep enthusiastic.

Here is the link to the Day of Deeper Understanding https://youtu.be/wDsENkWTHQg. It can also be found on the website.

I have been blessed to be a part of this fantastic journey,

Ultreya, Melanie Bray Brown

7. Treasurer's report

Tim Standish

Dear Cursillistas,

Things have started to move again! The fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 was not unlike the previous one: modest income due to donations and PAP (\$6688.01) and minimal expenses (\$1816.14). (See column "Actual YTD Y/E June 30,2022" on Proposed Budget attachment.) The result is that we have surplus of \$4,871.87. So added to our previous balance we now have \$17,689.85 in the bank. (See Balance Sheet attachment.) We are in very good financial shape going into the Fall and are able to keep our Weekend fees to a manageable \$125 per person and it still allows us to make our deposits for the venue for the '23 Weekend, which will be significant.

The proposed budget for '22-'23 is also attached. Since the last year did not have a Weekend, it is not a good example for a budget starting point (see column Budget 2021-2022). We looked back to 2019-20 to base our estimates on in many cases and adjusted for inflation (we'll see if 8% turns out to be a good guess!) So the proposed budget is \$9,460.00 with expected income of \$8,815.00 for a deficit of \$645.00. As always, Cursillo budgets are more guidelines than hard and fast rules. Last year included some exceptional donations. Perhaps we're guilty of showing little faith that the Spirit is not going to move people in similar ways this year, wiping out this projected deficit. Regardless, we are not a profit making business and we can deal with our financial issues as they arise. And as noted before, the preauthorized payment givers (PAP) are the backbone of our finances. Please consider being one and contact the Treasurer on how to become one - tstreas@rogers.com.

I hope all are having a good summer. Enjoy the heat, remember February! Things are moving.

In His Service

Tim Standish

Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo Balance Sheet Y/E June 30, 2022 as at June 2022

17,689.85

Current Assets
Chequing/Savings
10000 - Bank
10001 - TD CanadaTrust

Total 10000 - BANK	17,689.85
Total Chequing/Savings	17,689.85
Total Current Assets	17,689.85
TOTAL ASSETS	17,689.85

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

BILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 - Opening Balance Equity	12,817.98
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	-
Net Income (YTD net)	4,871.87
Total Liabilities & Equity	17,689.85

Print date: 7/13/2022

NIAGARA HURON ANGLICAN CURSILLO PROPOSED BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENDITURE JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023 FOR APPROVAL AT ANNUAL MEETING

NCOME		Proposed Budget 2022-2023		Actual YTD Y/E June 30, 2022		Budget 2021-2022		Actual Last Y/E 2020-21	
40001 - Cursilio - Weekend Fees	\$	4,375.00	\$	_	5	_	\$	_	
40002 - Cursilio PAP Donations	\$	3,240.00	5	3,318.00	5	3,528.00	\$	3,538.00	
40003 - Donations - J.O.G., Memorials & Other	\$	1,000.00	\$	3,370.01	5	500.00	\$	1,020.00	
40005 - Cursilio Church Offering (closing/weekends)	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
TOTAL INCOME	\$	8,815.00	\$	6,688.01	\$	4,028.00	\$	4,558.00	
EXPENDITURES									
60002 - Advertising and Promotion	5	_	5	_	5	_	5	_	
60003 - Bank Service Charges	5	50.00	s	70.05	5	50.00	5	_	
60004 - Business Licenses and Permits	5	170.00	5	150.00	5	170.00	\$	169.81	
60005 - Website	5	350.00	5	46.09	5	350.00	5	349.57	
60006 - Conferences and Secretariat Meetings	5	200.00	5	_	5	200.00	5	-	
60008 - Postage	\$	10.00	\$	-	5	10.00	\$	-	
WEEKEND EXPENDITURES:									
60015 - Office Supplies - photo copies - printing	\$	85.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
60016 - Cursilio Snacks & supplies	\$	110.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
60017 - Postage		25.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
60018 - Agape and Mañanita		80.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
60019 - Five Oaks /Mt.Mary or other centres		6,700.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
60020 - Team Training (church use & supplies/snacks)	\$	110.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
60021 - Bulletins, closing	\$	70.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
OTHER:									
60024 - Cursilio expenses-current year	\$	200.00	\$	350.00	\$	-	\$	-	
60025 - AM Supplies	\$	100.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
60027 - CACS - annual dues		1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,800.00	
60028 - CACS - CLW			\$		\$	160.00	\$	160.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	9,460.00	\$	1,816.14	\$	2,140.00	\$	2,479.38	
NET INCOME	\$	(645.00)	\$	4,871.87	\$	1,888.00	\$	2,078.62	

Notes: Budget estimates were based largely on the previous year's figures unless other factors are known. For example, line 40003 shows donations of 53370.01 in 21-22 but only \$1000 is expected in the coming year. There were some significant memorial donations made which are unusual on a year to year basis. In the case of Weekend Expenditures, figures from our last weekend in 2019 were used adjusted for 8% inflation and then rounded off.

7/18/2022 Print date

NIAGARA HURON ANGLICAN CURSILLO

Pre-Authorized Giving Program Authorization Form

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8. Fourth Day

Kathy Parker

We have had ultreyas the first Friday of the month by Zoom for the last year. The ultreyas have reunited the community and have been successful in keeping the community connected and vibrant. Each month we have had close to 50 participants who have delighted in being able to stay connected during the difficult isolation of COVID. We have had visitors from Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Ottawa, Alberta and British Columbia. We have met fellow Cursillistas from Huron and the far reaches of Niagara who find distances challenging.

There has been a hardworking team that has made the ultreyas possible, Shirley Kitchen, Lorette Shermet and the many people who have been there and helped organize and facilitate the ultreyas.

Thank you to the many people and teams that have come together. The music team, witness speakers, and all who supported the logistics of the evening. We will have an Ultreya as part of the annual meeting on September 25th at the Church of the Resurrection in Hamilton.

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9. Communications

Blanche Mills



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Here is the Rainbow including all the reports that you will need for the Annual Meeting, which will be in person at Church of the Resurrection in Hamilton a 3:30 p.m. on Sunday September 25 also including an Ultreya. I look forward to seeing you there.

Are you moving? Did you get rid of your landline and you only have your cell phone? Please, remember to forward your new address to niagaracursillocomm@gmail.com so that we can keep our records up to date. This would also be helpful if you have changed your email address so that we can stay in touch with you. Check with your Cursillo friends and ask if they are receiving emails and the Rainbow. If not and they would like to, please let me know so that I can continue to keep people up-to-date.

10. Announcements



Holy Land Pilgrimage

April 21st - May 10th, 2023

Escorted by Reverend Brian Galligan Spiritual Director, Niagara-Huron Anglican Cursillo

Includes Biblical and Archeological sites in both Israel and Jordan

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