

The *Rainbow*

Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo Newsletter & Year-end Reports

Summer 2026



LET US PRAY



Day of Deeper Understanding, April 18, 2026, Grace Church, Milton

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Lay Director's Report

Submitted by Tim Standish

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Greetings to all Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

This past year began with preparations underway for Weekend #58 which would be held on November 21-23, 2025 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre. With Michael Wilson as Coordinator, things were entering the team training phase and that and the other myriad of details, dominated the fall. It was a very successful weekend with ten participants attending. Bishop Terry Dance (Huron), presided at the closing service.

Congratulations to Michael and the rest of the team for their work for the participants done in God's service. The core team met almost weekly by Zoom before the weekend.

Secretariat made the decision not to have a weekend in 2026 as it was felt that all our energies go into preparations and Fourth Day activities suffer as a result. To that end, during the winter/spring there were Diocesan Ultreyas held at St. Matthew's, Burlington and St. Paul's, Princeton. In between, a very well attended Day of Deeper Understanding took place at Grace, Milton. People were able to experience and renew some of the Spirit of their Weekends at all these events. In addition to these diocesan events, the Milton/Acton group continued their regional Ultreyas. It was decided not to hold a summer picnic/Ultreya this year. The Guelph one last summer was poorly attended. Grouping seems to be holding steady.

I would like to thank the members of Secretariat for their service this year. The Rev. Stewart Carolan-Evans, rector of St. John's, Burlington, came on as Spiritual Director. The search to replace Rev. Shirl Christian was not completed by the time her term ended at the Annual Meeting in September. October was mostly gone by the time Stewart was confirmed and then he had to jump in with both feet and plan a Moonlight and Closing Service for the November weekend. So many thanks to him for

accepting the challenge. We are looking forward to benefitting from his extensive Cursillo experience in the UK. Pat Hyslop moved from the position of secretary to the vacant Education chair and did an excellent job organizing the Day of Deeper Understanding. Shauna Fishwick agreed to take over as secretary. John Wilkinson has come on most recently as Music Chair. Others continue in their positions: Marion Bailey -Weekend Chair, Chris Levett- Fourth Day, Renée Anderson-Communications, Janice Toth -Treasurer, Rita Predon- Palanca and yours truly as Lay Director. Rev. Stephanie Pellow continues in her capacity as representative to the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS). Since Niagara Huron Secretariat covers the two dioceses, we qualify for a second representative and Janice Toth has agreed to take that on. Bronwen Bruch is our Weekend Registrar and Dr. Emily Hill is our Diocesan-appointed liaison.

About ten years ago, facing the difficulties of attracting enough participants for a Weekend, Secretariat made the decision to hold “shortened weekends”. They would start on Friday evening instead of Thursday evening and although the same 15 talks would be heard, some of the other less essential aspects would be shortened or in some cases, deleted entirely. It was hoped that more people would be able to participate if they did not have to take a day off work and if the cost was lowered by one less day of accommodation. The short format was approved by CACS. However, after several of the shortened weekends, the opinion of many participants is that while the weekend is a great experience, it feels rushed and “crammed”. More time to absorb the experience would be helpful. At the same time, recruitment for the weekend really did not seem to be that much easier and prior to each weekend we were still down to the wire wondering if we would have a viable number of participants. With all the above in mind, Secretariat has decided to return to a full three-day format for Weekend #59. Mount Carmel, Niagara Falls has been booked for July 8-11, 2027. One of the downsides to the longer format is that many venues -including Mt. Mary- want to book for only Monday-Friday or Saturday and Sunday. Fortunately, Mt. Carmel staff have been very accommodating regarding the booking and it is a beautiful facility. As far as the cost is concerned, we have a very

strong bank balance right now which will allow us to subsidize the fees. The location is far for almost everyone (especially those in Huron) but Secretariat decided to go with it as it is an excellent facility and it is Niagara Falls!

Cursillo in Niagara Huron has some good momentum and I believe that we can continue that in the coming year by discernment and following the urgings of the Holy Spirit.

Ultreya!

Spiritual Director's Report

Submitted by Rev. Stewart Carolans-Evans

Having been appointed Spiritual Director of Niagara and Huron Anglican Cursillo on November 1, 2025, my deliberate approach during these first months has been to listen carefully, observe attentively, and learn something of the culture, rhythms, strengths, and lived theology of this community.

This has been something of a watching brief, although not, I hope, in the sense of sitting quietly in a corner looking suspicious. Rather, it has been an opportunity to understand before proposing, to receive before attempting to contribute, and to discern where the Holy Spirit may already be at work among us.

I remain deeply grateful to Tim Standish, our Lay Director, and to the members of Secretariat for the generosity, patience, openness, and collegiality with which I have been welcomed. Tim has also provided me with an impressive quantity of documentation. I can confirm that I have been reading it, although generally with a strong cup of coffee close at hand.

During the year, I was pleased to lead worship at the Moonlight Commissioning Service at Holy Trinity, St George, and to participate in the Closing Service for Cursillo #58 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre. My

overriding impression of both gatherings was the palpable sense of Spirit-centred joy, warmth, and camaraderie. These qualities resonated strongly with my own experience of Cursillo over more than twenty years in the United Kingdom and gave me genuine hope for its continuing life in Niagara and Huron.

In April, I attended the Day of Deeper Understanding at Grace Church, Milton. The Revd. Monica Green's reflections on prayer were refreshing, practical, and spiritually grounded. The making of Anglican rosaries provided participants with a tangible devotional resource, while the session on labyrinth prayer offered another valuable way of engaging prayerfully in body, mind, and spirit. The large portable labyrinth used that day made a particular impression upon me. I believe something similar could be a worthwhile addition to future Cursillo weekends and Days of Deeper Understanding, creating space for prayer, stillness, and reflection amid what can otherwise become a very full programme.

More broadly, I believe that Days of Deeper Understanding are an important expression of Fourth Day ministry. In years when a Cursillo weekend takes place, one such gathering annually would be beneficial. In years without a weekend, two or three could help maintain fellowship, spiritual encouragement, and a shared sense of purpose.

One matter upon which I have reflected consistently is the length and structure of the Cursillo weekend itself. My own experience has been of weekends beginning on Thursday evening and concluding on Sunday afternoon. That more spacious rhythm allows time not only for hearing the rollos [Editor's note: much of the Cursillo world uses the Spanish word for the talks], but also for prayer, silence, conversation, reflection, relationship-building, and spiritual integration. I fully recognise the practical considerations involved, including cost, employment, travel, and the demands placed upon staff and volunteers. Nevertheless, my conviction remains that the fuller structure better enables Cursillo to become the deeply moving and spiritually formative experience it is intended to be. The pace of the weekend matters; some things of the Spirit cannot easily be hurried.

I have also been involved, alongside Tim Standish, Marion Bailey, and Karen Galligan, in visiting and considering possible venues for Cursillo #59 in 2027. We visited Ohsweken, Crieff Hills, and Mount Carmel, each of which offered particular strengths. It has now been confirmed that Cursillo #59 will be held at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre. I believe this was the right decision and am very much looking forward to the weekend being held there. The atmosphere at Mount Carmel is especially conducive to prayer and reflection, with calm surroundings, a rich spiritual history, and facilities well suited to the needs of a Cursillo community.

There is also a pleasing personal connection for me. My own Cursillo weekends in the United Kingdom were held at Aylesford Priory, itself a Carmelite establishment. I therefore know from experience that Carmelite spirituality, with its emphasis upon prayer, contemplation, attentiveness to God, and the transforming work of grace, can provide an excellent backdrop for a Cursillo weekend. Mount Carmel will not merely be a venue; it has the potential to become part of the spiritual experience of the weekend itself.

As Spiritual Director, I have also been reflecting upon the proper relationship between lay witness and teaching within Cursillo. Cursillo is rightly a powerful instrument for nurturing and encouraging lay ministry. The personal witness of lay people is one of its great strengths. At the same time, we remain part of the Anglican Church, with its patterns of spiritual oversight, teaching, and accountability. My hope is not to limit lay voices, but to ensure that they are well supported, appropriately guided, and fully honoured within the life and discipline of the Church. I was encouraged by the seriousness and collegial spirit with which Secretariat has begun to discuss these matters.

I have also sought opportunities to increase awareness of Cursillo among clergy. Although a proposed presentation at the diocesan clergy retreat was not possible, the retreat was intentionally being kept free from presentations, I hope that other opportunities will emerge, including through our diocesan synods. I believe there remains considerable scope

for clergy to understand more fully how Cursillo can support discipleship, renewal, and sustained Fourth Day ministry within the Church.

As I look back over these first months, I remain grateful for the privilege of serving as Spiritual Director. I have moved beyond the earliest stage of simply watching and listening, but I hope never to move beyond listening altogether. Cursillo is built upon friendship, prayer, trust, witness, and the conviction that God continues to renew the Church through ordinary Christians who offer themselves faithfully to Christ.

There is much work ahead as we prepare for Cursillo #59, strengthen Fourth Day ministry, and continue to discern the future. I approach that work with prayerfulness, attentiveness, and genuine hope.

Ultreya!

ANNUAL MEETING
OF NIAGARA HURON ANGLICAN CURSILLO
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, HAMILTON
MEETING TIME: 3:00 P.M.

(doors open 2:00)

ULTREYA FOLLOWING THE MEETING
WITH POTLUCK SUPPER

- BRING A DISH TO SHARE -
COFFEE & TEA PROVIDED

ALL CURSILLISTAS WELCOME

niagarahuronanglican@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

On behalf of Secretariat and the wider community, we offer our condolences to the families of our Cursillistas who have recently gone to their 5th day.

Terry Burk
Jan Arnold
Peggy Ann Budd
Brian Grose
Marion Angel
Patti Troughton



"It's what we're all doing in this life – coming and going, loving and losing, living and dying. In the end, we're all just walking each other home, aren't we? Finding our way along the paths of life, sometimes alone, sometimes in the company of others, until we find a way to let go. This is what our faith is for. Because this is where all paths eventually lead."

Submitted by Ann Mulvale, author unknown

Weekend Chair Report

Submitted by Marion Bailey

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve God and our Cursillo movement as Weekend Chair for the past two years. As my first term comes to an end and my second term begins, I would like to share a brief reflection on what we have learned, what has worked well, and my hopes

for the continued strength of our movement as we prepare for Weekend #59.

I observed that as weekend training moved away from “practicing the weekend” over two training weekends—Friday night and Saturday for two sessions, or four dates total—the weekend method, team building, and some communications were easier to miss. This makes sense: we cannot reduce training hours without also reducing fellowship and team building. At the same time, new communication tools have brought us into 2026, and we must move with the times while maintaining the Team Training Cursillo Method. I suggest that regularly scheduled Zoom meetings, such as weekly meetings for the team as it grows, be accepted as a standard practice going forward, following the model initiated by the past weekend core team. Well done, Team #58!

Practicing talks in advance using the Internet has also been helpful and can reduce time needed during training; however, the weekend method and progression must be emphasized at team training sessions.

Overall, I think Weekend #58 was a terrific success, and the Holy Spirit gave us the guidance and direction to bring Cursillistas into their Fourth Day!

In March, we began planning Weekend #59 by seeking a venue, date, and team. The venue search included Mount Mary, Renison College, Crieff Hills, Mount Carmel, and Six Nations, with three site visits completed in April. The touring group included Tim, our Lay Director; Rev. Stewart, our Spiritual Director; Karen Galligan, an experienced team Support Coordinator; and me. We will ask for a vote at the annual meeting to revert back to the original three-day weekend.

Secretariat selected Mount Carmel for Weekend #59, which will take place from Thursday, July 8, to Sunday, July 11, 2027. Our Coordinator is John Wilkinson and his Assistant Coordinator is Jan Collinson. Please pray for John, Jan, and for Secretariat as the team comes together.

We can expect some obstacles, including concerns that have been raised about the driving distance. However, we have held successful weekends at Mount Carmel in the past, and Niagara Falls has always been a beautiful place to visit in July. I hope you will mark these dates on your calendar and continue to support your Cursillo Movement as you are able. Ultreya!



TO FIND WEEKEND APPLICATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP FORMS
Go To

WWW.NIAGARACURSILLO.ORG

CATEGORIES

- CURSILLO WEEKEND – APPLICATION PACKAGES
- SPONSOR INFORMATION AND REPORT

Fourth Day Chair Report

Submitted by Chris Levett

Let me introduce myself. I made my Cursillo in 2023 at Five Oaks at the table of the 4 Tops. They were known for the song, “I’ll Be There”. I attend Grace Anglican Church in Brantford where I am also a warden. I am also a postulant for the diaconate.

I would also like to thank everyone on Secretariat who has supported me in my second year as 4th Day Chair.

As I look back over the last 2 years, our concept for grouping is always at the front of our minds. This is a challenge that we must overcome in the 21st century as we spend a lot of time on our phones and laptops.

Physically gathering is vital to us sharing the love that Christ has for us. I encourage you to gather with the friends that you met at your own Cursillo weekend. It is these experiences that propel us into our 4th Day (the rest of our lives).

Many of us are still remembering and recovering from COVID. I think that this is still preventing people from gathering in groups. This is causing us to miss this opportunity for Christian growth. As Christians we are meant to be in community with each other. Our relationship with Jesus is found within each other. We also meet to hold each other up and hold each other accountable as we live out our faith.

Onward!

Chris Levett (chris.levett70@gmail.com)
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Ultreya June 28th in Huron

Submitted by Shauna Fishwick

Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo met at St. Paul's Anglican Church on the afternoon of Sunday, June 28, 2026. We began our afternoon in the church for a time of worship, and time of sharing our actions of faith and times of study and prayer. A fellow Cursillista did a witness talk telling of how God has been directing her life. We sang hymns and songs from the Cursillo songbook.

Following our time of worship and Cursillo updates, we enjoyed a nice potluck in the church hall. Lots of good fellowship and tasty food were enjoyed.

People who attended Cursillo weekends in the past and who became Cursillistas attended the event, as well as people who are interested in becoming Cursillistas. People came from both the Niagara and Huron

Dioceses. These events are open for anyone to attend. This time together is called an Ultreya, which means a group coming together for fellowship and encouragement.

To find out more information on Cursillo, please check this website:
www.niagaracursillo.org.



FAITH, STUDY, ACTION

Cursillistas attended July Lay Readers Conference in Kingston



Music Chair Report

Submitted by John Wilkinson

This year it was our turn to report our Cursillo music usage for the period from Oct. 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 for all Cursillo events. With the help of Anne Gould and Margaret Wilding, we have compiled a list of the Music selections used throughout team training, the Moonlight and Weekend 58! I know Anne Gould and Margaret have continued to log these.

On the music report for Secretariat, I understand Karen often would name and give thanks to those of our musicians who had been involved in providing our music at each event, and also list any upcoming dates for events coming up, and to invite our musicians and singers. I am updating a master list of available musicians, as we encounter more on every Cursillo weekend!

Please feel free to request music help and musicians with any upcoming events...and please forward music selections and musicians at these events, so we can maintain current information.

I will continue to keep a record of the music selections played during each of our Cursillo Ultreyas and gatherings. To this point, we have not entered the selections on the CCLI site itself, as we have the copyright permission to use those songs which we already have in our Cursillo songbooks and on our Cursillo computer database. Most of our regular musicians also play at their own churches, so they are aware of how to get and record proper copyright information for songs we use outside of that, especially new songs they teach us.

Ultreya!

Communications Chair Report

Submitted by Renée Anderson

Communications has been busy throughout the year, keeping up with the various activities and announcements that affect our community, both regionally and at the diocesan level. I worked with Pat Hyslop to help announce the Day of Deeper Understanding. A poster was created for the Ultreya June 28th and distributed a couple times. Unfortunately, a few 5th day announcements had to go out. I have been working with others to ensure the Ultreya has people to run the program. I usually contact Chris and the team he gathers in order to set up music on PowerPoint. Thanks to Tim and Stewart for getting me a report to send to Huron Synod by their deadline of June 15th. My contact says a presentation slot must be approved by the Bishop sometime in the summer and we will be advised of that outcome. Stewart has volunteered to speak, if approved. We are on the list for a ministry table. We will still have to ask for a volunteer to man the table. The storyboard info will be reviewed this summer. In Niagara we will provide our brochure to distribute at the synod tables. There will be no presentation this year, due to the theme synod is working with.

HostGator is supplying us with another three years of service.

According to Microsoft communication, Publisher will no longer be supported as part of Microsoft 365 beginning 10/1/26. Many common Publisher scenarios are available in other Microsoft 365 apps, including Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. We will find out what that means when the time comes!

De Colores!

Continuing Education Chair

Submitted by Pat Hyslop

Our spring session of a Day of Deeper Understanding was held on April 18, 2026. It was held at Grace Church, Milton. We had 30 participants registered and two speakers. The topic was Personal Prayer. We began the day with coffee, tea and muffins and some wonderful socialization.



Our main speaker was Rev. Monica Green, the Niagara Diocesan Faith Formation Coordinator, and she did a wonderful talk on two types of prayer and on the Anglican Rosary. Each participant received a prayer journal, stickers to personalize it and a pen with a holder to keep with their prayer journal. Everyone was able to make their own rosary with the beads provided. There was lively discussion after each talk on the types of prayers, and I think everyone learned from this experience.

We ended the day with our second speaker, Lori Haskings-Barber (left). She



brought her Labyrinth and gave an inspirational talk on walking a Labyrinth. Lori spent some time speaking about her experience with Labyrinth walks and pointed out that there are no rules but more

the experience you feel when you walk the Labyrinth. Everyone was given the chance to walk the Labyrinth before they left for the day.

I would like to thank Carol and Richard Summers for their help with set up and take down. Thanks to Marion Bailey for connecting with Lori and making her introduction. Thank you to Stewart for being the host for the day and introducing Monica, opening the day with prayer, saying grace at lunch and presenting Monica with her appreciation gift. Thank you to Renée in organizing the power point. Thank you to John Wilkinson for organizing the music and many thanks for his accompanying musicians, Frank Johnson and Susanne Adams. Thank you to Jessie Peach for helping to clean up. And thanks to all those who registered for the day.

Our fall session is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2026. Further details will be forthcoming.



Living the Fourth Day...

.....to further your knowledge of Cursillo beyond Canada, you may want to contact admin@episcopalcursilloministry.org to receive their informative emails and list of palanca contacts.



Palanca

For many years now, Rita Predon has taken the lead in communicating Palanca from the National Cursillo Palanca group. Rita also handles our Weekend palanca. Thank you, Rita.

What is palanca? What is a palanca letter? A palanca letter is one that is sent to the candidates and team, informing them of the prayers and sacrifices that you are offering to God on their behalf. A letter may be sent explaining what type of palanca is being offered, but the letter is NOT the palanca. The actual palanca is the action - **intercessory prayer, sacrifice, or works of mercy**, and it can be done without writing a letter.

Why not take “action” with your “palanca” for participants and team for Weekend #59 in 2027!

Treasurer's Report

Respectfully submitted by Janice Toth

Our Cursillo bank balance is very healthy with a closing balance of \$14,623.10 and a monthly deposit via PAG (pre-authorized giving) of \$364.00 from many dedicated members of Cursillo. The net income was very close to the budgeted amount with total expenditures slightly lower than expected.

The proposed budget for 2026-2027 is attached; note that the income is high and the proposed expenses are low since we are planning a weekend in July of 2027 (after year-end). Due to this we expect most of the fees to be paid in the 2026-2027 year but the expenses to be paid out in the 2027-2028 fiscal year.

The proposed 2026-2027 budget will be voted on at the September Annual meeting.

N/AGARA HURON ANGLICAN CURSILLO
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT Y/E JUNE 30, 2026
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026

	Actual Month of June 2026	Actual YTD Y/E June 30, 2026	Budget 2025-2026	Actual Last Y/E 2025
INCOME				
40001 - Cursillo - Weekend Fees		\$ 7,300.00	\$ 6,782.00	\$ 50.00
40002 - Cursillo PAP Donations	\$ 364.00	\$ 3,594.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,194.00
40003 - Donations - J.O.G., Memorials & Other	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,379.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,384.00
40004 - Day of deeper Understanding	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 100.00	
40005 - Cursillo Church Offering (closing/weekends)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 514.00	\$ 12,333.00	\$ 13,082.00	\$ 4,628.00
EXPENDITURES				
60002 - Advertising and Promotion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
60003 - Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -
60004 - Business Licenses and Permits	\$ -	\$ 306.95	\$ 170.00	\$ 89.27
60005 - Website	\$ -	\$ 68.04	\$ 300.00	\$ -
60006 - Conferences and Secretariat Meetings	\$ -	\$ 172.14	\$ 150.00	\$ 33.83
60008 - Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -
WEEKEND EXPENDITURES:				
60015 - Office Supplies - photo copies - printing	\$ -	\$ 252.06	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.98
60016 - Cursillo Snacks & supplies	\$ -	\$ 442.50	\$ 500.00	\$ -
60017 - Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 33.56
60018 - Agape and Mañanita	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.00	
60019 - Cursillo Weekend Venue	\$ -	\$ 6,813.00	\$ 6,782.00	\$ 754.00
60020 - Team Training (church use & supplies/snacks)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
60021 - Bulletins, closing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -
OTHER:				
60024 - Cursillo expenses-current year	\$ -	\$ 145.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 679.16
60025 - AGM Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
60026 - Day of Deeper Understanding Expenses	\$ -	\$ 385.03	\$ 300.00	\$ -
60027 - CACS - annual dues	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
60028 - CACS -CLW	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ 9,784.72	\$ 10,362.00	\$ 2,815.80
NET INCOME	\$ 514.00	\$ 2,548.28	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 1,812.20

Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo
Balance Sheet Y/E June 30, 2026
as at **June 2026**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Chequing/Savings

10000 - Bank

10001 - TD CanadaTrust

14,478.10

-

Total 10000 - BANK

14,478.10

Total Chequing/Savings

14,478.10

Total Current Assets

14,478.10

TOTAL ASSETS

14,478.10

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

30000 - Opening Balance Equity

11,929.83

32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets

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Net Income (YTD net)

2,548.27

Total Liabilities & Equity

14,478.10

NIAGARA HURON ANGLICAN CURSILLO
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT Y/E JUNE 30, 2026
INCLUDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

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40004 - Day of deeper Understanding	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
40005 - Cursillo Church Offering (closing/weekends)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 514.00	\$ 12,333.00	\$ 13,082.00	\$ 14,300.00
EXPENDITURES				
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60028 - CACS -CLW	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ 9,784.73	\$ 10,362.00	\$ 4,370.00
NET INCOME	\$ 514.00	\$ 2,548.27	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 9,930.00

THIS FORM CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

NIAGARA HURON ANGLICAN CURSILLO

Pre-Authorized Giving Program

Authorization Form

Please choose one:

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

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Address _____

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Please note: for joint accounts both parties should sign below:

Date _____ Signature _____

Signature _____

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CURSILLO STEWARDSHIP & SPONSORSHIP

“being administered by us **for the glory of the Lord** Himself (2 Cor. 8:19)

We invite you to be a part of this ministry of Cursillo, which comes in many forms. One of them is to show your support and generosity by sharing God’s gifts given to you. Sharing our abundance for the needs of ministry brings “fair balance”. We thank God for opportunities to take part in the passion to share the Good News. Working together, we can show our goodwill. Please give according to your ability to share.

WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT CURSILLO

By supporting Cursillo, you will help us sponsor candidates who may find it a financial burden to attend a Weekend, yet wish to follow their faith-formation journey. Secretariat also subsidizes the Weekends as the cost increases every year for the team as well. We want to ensure everyone has an opportunity to attend. There are other expenses that Secretariat is responsible for i.e. dues to CACS (our national Cursillo) and our newest purchase—a trailer to store our Weekend equipment and supplies. Your donations are most appreciated.

E-Transfer to Cursillo

Set-up e-Transfer by following these steps:

Step 1: Send the Treasurer an email (nactreas1@gmail.com) asking for answer to the security question. Please mention you are making a donation or payment to Cursillo. Once you have this security word you can pay online.

Step 2: Login to your online bank account.

Step 3: Add “Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo” (bank account name) as a recipient under transfers.

Email: nactreas1@gmail.com

Security Question: What is Ultreya?

Answer: (see step 1.)

***Not all banks may have the transfer button in the same spot, however, TDCanadaTrust will be located under Transfer. Then go to Interac e-Transfer.

Step 4: Enter.

Step 5: Enter the payment/donation amount and recipient.

Step 6: Enter.

Step 7: Confirm.

Step 8: You should see a confirmation that funds were sent.

Please note that the bank gives plenty of time for the transfer to take place.

BY CHEQUE

Mail cheques to our Treasurer, Janice Toth, P. O. Box 125, Mount Hope, ON L0R 1W0 made out to Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo.

Donations of \$20 or more in a calendar year will receive a tax receipt in February.

Pre-Cursillo Report

The Pre-Cursillo Chair position was not filled for the year 2025-2026. Secretariat members have been ready to approach fellow Christians about the tools of Cursillo through a Weekend and Ultreyas. The nature of the position is being responsible for proposing to the Secretariat a plan for the promotion and extension of the Movement in the Dioceses. S/he is to assist the wider community in implementing the Pre-Cursillo phase of the Movement, especially in the study and identification of environments to be evangelized and identifying potential leaders within those environments to be sponsored to attend a Weekend. We welcome interested members who would be willing to take on this chair to contact the Lay Director, Tim Standish.

PRE-CURSILLO CHAIR

CURSILLO JOB DESCRIPTION

Nature of the Position

The Pre-Cursillo Chair is responsible for proposing to the Secretariat a plan for the promotion and extension of the Movement in the Diocese. S/he is to assist the wider community in implementing the Pre-Cursillo phase of the Movement, especially in the study and identification of environments to be evangelized and identifying potential leaders within those environments to be sponsored to attend a weekend. S/he is responsible for ensuring the ongoing review and conducting of Sponsorship Workshops, and other means of communication that will promote Cursillo within the Diocese.

Outline of Responsibilities

Skills & Experience

Boundaries & Limitations

The Pre-Cursillo Chair must function within the By-laws of the Secretariat of the Cursillo Movement in the Anglican Diocese of Niagara and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct for Interpersonal Relationships that exist at the time they are in office.

Support & Key Contacts

The Pre-Cursillo Chair reports to the Lay Director

Participation Group

Screening Requirements

The nominating committee recommends the candidates to serve on secretariat. The recommended candidate must be in compliance with the screening guidelines set out in the Code of Conduct.

Length of Term

This term of office is for two years and the incumbent may seek a second consecutive term of two years only.



NIAGARA HURON ANGLICAN CURSILLO
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Held at Grace Church, 4 Pearl St., Brantford, ON

Attendance: There were 22 persons in attendance

Secretariat members: Tim Standish, Janice Toth, Shirl Christian, Emily Hill, Renée Anderson, Marion Bailey, Karen Galligan

Cursillistas: James Gould, Stephanie Pellow, Anne Gould, Eva Standish, Michael Wilson, Jessie Johnstone, Mary Salonen Martin, Jessie Peach, Rosaline Simmons, Shirley Kitchen, Lorhel White, Susan Wilson, Brian Galligan, Kathy Parker, Blanche Mills

Meeting called to order by Tim Standish at 3:09 p.m.

Reverend Shirl Christian opened with prayer and named those who have gone to their 5th day.

Shirley Kitchen appointed as recording secretary for this meeting.

Tim introduced the Secretariat for the period of 2024-2025 and named those members who sent in regrets.

Eva Standish moved to accept the Annual meeting minutes from September 2024. Seconded by Jessie Johnstone. CARRIED

Post-meeting note: during the discussion of the minutes from the Annual Meeting of 2024, a correction was noted regarding Shirley Kitchen being made Professor for the upcoming weekend. This was an error as the team had not yet been selected in September 2024. This likely came from the Secretariat minutes of May 2025 which noted Shirley's position.

No business arising from minutes.

The Secretariat members presented their reports and answered questions. Brian Galligan asked why there is a security question for e-transfer. Janice Toth will check with the bank. Susan Wilson asked when people donate to Cursillo through parish, how does the parish pass on to Secretariat? It was suggested that we may have to wait for Tim or Janice to see emails. Karen Galligan has completed her term as Music Chair and she expressed her appreciation for the musicians involved throughout her term. Karen mentioned we are always looking for new musicians to play at Ultreyas.

Janice Toth moved to accept the financial statements as presented. Renée Anderson seconded the motion.

Reverend Susan Wilson moved to accept all reports of Secretariat. James Gould seconded motion. CARRIED.

Janice Toth presented 2025-2026 Budget and made motion to approve. Renée Anderson seconded motion. CARRIED.

Nominations for Secretariat 2025-2026

Music Chair will remain open

Education Chair was open. Pat Hyslop nominated, acclaimed.

Pre-Cursillo Chair will remain open. No nominations. This is the second year for this vacancy.

Secretary – Shauna Fishwick is appointed.

Spiritual Director: A person has been asked to be the Spiritual Director and is currently considering the request.

We also need a CACS representative.

Returning Secretariat Members:

Lay Director – Tim Standish
Weekend Chair - Marion Bailey
Communications Chair – Renée Anderson
Fourth Day Chair – Chris Levett

Other Business:

Marion Bailey would like to start a conversation about returning to a four-day Weekend. Marion remarked that venues are scarce, costs will increase by 1/3. Brian Galligan also commented on a four-day weekend. Susan Wilson commented there was a poll in the past and it concluded that a four-day weekend was okay. She also mentioned that October and November are very difficult for clergy. Other options are to plan on a weekend with a PD day or to look at a university venue option. Secretariat will receive additional comments through Tim Standish.

Stephanie Pellow reported on behalf of CACS. Four diocesan Cursillo secretariats have closed due to a lack of leadership. She says the Pre-Cursillo Chair role is the most important. Stephanie reported that Ottawa Secretariat meet in person and Stephanie believes this has led to their continuing success. The most active are Niagara-Huron, Calgary, Edmonton and Nanaimo.

Michael Wilson, Coordinator for Weekend 58, says he needs one more table enabler.

The Secretariat for 2025-2026 was commissioned by Shirl Christian. Karen Galligan and Shirl Christian received their secretariat pins as outgoing members.

Tim Standish moved to close meeting at 4:15 p.m. CARRIED.

