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#### Cursillo Weekend #110

We have a date! Weekend #110 has been reserved for April 20-23, 2023 (that's easy to remember! 4-20-23, 2023) at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, NC. So we have a date, now we will need lots of folks to step up to serve on team. Coordinators, spiritual advisors, musicians, food services support, shepherds, palanca, chapel support, and table leaders. There will be several team formation meetings in the months leading right up to the weekend in April.

Contact **Barb Magee** for more information.



#### Action After the Weekend

Among many things, we can think about sharing the wonderful gift of insight we have been given. Take action, based on our faith.

Action in the sense of taking steps to express friendship in our churches, communities, and with other people.

We express our ideal through being present, showing up and being seen as representing a better way due to our life of faith.

We want to be sure we are making friends with whom to share. It feels good. *Make a friend*.

We go about being a friend as anyone would. We are present for them, we listen to them, we include them in various aspects of our lives, and we are helpful. We share the journey of life. *Be a friend*.

We take time to talk to God about our friends and our intention to share our faith with them. It brings us into alignment with God's intention for them.

We share the source of our friendship if we feel that it is appropriate and in alignment with God's intention for them. And so, we *introduce our friend to Christ*.

We want to be sure that the witness of our personal life will cause our friend to know our friend, Christ.

To me this refers to incorporating friendship, compassion, faith, forgiveness, action and love into our lives and from that abundance we give that full measure. These are the things that come back to us when we give, "we receive more" of love, forgiveness, friendship and acceptance.

We cannot do this work alone, so to have friends collaborating with us is essential to extend the kingdom. Why extend the Kingdom?

We made commitments at our confirmation to do just that: to proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

We confirm this by membership in the body of Christ.

Contributed by Cameron Cooke.

### **Upcoming Ultreya**

We will hold our next ULTREYA Sunday, September 18 from 5:00pm until 7:15pm. Location TBD! Might be Zoom, might be in person...stay tuned!

Most recent Ultreya was July 17 on Zoom. We had about 25 participants. Apologies for not getting the link into the newsletter in time (or rather, the newsletter did not come out in a timely manner to allow publication of Zoom Link.) Stay tuned via your e-mail for link to September Ultreya or location if In Person!

#### Ultreya Agenda

- 5:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 5:30 Opening Prayer for the Holy Spirit
- 5:40 Break into Zoom Rooms for Reunion Groups
- 6:20 Ten-minute break
- 6:30 Witness talk
- 7:00 Clergy response
- 7:10 Music postlude
- 7:15 Closing Prayer



### **Grand Ultreya**

Grand Ultreya is held about two weeks following a Cursillo weekend. A Grand Ultreya was held *IN PERSON* March 19 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Greensboro. About 40 Cursillistas were in attendance, including all three spiritual advisors from weekend #109, and eight Pilgrims from the weekend. Witness talks were presented by some of the newest Cursillistas: Randy Brantley, Anand Cerillo-Sharma, and Pat English as they reflected on their experiences during their weekend and actions afterward.

The next Grand Ultreya will be Saturday, May 6, 2023 at All Saints Episcopal, Greensboro. This will follow weekend #110. Put it on your calendar! And come one, come all!



### Piety, Study, and Action

The Cursillo Tripod is symbolized by a "STOOL" that consists of three legs. All three legs are needed to ensure the "STOOL" is solid and functional. For us, the Cursillo Tripod represents the three legs of our Spiritual Foundation; which are PIETY, STUDY and ACTION.

PIETY is the outward expression of a person's Faith. Developing our Piety goes "hand in hand" with developing a rock solid relationship with Christ.

STUDY is the pursuit of Meaning. Study allows us to learn more about our faith, ourselves and helps us to grow to become true Christians.

ACTION is the application of our Piety and Study. Action translates into our opportunity to live out Piety and Study and ultimately gives us the chance to "Make a Friend", "Be a Friend" and "Bring a Friend to Christ". This is how we help build the "Body of Christ" in our families, neighborhoods, Churches and places of work.



#### Bishop Curry Sermon

You can watch the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry deliver the opening sermon to the 80th General Convention by clicking this link.

### **Upcoming**

- Secretariat Tuesday, July 12 at 7pm via Zoom
- ♦ Ultreya Sunday, July 17 at 5:00pm via Zoom
- Secretariat Tuesday, August 9 at 7pm via Zoom
- Secretariat Saturday, September 10 at 11:00am, All Saint's Episcopal, Greensboro
- ♦ **Ultreya** Sunday, September 18 *location TBD*
- ♦ Weekend #110 April 20-23, 2023
- ♦ Newsletter Fall 2022 (submissions welcome

#### **Prayers**



Excerpted and modified from the Rev. Dr. John Throop, Anglican Fellowship of Prayer:

Almighty and most merciful God, we come to you with heavy hearts and troubled minds after yet another mass shooting. We pray for the victims in Highland Park, IL; Uvalde, TX; Buffalo, NY; and the 306 other mass shootings' victims since the start of 2022. Tragically, too many to list.

We bring before you all the men, women and children who were innocent victims of these senseless and malicious men who embraced evil. May the souls of all these innocent victims, through God's mercy find eternal safety and rest. We pray for all who are hospitalized, many still in critical condition, nearly all with life-shattering and permanent injuries. We lift all families who are facing ordeal and turmoil, and we place them into your loving arms.

#### Weekend #110

Would you like serve on team for #110? Contact Barb Magee, weekend leader, as planning will begin soon. There will be lots to do from the ground up and the top down. Every type of team member is needed and welcomed, from musicians to shepherds, table leaders to dining facilitators. The more the merrier!

Drop WeekendLeader <u>Barb Magee</u> an email at <u>barbmagee311@gmail.com</u>

Link to forms: <a href="https://nccursillo.org/forms.php">nccursillo.org/forms.php</a>



#### You Can Support Cursillo

- Sponsor a pilgrim for an upcoming weekend! nccursillo.org/forms.php
- Serve on #110 team! Contact <u>Barb Magee</u> <u>barbmagee311@gmail.com</u>
- Give a witness talk! Contact <u>Pat Sullivan</u> macgregor2@windstream.net
- Provide palanca for an upcoming weekend
- Contribute! nccursillo.org/getinvolved.php
- Submit an article for The Fourth Day (this Newsletter!) to <u>Ann Lockhart</u> annlockhart1@gmail.com





## Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all for world leaders, for the world.

Amen.

You may contribute to relief efforts in Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development:

<u>Episcopal Relief and Development—Ukraine Crisis Response Fund</u>

