

THE FOURTH DAY



3-day weekend evolving Minimum size required for No. 105

We have seven participants' applications for our next Cursillo Weekend, No. 105. We need 15 applications submitted with deposits before the Secretariat can set a date for the weekend and select a site. Only then can Gaynell Jennings, our weekend leader, begin forming a team.

One parish – All Saints' in Concord – has offered its church plant as a possible location.

We would welcome other locations as options.

You will find application forms for participants and sponsors

on our Cursillo website, nccursillo.org. Please fill them out and mail them to P.O. Box 859, Lewisville, NC 27023, with a deposit check for at least half the \$95 cost of the weekend.

Sid Chadwick, lay director, N.C. Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat

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Episcopal Cyber Sources

National Episcopal Cursillo www.episcopalcursillo.org

Other Episcopal Cursillo Websites www.episcopalcursillo.org/episcopalwebsites

Book of Common Prayer <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/bcp.htm>

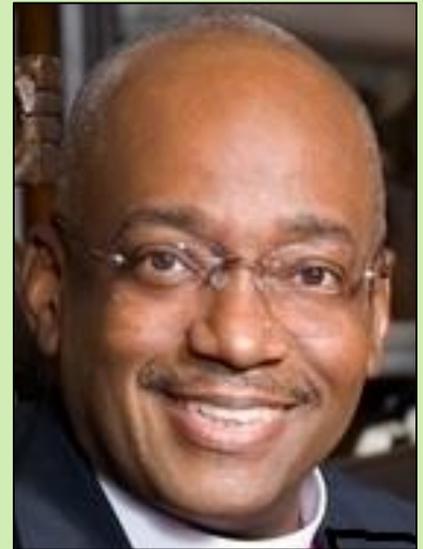
Bishop Curry to address national Cursillo meeting in Charlotte this fall

National Episcopal Cursillo will hold its annual national conference in Charlotte this fall, with Bishop Curry's approval.

The gathering will be held October 16 through Oct. 19 at the Hilton Charlotte University Place Hotel off Interstate 85 near the UNC-Charlotte campus. The NEC Conference theme will be "Run the Race, Keep the Faith."

The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry will be the celebrant and preacher at the opening Eucharist on Friday morning at the hotel. After the dinner hour Friday evening, he will make the keynote speech to the delegates.

The weekend will begin Thursday, Oct. 16, with the Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshop from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For the first time, it will be presented on video. The workshop last year was filmed and edited. Somewhat like the three-day Cursillo weekend, the



Bishop Curry

workshop includes 10 talks, with questions and discussion at the end of each. The goal is to train Cursillistas to be leaders in Cursillo ministry. Attending this workshop requires a separate fee and separate registration. This will be the first showing of the video to the Cursillo community. (Continued on Page 2)

Bishop Curry (Continued from Page 1)

Friday through Sunday, the rest of the conference offers workshops, district meetings and worship services. There Cursillistas can share their experiences at three-day weekends, in sponsoring weekend participants and in their Fourth Day.

The conference is expected to draw Cursillistas, lay persons and clergy alike, from across the nation and around the Western hemisphere. Look for the ever-faithful delegation from Bermuda! National Episcopal Cursillo extends beyond the United States throughout North and South America, the Caribbean and the South Pacific. For this reason the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefforts Schori, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, has asked NEC to consider broadening its name to include all this territory.

If you have never attended a NEC conference, now is the time: This one will be right in our diocese. Registration will soon be available at the NEC website: www.nationalepiscopalcursillo.org.

Cursillistas from the Diocese of North Carolina are needed as volunteers to help put on the conference. One or two chairpersons will be chosen by the Secretariat to coordinate the local effort as the head(s) of the Host Committee.

Branches of the committee will handle registration, assembly of registration packets, publicity, name tags, music (David Zoernig of Charlotte will lead the team), sale of merchandise and other conference logistics. To volunteer, send e-mail to Calvin Hefner at calvin@calvinehefner.com.

You will have a chance to serve on the Host Committee team. Watch for announcements in *The Fourth Day* as plans unfold.

Submitted by Calvin E. Hefner, who is the Southeast District lay representative to the National Episcopal Cursillo Conference. Hefner, a former lay director of N.C. Episcopal Cursillo, is heading the national conference committee.

Hefner heads NECC leadership panel

by Calvin Hefner, Southeast District lay representative, National Episcopal Cursillo Committee

Calvin E. Hefner of Charlotte, TSSF, past lay director for the North Carolina Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat, has been appointed chairman of the Cursillo Leadership Development Subcommittee on the National Episcopal Cursillo Committee. (TSSF stands for Third Order, Society of St. Francis.)

Calvin served three years as a member of the NCEC Secretariat and then two years as lay director of the Secretariat. Last year, as past lay director, he continued to sit on the Secretariat, advising the other member and especially the new lay director.

Four years ago he began serving as the Southeast District lay representative on the National Episcopal Cursillo Committee (NECC). In that role he works with the Secretariats and the bishops of eight Southeastern dioceses in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and North Carolina (not including the Diocese of North Carolina). He stays in touch with each of the eight dioceses, receives formal updates from them three times a year, and attends weekend closings and Secretariat meetings around the district from time to time. As district lay representative he makes personal contact with each bishop and gives

bishops and lay directors reports after every NECC meeting.

On the national board, Calvin has served three years on the Cursillo Leadership Development Subcommittee. Three years ago he was appointed chairman of the NEC Conference, the national meeting to be held this fall.



Calvin Hefner

This year the conference will be held Oct. 16-19 at the Hilton Charlotte University Place near UNC-Charlotte. Calvin will be seeking one or two North Carolina Cursillistas to be appointed as leaders or co-leaders of the NCEC Host Committee. The Secretariat will choose the lay chairperson(s) to be appointed from the Diocese of North Carolina.

Cursillistas from this diocese will be asked to serve on various Host Committee teams in putting on the conference. If you are interested in serving, send a message to calvin@calvinehefner.com. Don't be surprised if you are asked to take part.



Cursillo #104

Kneeling: Jeanne de Ward, Jan Millar, Athena Hahn (P)

1st row: Gaynell Jennings, Sondra Folsom, Annette Smith (P), the Rev. Nancy Allison, Lana E. McGlynn (P), Emma Edsall, Jan Patterson, Cindy Gibson (P).

2nd row: Genny Hinkle, Julie Bush, Mark Hill, Kit Reddeck, Earl Barber, Shirley dela Canal, Toni Routt, the Rev. Candy Snively.

3rd row: Sid Chadwick, Charles Simmons, Craig Snively, Jeff Cromer, Wendy Merrill, the Rev. John Gibson, Dave Millar, Carol Corbin, Ralph Schofield.

The weekend was held in August 2013 at St. Christopher's, High Point. (P – denotes participant; rest of group is team members)

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson

I feel like God is so distant, and.. why are you standing clear across the room when I'm telling you this?

Come near to God, and He will come near to you. **James 4:8**.. and while you are at it.. get that eye prescription checked.

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson

Well.. so much for the golden years.

and so at age 75, Abraham receives word from the 'boss' that retirement will be delayed. **Genesis 12:1-4**

Cursillo stirs up evangelism and promotes parish leadership

What every priest (and Cursillista) should know about the purpose of Cursillo

by The Very Rev. Richard E. Simpson, T.S.S.F.

Rector, St. Mark's, Islip, N.Y., Dean of the Atlantic Deanery, Diocese of Long Island

Editor's note: Last spring The Fourth Day published an article by Father Simpson called 'What every priest should know about Cursillo.' In this piece, he writes about how the purpose of Cursillo has evolved.

From the very beginning, the lay founder of the Cursillo movement, Eduardo Bonnín, saw a great need for evangelism in the neighborhoods of his environment. The parish churches spent much of their energy on church programs and were not reaching out to those furthest from Christ. He envisioned a movement where, in a simple, short course, people could experience the depth of God's love and learn that Christ was counting on them to be his active witnesses in the world.

This fundamental goal is still alive in the Cursillo Movement. Bonnín called it a movement because he envisioned inspired Christians working for Christ in homes and in the streets, just as the apostles were called to work in the streets. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, those early Cursillos led to a great upswing in doing the work of the evangelist. People were trained to share their own faith stories. People were encouraged to be as Christ to the world. People were excited to be the church, to be the living body of Christ. The mission of the church was right in front of them.

It is also interesting to note that the early Roman Catholic Bishops who supported Cursillo were excited because they saw that Cursillo created Christ-centered, church-centered leadership for their congregation. This emphasis has led to an effort to domesticate Cursillo. They sought to make it more about creating leaders for the parish churches, and less about lay evangelism.

In Episcopal Cursillo, you will find, both these purposes are being emphasized. The evangelism of our own neighborhoods and workplaces is best summarized in the saying "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ." Cursillistas are encouraged to always share their own faith stories

with people they know and to share the love of Jesus they have experienced. This how friends are best led to Jesus.



Father Simpson

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How do you reach out to others you do not know? First befriend them; then, at the right time, share the faith. The "movement" part of Cursillo is about inspired lay folks bringing others to Jesus and to church. Many years ago the Alban Institute determined that 86 percent of all church growth occurs when a friend invites a friend to church. The Cursillo movement has been teaching this method since 1944.

The purpose of Cursillo is to first teach the method through the three-day Cursillo weekend and to turn out people who are willing to support one another in doing the work of Christ in the world and in the Church. It is to bear witness to God's love and joy.

Put your reunion group on new diocesan list

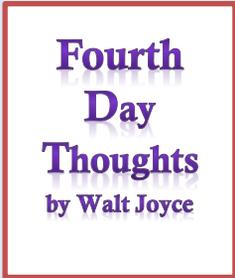
As part of our Fourth Day ministry we want to help Cursillistas, both new and old, find reunion groups (prayer and share groups) to join. Help us compile a list. Please tell us the day and time your group meets, the place, and a contact name, phone number and e-mail address. Send the information to Cameron Cooke, the Secretariat member in charge of Fourth Day activities, at rcamcooke@yahoo.com, or by fax at 336-389-0060. Thank you.

Christian marching orders: Follow Him, physically

I always look forward to Diocesan Convention (believe it or not!). Not for the business, but for the chance to hear our bishop speak. We are so blessed to have Bishop Curry; and I can honestly say that every time I've heard him speak in person, I have felt touched by God (no kidding!).

Last November, Bishop Curry continued his theme of the Galilee Initiative. But he gave us some really good directions. Now I'm a "process guy"; I like things explained in steps. Maybe it's just the "biblical" side of me, but I always try and limit things to threes: three steps to an instruction, three items to remember at the grocery store (more requires a written list), three bullets on a PowerPoint. Three is a holy number.

Bishop Curry spoke about three steps to our living out our Fourth Day in our Galilee challenge:



Go Deep – Examine yourself and your relationship with God. Start out in prayer to help discern what God is calling (and sending) you to do.

Go Speak – Talk about your insights and ideas with others. Collect help. Christianity is about community. We aren't supposed to do it on our own.

Go do – As Nike says, "Just DO IT." Get up out of your chair (pew) and act. Follow Him, physically.

My parish, St Clement's of Clemmons, has a three-part tag line: Loving hearts, open minds, giving hands. Here's how my process mind broke it all down:

Go deep	Seek the Father	Loving hearts
Go speak	Share the Gospel of the Son	Open minds
Go do	Allow the Holy Spirit to drive you	Giving hands

What's your Trinity?

Submitted by Walt Joyce, who made Cursillo #100 and worships at St. Clement's in Clemmons.



**'God loves you!
And God's love
is so great,
God loves your
enemies, too.'**

– Desmond Tutu

**from Episcopal
Memes / Facebook**

Spanish song revives colorful weekend memories

De Colores is Spanish for “in colors.” As there are sad moments in life, there are others when we see everything in color. That’s what happens, for example, when a person discovers that he or she is loved by the very person who loves him or her. It happens to lovers, when everyday life loses its sadness, the sun shines, life is beautiful, and we see it through rose-colored spectacles.

In the same way, realizing that God loves us in an unparalleled, unconditional way creates in our inner self a feeling like an incredible rainbow. After this experience, life is not the same. We have a new vision of the world; we act different, and we discover the many faces of Christ in the Christian community.

Indeed, as the prism breaks up white light into a scale of various colors, so do those who are around us. Every one of us has a different color, each one reflects an aspect of Christ. The phrase “De Colores” calls forth this joy caused by the

discovery of God’s love and the presence of Christ in ourselves and in others.

It comes from a song! The Cursillo movement came to use the expression by coincidence, because of a song titled “De Colores!” that was very popular at the time of the first Cursillo on the island of Majorca (a beautiful island in the Mediterranean Sea where spring is a real enchantment of colors).

That song, borrowed from Mexican folklore, expresses the joy of living and exalts the beauties of creation. It was readily adopted by the first Cursillistas as a reflection of their inner feelings. Its popularity carried over from one Cursillo to another, and it ended up becoming the theme song of the movement, even though it was never officially recognized as such.

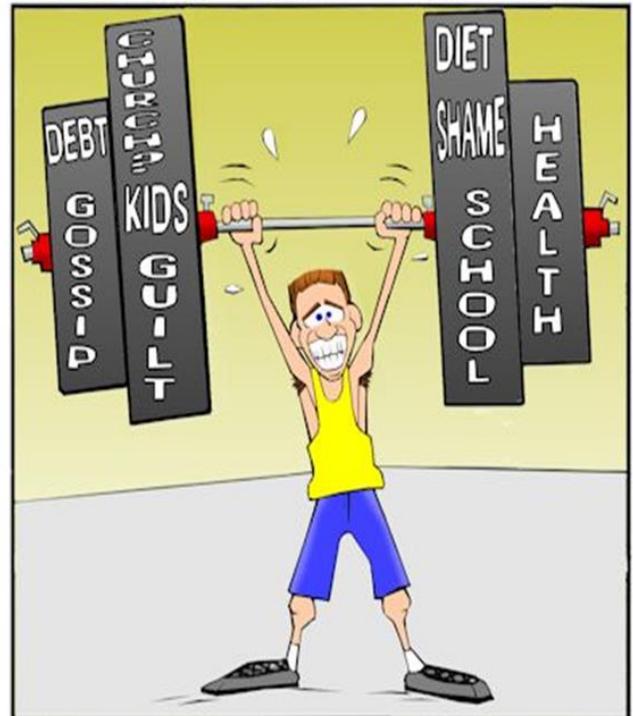
[From Forward, the newsletter of the San Diego Cursillo community. Author unknown.]

Corrections

A recent issue called the Secretariat the governing board of N.C. Episcopal Cursillo and called Sid Chadwick its chairman. The Secretariat is the chief administrative and policy-making body for Cursillo, and Chadwick is its lay director.

Another recent story incorrectly said that Dave and Jan Millar went to a Tres Dias three-day weekend in 1986. In fact, both were team members at a Tres Dias weekend in 1991. Dave had made Men’s Cursillo Weekend No. 2 in the Diocese of Connecticut in 1980, and Jan had made Cursillo No. 35 in the Diocese of South Carolina in 1986.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



When you are weak my power is made perfect in you. **2 Cor 12:7-10**

Men's group ministry stokes parish spirit

by Georgena Clayton, St. Clement's, Winston-Salem

"Red or white?" he asked as I came into the church. Usually when asked that question I am in a restaurant or at a friend's home for dinner. Our Men's Reunion Group was giving roses to all who came to church on Mother's Day...red signifying that one's mother is living and white to signify the loss of one's mother. There were pink roses, too, to celebrate one's special mother figure, a close friend, an aunt, someone important to be honored.

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Georgena Clayton

I was not expecting to be asked and yet, my mother was very much on my mind and in my heart that morning as I replied, "A white rose, please ... and thank you for this beautiful gesture." I was teary as I received the rose and am teary now as I write this note of gratitude. Robert could see I was moved deeply as he handed me the rose and reached over and hugged me.

When folks ask me, "Why St Clement's?" I used to say because it reminds me of St. Timothy's [in Winston-Salem] before we built the big church and went to three services. As I worshipped through tears on Mother's Day, I knew in my heart it was so much more. St Clements is community, and the Holy Spirit thrives in community.

I just marvel at what God has done and is doing in my life and in the lives around me. It is in community that the Holy Spirit lives. A part of the workings of the Holy Spirit in our community is our Men's Reunion Group. I've seen them in the kitchen preparing to feed the church, I've seen members helping out on work days, I feel their handshakes and hugs while passing The Peace on Sundays...so much a part of the Holy Spirit at work.

Thank you to the Men's Reunion Group of St Clement's. I bet I am not the only one touched by your thoughtfulness on Mother's Day.

"Red or white?" he asked, and my grateful heart thanked God for the Men's Group and the spirit that is St Clement's Episcopal Church.

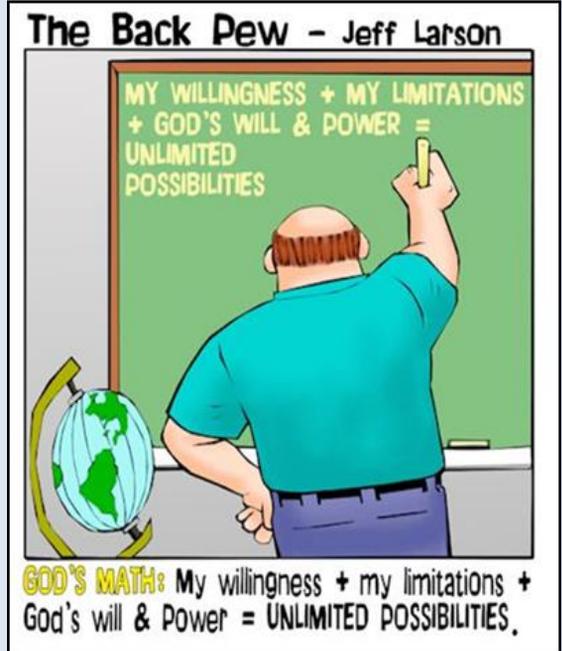
Reprinted from the newsletter at St. Clement's.

Papal reminder: Service signifies faith

Christians are warned not to place themselves above others and urged to be in solidarity with the poor.

'It is an ugly thing when you see a Christian who doesn't want to humble himself, who doesn't want to serve, a Christian who struts about everywhere: That is not a Christian: That's a pagan!'

– Pope Francis I (Vatican Radio)

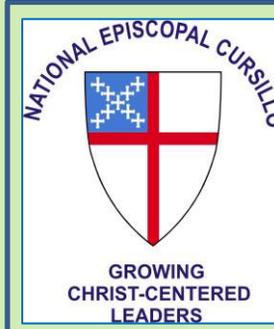


North Carolina Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat Calendar 2014

Meeting Schedule:

March 15, May 17, September 20, November 15

Meetings are held at All Saints Episcopal Church, 4211 Wayne Road in Greensboro. They run from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and are open to the public. Cursillistas are encouraged to attend.



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