



To: Bishops, Spiritual Directors, Lay Directors, Treasurers, Newsletter Editors and other leaders of the Cursillo Movements in the Dioceses of Canada, Colorado, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

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RE: June Meeting Update

Date: June 29, 2009

The second meeting of 2009 of the NECC was held at S. Mark's Episcopal Church in Orchard Park, NY, just outside of Buffalo. We were offered a very warm welcome by the Cursillo community of the diocese of Western New York. As always the hospitality of the host community was outstanding. The rector of the parish, The Rev. Sean T. Leonard and the congregation of St. Mark's were especially welcoming and the host community took care of our every need.

On Wednesday, June 10th the executive committee met just after lunch for their first session and the rest of the committee arrived in time for dinner, reunion and book review. The book for this meeting was Lord Teach Us by Willimon and Hauerwas, two eminent theologians. The book dissected phrase by phrase the Lord's Prayer.

Thursday morning began with the opening Holy Eucharist at which the bishop of Western New York, the RT. Rev J. Michael Garrison celebrated. Business and subcommittee meetings filled the day. At 9:00PM we met our host families and retired for the night.

Friday was another day filled with business and district meetings. We enjoyed a pot luck dinner and fellowship with our hosts.

Saturday morning we had our final business, sub- committee, and district meetings followed by our closing Eucharist. After lunch we met with the local Secretariat, attended their Ultreya and had a wonderful "Taste of Buffalo" dinner at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hamburg, NY.

The Executive Committee worked on the draft budget for Cursillo having a presence at the National Convention in Anaheim, CA in July. They also worked on a statement clarifying the criteria for attendance at an Episcopal Cursillo weekend.* (See statement at end of this report) The treasurer gave his report stating that we are still in a financial crisis and suggested that we remind Diocesan Secretariats that the recommended contribution from each diocese is \$1,000 and that it can be sent in payments throughout the year. If each Secretariat member gave \$5.00 a month, the average Secretariat could collect about \$750/ year toward that goal. The committee approved a new logo design concept for Episcopal Cursillo which will be in use by the 2009 conference in October.

Elections were held for executive committee members and the results were: President elect – Mo. Pat Miller, MO; Vice President –Holly Walker, GA; Secretary –Denny Walters, CA

The Communications Committee continues to update the website, www.episcopalcurso.org with new information. They are working with the Office of Communications of the National Episcopal Church website to include a link to our website. They continue to solicit articles, questions, news etc. for The 4th Day Magazine. A donation form is now available on the website, www.episcopalcurso.org. Marketing /public relations materials are available to download at no cost.

The Publications Committee continues to update the NEC Library. The revised “Ultreya”, “Day of Deeper Understanding” and “Role of Clergy” booklets are completed and will be for sale at the conference. The committee is now working on a revision of the “Music and Cursillo” booklet. We have also requested the purchase of software to improve our translation to Spanish capacity. In addition the committee has requested the purchase of equipment for making CD editions of the NEC library. Be sure to keep your Library up to date. Many newly revised booklets are available.

Cursillo Leaders Development Committee reviewed and revised the Local Coordinator’s Manual for holding an ECLW. They reviewed the Quarterly reports from the dioceses to determine which dioceses might be in need of a consultant or ECLW. Please call your representative, if your community would like to avail themselves of these services. If your community has held a Back to the Mountain weekend, the committee would like to hear from you. Please contact B.J. Roy at bjjacque@gmail.com.

Once again I call your attention to the budget. Contributions are very slow in coming in. Please send in your diocesan contributions (\$1,000 is suggested and more if you are able) as soon as possible so that the work of the NEC can go forward. Encourage the Cursillistas in your community to send in contributions to Friends of Cursillo. The donation form is on the website and in the Fourth Day magazine.

District News:

We are planning our second district meeting. Please plan on joining us at St. David’s Episcopal Church in Lincoln Nebraska on Saturday, August 8, 2009. We will have a

business meeting from 12:30 – 3:30 to share ideas and discuss issues that you are having in your diocesan movements and also give you an opportunity to meet your district representatives. We have been privileged this year to have the President of the NECC in our district and he will be attending this event as well. We will end the day with an Ultreya and Eucharist. Please let me know if you plan on attending this event.

On a related topic, if you have not done so recently, please consider having an ECLW in your area. This year, we finished a three year survey of Dioceses to look at the health of the movement. Although there was a general downward trend nationwide in Cursillo, we found that the healthiest movements are those that host ECLW's and encourage their leadership to attend ECLW's. You can either do a workshop alone, or you can partner with another Diocese. The North Central district ECLW coordinator is Dee Settlemeyer. Contact her today! Her email address is pakadee@msn.com.

Please remember that the NECC is here to serve you! If there is anything we can do to assist your local community, please let us know. I hope to be able to visit each of you during my term on the committee. If you have not already done so, please feel free to add me to your Secretariat email lists to keep me apprised of what's going on in your dioceses.

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*NEC statement

In order to serve on an Episcopal Secretariat or commission or attend or staff an Episcopal Cursillo Weekend, the candidate or team/staff member must be in communion with and under the jurisdiction of a bishop in good standing in The Episcopal Church House of Bishops.

Reminders:

- 1. Send updated lists of leadership, including names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses to me and the National office (necoffice@episcopalcursillo.org)**
- 2. Post this letter on your local website. Also include it in your local newsletter and email it to your local community. I'm also attaching a copy of the quarterly edition of "Newsnote" to be distributed to your community.**
- 3. Please remember to send your Diocesan contributions to the National Office. They have fallen behind from last year.**
- 4. Seminar 2009 will be in San Antonio TX. Get your registration in before Aug. 1 to receive the discounted rate of \$199.**
- 5. As individuals, we can all support Cursillo through Friends of Cursillo. Even a \$5 contribution is appreciated.**
- 6. Host an ECLW and watch your movement grow.**

- 7. Let me know if you are interested in hosting an NECC meeting in your diocese. We are making arrangements now for 2011 and 2012.**