

Cursillo BC
Annual General Meeting
March 7, 2026
Reports

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Rondalyn Resort Campout August 28-30, 2026.**
- **Grand Ultreya @ Rondalyn Resort, Saturday, Aug 29.** Potluck at 5 pm.

Lay Director - Elaine Bradshaw

Fellow Cursillistas,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support through your finances and talents this past year. It was exciting to see all the ways God worked through various people and events!

We continue to use technology to our advantage. Since the AGM last March, the Secretariat has met five times over Zoom and once in-person at the Rondalyn Campout to conduct the ongoing business of administration for Cursillo. At least one group meets via Zoom, while others continue to meet in-person.

The Cursillo weekend on May 29-June 1, 2025, at George Pringle Memorial Camp, was lovingly and capably led by Patricia Hatt. The theme was Isaiah 9:6 – For a child has been born for us...and he is named...Prince of Peace. Patricia experienced significant challenges in finding men willing and able to serve on the team, in spite of asking many. Of the 26 team members, only five were men, including two clergy. We had nine candidates who experienced the joy of living in a loving community for the weekend, although the bear that showed up caused a few last-minute changes to the overnight prayer vigil schedule and location!

Held at St John's, Duncan, the 4th Day workshop was attended by 29 people, including six of the new Cursillistas. We enjoyed a lovely day of worship, several talks, and a shared lunch together.

The campout at Rondalyn Resort was a bright spot last summer, with people coming from Courtenay and Victoria to attend. Several people have already made reservations for August 28-30, 2026. Even if you are not camping, I would encourage everyone to

come out for the potluck on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at 5 pm. The clubhouse has already been booked!

Rev. Rob Hutchison and I met with Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee on August 26, 2025, and she asked us (Cursillo) to undergo a season of discernment, as she has also asked many churches and other diocesan groups to conduct a similar assessment. Since then, the Secretariat has met six times with the express purpose of going through the discernment process. Two meetings were prior to the Discernment Day on November 22/25, which was attended by 20 people in-person and 4 on Zoom. We regret that there was an issue with the church computer, so people couldn't join Zoom until half an hour into the meeting. We also received five emailed responses to the questionnaire sent out in the Canta, as well as one letter. The Secretariat then met three times to go over the responses, and have another meeting scheduled with Canon Pastor Lisa Alexander for February 12. We continue to prayerfully discern our way forward.

Ultreya!

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Bradshaw
Lay Director
February 8, 2025

Spiritual Advisor - Rob Hutchison
Cursillo Spiritual Advisors Report for Cursillo AGM 2026
06 February 2026

Greetings Fellow Cursillistas,

Time seems to just pass by unnoticed until it is, and sometimes it surprises us to actually realize another year has passed, only noticed because another annual report needs to be drafted. I notice this draft because it is my final one. I will turn over the duties as Spiritual Advisor for Cursillo to The Venerable Lon Towstego at our AGM.

I offer my thanks to all in our Diocese who participate in this Cursillo Program for their support during my tenure in this role. It has been busy at times, involving travels to various locations like Gander and Deer Lake, Newfoundland, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Ottawa, Ontario, Regina, Saskatchewan, Okotoks, Alberta, and Victoria, BC, in support of our National Secretariat as your representative of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC/Yukon. It also involved local Secretariat meetings in person until we found ZOOM, which took care of some travel needs. The more challenging part of my role seemed to

be around finding Clergy to fill the Team positions for our Weekends. The Lord always provided the right people when needed though, and for that I am always thankful.

As you are all aware, our Bishop has asked the Cursillo community to review our program and discern how we might consider effecting change and improving our offering of the Cursillo method to seeking believers. We are in the beginning of this discernment activity and, although we generally are resistant to change, with God's help and guidance all things are possible. With God's wisdom and inspiration our efforts and hard work will bear fruit, and Cursillo can continue to assist Cursillistas to bloom and grow in and through their faith journey. I offer you my prayer support in your work.

The Secretariat needs your support. There are some vacancies on our local board. In the following weeks leading up to the AGM, I ask you to prayerfully consider serving in one of these vacant positions. There are job descriptions available for each of the positions. Without the Secretariat being fully staffed, Cursillo BC will find it difficult to continue. The current vacancies are a result of health issues creeping in, longevity in the role, and in no way reflect badly on those stepping down. They need to and we are thankful for their faithful service. Whose turn is it now? Christ is counting on you (... and I on Him).

Utreya!!

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Rob Hutchison,

Spiritual Advisor Cursillo BC (Diocese of Islands and Inlets)

CACS Representative - Daryth Patten

CACS Report 2025

This was my first year as CACS rep, and I have enjoyed it. We meet normally by Zoom. In August, we met in person in Ottawa. It was a great pleasure meeting others with similar Cursillo experiences, and also seeing differences in our weekends and the language we use.

Edmonton held a weekend and had 26 candidates. B.C. also had a weekend with 7 candidates.

Most of our meetings were concerned about the Cursillo movement and how we could boost participation. All are struggling to maintain their secretariats.

Ottawa, Edmonton, Calgary, Niagara-Huron, and B.C. Cursillos are active.

Submitted by Daryth Patten.

Pre-Cursillo - Susan Dobson
Pre-Cursillo report for 2025

Having done most of the work in 2024 to prepare for the weekend held in 2025, my report is short. I met with Shawn, the administrator for George Pringle camp at Shawnigan Lake, in the spring of '25 to finalize the arrangements. I also was in contact with Sam, the camp cook, to arrange menus.

With the list of team members and candidates, I set up the rooms. The only hiccup was the request by the camp that we share the Laura Butler building with a group of young people who arrived Saturday evening. They were quiet and respectful. The hitch was that the team members using that building had to be in the lower floor which required a bit more walking...and with a young bear in the vicinity, they had to be walking in pairs at all times. Otherwise, I think the location for the weekend worked quite well.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dobson
Feb.2026

Post-Cursillo/Fourth Day - Vacant

The 4th Day event was held at St. John, Duncan, with music, speakers, and fellowship. People brought finger foods to share, and soup and buns were provided. Six of the new Cursillistas attended.

Palanca - Martha Massey
Palanca Annual Report 2025-26

Communication was a big problem: how to learn about weekends, in order to send them group Palanca. The CACS website and individual Cursillistas let me know about a few Cursillo weekends other than ours at Shawnigan Lake, plus a weekend in England. Sadly, I missed sending Palanca to a weekend in Calgary last fall – my fault, though I had been notified. In November, I connected with a Roman Catholic website, Palanca International, in Peru. From a long weekly list, I select three to five weekends for prayer each time. This has facilitated our Diocese sending Palanca to New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, as well as the United States and Australia. As some of these weekends were Spanish or French, I've sent Palanca in that language. Palanca, of course, is meaningless without prayer support; currently I send the list to Secretariat and local

Cursillistas, but I would very much like to have a larger group of prayers in place via the Canta or (weekly) email.

Martha Massey

Communications/Webmaster + Membership- Dorraine Baines

Your report here!

Treasurer - Mark Bennewith

Income over year 2025

Donations from Cursillo members General	220.00
Donation from Cursillo Members to Debbie Norman Fund	1390.00
Fundraiser Monies to Debbie Norman Fund	480.00
Weekend Team and Candidate Registration to help with Sponsoring Candidates	12,625.00

Total Income includes Deposits and Internal Transfer of monies from Debbie Norman Fund	15635.00

Expenses over year 2025 Cheq #184 to #200

With two void cheques #188 and #193

Par Electronic monthly giving's	37.00
Expenses from the weekend	15,149.50
Office expense	22.94
CACS Annual Donation	500.00

	(15,709.44)

Balance of Bank Statement on December 31, 2025 was \$12,421.08

Year ending with no outstanding cheques to be cleared

Debbie Norman Fund

Started year with	\$1368.25
Deposits of	1870.00
Transfer to Weekend Expense (1325.00) Aid Sponsoring Candidates	

Balance in fund year end is \$1913.25

The books for 2025 have not been reviewed as of the time, but Harriet Thom will do so.
Thank you, Harriet.

Submitted by Mark Bennewith
Treasurer

Secretary - Terry Mikkonen

I was unable to attend several of the meetings in 2025 due to a conflict in the dates, but could complete the minutes after listening to the Zoom recording.

Submitted by Terry Mikkonen