



The Abrazo

The newsletter of The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

SPRING 2019

2019 National Conference - Evangelism & Cursillo

Greer coordinates church-wide efforts to inspire, gather, equip, send, and celebrate Episcopalians for the ministry of evangelism and discipleship. The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, canon to the Presiding Bishop for evangelism, reconciliation and creation care, had high praise for Greer. "She is an inspiring evangelist, teacher, preacher and lover of souls, and she brings a breadth of wisdom, creativity, organizational savvy and expertise that are beyond what we could've hoped for."

Previously Greer served as the minister for formation and connection at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Conway, Arkansas. For the past year she partnered with the Presiding Bishop's Evangelism Team, as a consulting evangelist and as a member of the working group on the Way of Love. Greer also served as the Project Evangelist for Baptized for Life: An Episcopal Discipleship Initiative from Virginia Theological Seminary; as the creator and coordinator for Forma's Faith-at-Home resources; and as the author of multiple curricula through Forward Movement and Episcopal Relief and Development.



Greer has also written two books: *At Home in this Life: Finding Peace at the Crossroads of Unraveled Dreams and Beautiful Surprises*, and *A Homemade Year: The Blessings of Cooking, Crafting and Coming Together*, both published by Paraclete Press. She is an in-demand speaker and contributor around the topics of evangelism, discipleship, welcoming former evangelicals, and ministry with families and children.

Greer will speak on Saturday, October 5. On the previous evening, October 4, the Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, bishop of the Diocese of California, will discuss Christian community action on the Fourth Day.

The hotel for out-of-town attendees will be the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. The Conference hotel rate from October 2 through 6 is \$169 per night plus taxes. To receive this rate, visit <https://book.passkey.com/e/49803832>.

The 2019 Conference will be held at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral — three blocks from the hotel — in downtown Kansas City, MO. Registration for the Conference will open in early May. The Early Bird rate for the two-day Conference with meals will be \$75. Register at <http://www.episcopalcursilloministry.org>



From the Heartland ~
Evangelism & Action

SAVE THE DATE!

ECMC 2019 Conference - Kansas City, October 4-5, 2019

[Click for more information!](#)

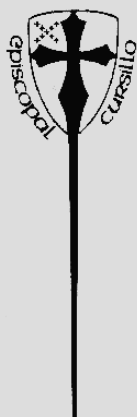


MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO WEEKEND 114

"Come Alive!" April 26 - 28, 2019

MD 114 - Team Members

TEAM MEMBER	PARISH	ROLE / ROLLO
Grace Crowder, MD 98	Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore	Weekend Rector - <i>Ultreya Rollo</i>
Gail Tucker, MD 37	St Anne's, Annapolis	Assistant Rector - <i>Group Reunion</i>
The Rev. Lisa Bornt, MD 100	Grace, Darlington	Spiritual Adv - <i>Sacraments</i>
The Ven. Rev. Michelle Doran, MD 72	St. James', Lothian	Spiritual Adv - <i>Obstacles to Grace</i>
The Rev. Lisa Siciliano, MD 94	Deacon to Southern Maryland Region	Spiritual Adv - <i>Grace</i>
Rick LaRocca, MD 85	St. Mark's, Highland	Music Director
Margaret LaRocca, MD 85	St. Mark's, Highland	Music Director
Nancy Hall, MD 109	St. Mark's, Highland	Head CHA
Missy Kelly, MD 107	St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Severna Park	Chapel CHA
Pamela Blyth, MD 92	St. James', Lothian	Agape CHA
Shelly Collinson, MD 82	Christ Church, West River	CHA - <i>Environments Rollo</i>
Tom Collinson, MD 82	Christ Church, West River	CHA - <i>Laity Rollo</i>
Rebecca (Becky) Fisher, MD 21	St. Peter's, Ellicott City	CHA - <i>Ideal Rollo</i>
Nancy Horkan, MD 55	St. James', Lothian	CHA
Jeanne Neifert, CHEC 44	St. Paul's, Baltimore	CHA
Brenda Boucher, MD 101	St. James', Lothian	Table Leader - <i>Piety Rollo</i>
Linda Dinges, MD 97	St. James', Lothian	Table Leader - <i>Leaders Rollo</i>
Emily Phipps, MD 109	Christ Church, West River	Table Leader - <i>Study Rollo</i>
Conner Wissmann, MD 104	Historic Main Post Chapel - Ft. Meade	Table Leader - <i>Action Rollo</i>



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"Come Alive!" April 26 - 28, 2019

"We call out to dry bones, Come Alive!"

It feels as if the whole earth has Come Alive while the team has been meeting throughout March – that is the awesome gift of Spring! I am profoundly grateful for the many gifts of each team member. We are pointing our steps towards the mountaintop at Claggett and opening our hearts for the Candidates being called to this weekend.

I ask you, too, to open your heart to the team and the candidates. Prayers for the team and for the candidates are requested. You will soon be offered an opportunity to sign the prayer chart. Palanca is a wonderful, concrete expression of a prayer. And, I hope to see you at Claggett, Sunday April 28th. Please join us on the other side of the porch at 6:45 a.m. for Las Mananitas and come back later in the day to welcome our newest Cursillistas at Clausura at 3:45 p.m. in St. Andrew's Chapel.

The final preparations for the upcoming weekend are wrapping up. We look forward to welcoming the candidates on Friday, April 26th between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. in Doll Cottage. De Colores!

— Grace Crowder, MD 98
Weekend Rector, Maryland 114

MD 114 - Candidates

NAME	PARISH	SPONSOR	SPONSOR'S PARISH
Michelle A.	St. James', Lothian	John Verdon+, WTU 39	St. James', Lothian
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Tammy C.	St. Paul's, Prince Frederick	Michelle Doran+, MD 72	St. James', Lothian
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Cathy S.	St. James', Lothian	Pamela Blyth, MD 92 Marjie Mack, MD 63	St. James', Lothian
Scott S.	St. James', Lothian	Pamela Blyth, MD 92 Marjie Mack, MD 63	St. James', Lothian

Collect for 4th Day Movements

O Gracious God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, look with favor on all those gathering around the world in Cursillo, Happening, Chrysalis, Walk to Emmaus, Via de Cristo, Kairos, and other such movements. Grant both the leaders and candidates such wisdom, power, humility, and grace that day by day they would more nearly follow Your Way, more clearly see Your Truth, and more dearly love the Life You give through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— The Rev. Dr. Richard Larabee



David's Tent

The other day, I was walking on the National Mall in downtown Washington, D.C. when I stumbled across something called David's Tent. Fascinated, I walked inside and encountered a stage, chairs, people praying, and a woman playing the piano and singing her rendition of "It Is Well With my Soul." There was also an open Bible where people could read a section and then write down where they stopped so that someone else could continue where they had left off. What I discovered was that David's Tent is modeled after King David who hired over 4,000 musicians and singers to sing to God in a tent behind his palace 24 hours a day for 33 years!! People have been singing praises continuously to God in David's Tent on the National Mall since September 2015.

This 24 hour praise to the lord brought me back to a time when I participated in a "Watch" from Maundy Thursday to Good Friday based on Matthew 26:40 when Jesus asked the disciples when he found them sleeping, "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" Always an early bird, I signed up for the wee hours to do my watch. I would quietly enter the dimly lit church, kneel in a pew, and read from the Bible and the ever present Book of Common Prayer.

This is my Piety moment, my closest moment with God. There is something reverent about sitting in a dimly lit church in the wee hours thinking and praying to God. There are no distractions, except maybe the creek of the church settling. Just you and God until your relief comes in for the next hour watch.

I love the traditions of Lent that help us to reflect on our walk with Christ and the home stretch of Holy Week that helps us to better appreciate the Wonder of Easter morning. Although my church does not have a formal "watch," I think this year I will intentionally find that early hour between Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to pray and watch and reflect on my closest moment with God.

Ultreya!

—Brenda Boucher, MD 101
Lay Director, MEC

Prayer Palanca Sent in Support of Other Weekends

Palanca was recently emailed to the following weekends for inclusion on their Palanca Wall. Please pray for these weekends. Requests for weekend palanca can be sent to MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com

Catholic Cursillo, Catholic Diocese of Florida, Women's Walk (March 21-24)

Atlanta Episcopal Cursillo, Men's Weekend #89 (March 21-24)

Atlanta Episcopal Cursillo, Women's Weekend #89 (March 28-31)

Catholic Cursillo, Catholic Diocese of Florida, Men's Walk (April 11-14)

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Calgary, Canada, Coed Weekend #2 (April 25-28)

Houston West Emmaus Community, Men's Walk #109 (April 25-28)

Southern Virginia Episcopal Cursillo, Co-Ed Weekend (May 2-5)

Houston West Emmaus Community, Women's Walk #110 (May 2-5)

Marin Cursillo Community, Northern California, Women's Weekend (May 2-5)

Marin Cursillo Community, Northern California, Men's Weekend (May 16-19)

Episcopal Cursillo of Southeast Florida, Weekend #95 (May 30-June 22)

Episcopal Cursillos, Texas, Weekend #225 (June 6-9)

Episcopal Cursillo, San Francisco, Weekend #993 (June 6-9)

Episcopal Cursillo, Alabama, Weekend #218 (June 12-16)

Catholic Cursillo, Catholic Diocese of Florida, Youth Walk (July 20-24)

Episcopal Cursillo, Texas, Weekend #226 (August 8-11)

English Cursillo, East Bay Anglican, Oakland, CA, Coed Weekend (August 9-11)

Houston West Emmaus Community, Men's Walk #111 (October 3-6)

Houston West Emmaus Community, Women's Walk #112 (October 10-13)



The Gift of Palanca

Palanca is a Spanish word that means "lever." Just as a lever enables a person to move something which is beyond normal strength, palanca, empowers the accomplishment of things which would not be possible without the Grace of God. The purpose of palanca is to serve as God's arms and hands in the lives of the candidates on the weekend by extending the grace which has so freely been extended to us.



Personal palanca is most frequently demonstrated in brief notes of encouragement that are meant solely for the recipient. Remember, though, that it is not these notes themselves that are the actual Palanca, but the thoughts and prayers that go into the notes from those individuals and communities living in union with Christ. Each Palanca note is a personal expression of reassurance that God accepts the candidate wherever he or she is on their spiritual journey. Consider including a reference to encouraging scripture that reminds the candidate of God's promise or confirmation that you are praying for them during their Weekend. You can include small items that fit into the envelope, such as cards, bookmarks, and pins.

General palanca is expressed through gifts of food or snacks in support of the Weekend, decorating team shirts, providing flowers, crocheting lanyards for candidate crosses, signing up for the prayer chart or any number of other things that the Weekend Rector may indicate are needed.

Consider donating your time for Service palanca such as assisting with the setup and cleanup of special events during the Weekend or running errands for the Rector and team members. There are usually many opportunities that require your gift of time.

It is easy to get caught up in the daily demands on our time and forget to prepare palanca for candidates or team members. But think back to your personal reaction to the palanca you've received in the past - especially during your Weekend - and to how very much it meant to you. Remember your amazement at such a concrete manifestation of the love that your family in Christ held for you - many of whom had not even met you personally at the time.

As we answer the Rector's call for prayers for the team and candidates, please think about the palanca you can provide in support of the upcoming MD 114 Weekend.

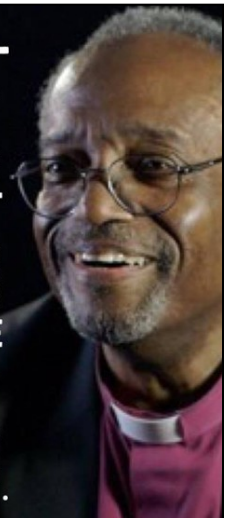
Ultreya!



Did you know? The Episcopal Church has:

- ◇ 6,700 congregations
- ◇ Average Sunday attendance at a "typical" Parish is 100 people
- ◇ 1.9 million active members
- ◇ 18,000 clergy (including retired)
- ◇ Total annual gross receipts of over \$2 billion
- ◇ 52 percent of churches built before 1950
- ◇ Is one of the 44 national & regional Churches that make up the Anglican Communion
- ◇ 80 million members

- WHEN LOVE IS THE WAY, -
POVERTY WOULD BECOME HISTORY.
WHEN LOVE IS THE WAY,
THE EARTH WILL BE A SANCTUARY.
WHEN LOVE IS THE WAY,
WE WILL LAY OUR SWORDS
AND SHIELDS DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE
TO STUDY WAR NO MORE.
WHEN LOVE IS THE WAY,
THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM
FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN.



Calling Team Applications!

Team applications are held on file for three years, or until you serve on a team, whichever comes first.

If you already have an application on file but would like to update it, please submit a new one. The team application form is included in this edition of the *Abrazo*, or you can [click here](#) to download it from the website at MDEpiscopalCursillo.com

It's easy! You can now scan (or take a photo with your phone) and email the application directly to MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com

WANTED ALL CURSILLISTAS

Weekend MD 115 will be held November 8 - 10, 2019

The Weekend Rector will begin the process of calling the team in the next few months. If you are a member of *Maryland Episcopal Cursillo* and have never served on a team, or would like to serve again, please consider submitting your team application!

***Serving on a Weekend Team
is a very rewarding experience and a special blessing!***

A Cursillista (Lay or Clergy) wishing to serve on a Weekend Team should:

- ✓ Have attended a **4th Day workshop**; and
- ✓ Be active in the **4th Day** by regularly attending Ultreyas, participating in Group Reunion, and supporting and attending Las Mañanitas and Clausura when possible.

Guidelines for Weekend Team Membership

- Weekend Rectors select team members from Cursillistas who have submitted a [Team Application](#)
- [Applications](#) for serving on a Weekend Team will be valid until such time as the Cursillista has been selected and served on a Cursillo Team, **or** for 3 years, whichever comes first.
- A Cursillista may elect to submit a [new application](#) at any time the information reflected on his/her application changes.
- Currently, the team fee is \$265.00. This covers *only* The Claggett Center room and board. Team fees can vary, and will be confirmed prior to your accepting the call to serve.

Cursillistas selected to serve on a Weekend Team should not sponsor a candidate for the same weekend on which they are serving on team. Spouses or fiancées of Cursillo team members should not be a candidate on the same weekend on which the team member is serving on team.

Ultreya!

Prayer for the Gift of the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your Love.
Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION

Maryland Episcopal Cursillo – Three Day Weekend

Name _____ Name on Button _____
Print, please

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

Email _____ Date of birth _____
Month / day / year

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____ Marital Status _____

Date, Location and Number of Your Cursillo Weekend

How many teams have you served on? _____ In what role(s)? _____

When were you last on a team? (*Date and Weekend* ¥) _____

Have you given rollo(s)? Which? _____

What special talents/interests do you bring to a team? _____

Date and location of your 4th Day Workshop(s) _____

Tell us **how you are living into your 4th Day** and **what elements of the Cursillo Method** you are using – regular group reunion, spiritual direction, ultreya (use back of application if needed)_____

Your Parish _____ Rector _____

Do you require accommodations to satisfy dietary, physical, or medical restrictions? _____ Yes ___ No

(Please detail if YES) _____

Note: Please send completed application to the *Three Day Weekend Coordinator*. An application may be retained for three (3) years and must then be resubmitted. *A new application should be filed after serving on a team.*

After prayerful consideration, I apply for membership on a Maryland Episcopal Cursillo weekend team. **I understand that I must be a Communicant in good standing in the Episcopal Church, make every effort to attend all team meetings, and that I will be asked to contribute time, talent, and finances supporting the weekend** (team members usually pay for their room & meals and contribute food for team meetings and Agape). I agree to read and comply with the Cursillo Weekend guidelines detailed in materials provided by the weekend Rector.

Signed _____ Date _____

PLEASE SCAN AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO:

MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com

Contact us at the above address for technical assistance.

Date Application Received _____ Reviewed (date/initial) _____



Maryland Cursillo is Calling YOU!

What are your gifts? How has God blessed you in ways that you can share with the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo? Many of us have fond memories of singing the lines, *"This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!"* But over time, we may have begun to take our own gifts for granted, often underestimating them or the contributions we can make.

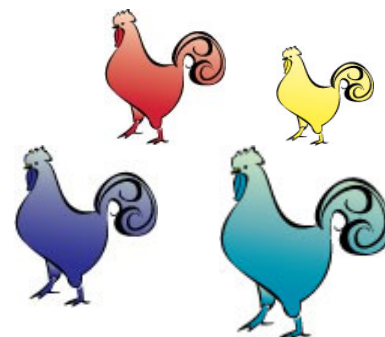
Maryland Cursillo needs and values every one of us and welcomes our participation. Your gifts are needed to make a difference in the lives of so many others. Whether it's sewing, organizing projects, giving witness talks, helping with art projects, preparing food, serving on a leadership team, assisting with the Agape, writing articles, helping coordinate an Ultreya, or just making a joyful noise, *YOUR* participation is valued and needed!

You'll find a [Resource List](#) in this issue (or you can [download](#) it from MDEpiscopalCursillo.com). Please take a few minutes to read through this information and prayerfully consider where and how your light can shine on the Maryland Cursillo Movement!

Ultreya!

— Pamela Blyth, MD 92

Communications Coordinator, MEC



The Cost of Discipleship

Cursillo is a continuing ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, sustained by the donations of the many friends and supporters throughout the Diocese and beyond for whom Cursillo has been a gift.

Please consider making a financial donation to sustain this important ministry.

YES, I will support Cursillo, by word and by deed, by holding Cursillo up in prayer and by enclosing my financial gift of \$ _____ to further its ministry, or pledging to contribute a monthly/quarterly gift of \$ _____ to sustain the work of MEC.

Please mail your donation or pledge to:

The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

c/o The Episcopal Church of Christ the King, 1930 Brookdale Road, Baltimore, MD 21244

Name _____ Date _____ Weekend # _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Thank you !



RESOURCE LIST

Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

What gifts has God blessed you with that you will share with your brothers and sisters in Maryland Cursillo?
Please indicate areas of interest listed below and return this application to:

PLEASE SCAN AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO:

MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com

Name _____ Date _____

E-mail _____ Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Which weekend did you attend? _____ Teams served (and roles)? _____

Music

- ____ Play a musical instrument.
What type(s) _____
____ Interested in serving on the music team for a weekend. (Must also submit an application)

Communications

- ____ Website Design and update
____ Assist with database management
____ Assist with Abrazo, brochure production
____ Assist with assembling and mailings
____ Write articles for the Abrazo
____ Bilingual, what language _____

Skill and Talent in weekend preparation

- ____ Team Shirts __ new team member ____ add on
____ Bake Communion Bread
____ Cord for wooden cross
____ Able make weekend buttons
____ Talent with design graphics, art.
____ Make beds on Thursday of weekend
____ Make Placemats

Assist on the Cursillo Weekend

- ____ Assist Core team over the weekend
(require staying on campus)
____ Assist set up for Agape
____ Assist clean up for Agape
____ Photographer for weekend photo
(requires standing on ladder)

Forth Day Workshop

- ____ Leadership team
____ Workshop team
____ Give a talk
____ Welcoming
____ Food set up and or clean up
____ Set up and or clean up
____ Lead music

Serve the Secretariat or Servant Community

- ____ Area Representative ____ Palanca Coordinator
____ Treasurer ____ 4th Day Representative
____ Comptroller ____ Music Coordinator
____ Secretary ____ Asst Lay Director ____
____ Stewardship
____ Pre Cursillo
____ Weekend Representative

Ultreya Support

- ____ Witness Speaker - List Ultreya(s)
____ Led an Ultreya - List Ultreya(s)
____ Lead music at an Ultreya

Other gifts or talents you are willing share with the Cursillo Community:

Revised 03/2016

Received by _____

Date _____



Don't Miss Out on Information & Updates !

Receive EMAIL Updates!

Consider joining the hundreds of MEC Cursillistas who have already signed up for the MEC Email list!

To be included, please email:

MEC Communications Coordinator at
MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com

UPDATE Your ADDRESS !

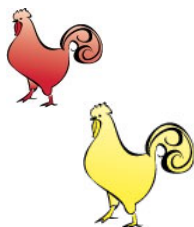
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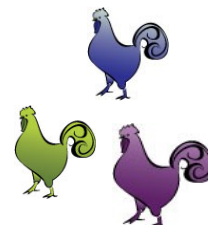
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Thanks

Always remember
 you are **BRAVER**
 than you BELIEVE
STRONGER
 than you SEEM
SMARTER
 than you THINK
 & **LOVED**
 more than you know



Talk to Jesus about your Friend
Before you talk to your Friend about Jesus.



THE *Episcopal* CHURCH



JESUS BEGAN THE MOST REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY.

A MOVEMENT GROUNDED IN THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF GOD FOR THE WORLD. AND A MOVEMENT MANDATING PEOPLE TO LIVE THAT LOVE.

AND IN SO DOING, TO CHANGE NOT ONLY THEIR LIVES, BUT THE VERY LIFE OF THE WORLD ITSELF.

-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

THE JESUS MOVEMENT !

FOUR STEPS FOR CURSILLO ACTION

1. **Find Christians** who have the potential to influence their environments, which may be home, work, church, geographic, or social in nature;
2. **Encourage those Christians** and help them to see that God is calling them to do His work where they are and help them offer themselves to that work;
3. **Empower those Christians** with the means God offers through the Church to be effective apostles, help them identify their particular Christian vocation within their environments;
4. **Link those Christians** with one another for the work of apostolic action through spiritual direction, regular small group reunions, and frequent gathering of the groups for encouragement.

ULTREYA!!



Secretariat

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Assistant Lay Director	<i>Wamahdri Williams, MD 64</i>
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Metro North Area Rep	<i>VACANT</i>
Metro South Area Rep	<i>VACANT</i>
Northeast Area Rep	<i>VACANT</i>
Southern Area Rep	<i>Sandra Hall, MD 87</i>
Western Area Rep	<i>VACANT</i>
Far Western Area Rep	<i>VACANT</i>
Spiritual Advisor	<i>Joanna White+, NY 21</i>
Communications Coord.	<i>Pamela Blyth, MD 92</i>
<i>Newsletter - Website - Email List - Facebook - Palanca</i>	

Monthly Ultreyas

3rd Friday, 7 PM

Alternates Location

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

375 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

7859 Tick Neck Road, Pasadena, MD

Contact: Wadi Williams wwilliams@waeus.us
Kathy Skidmore-Williams rookujack@yahoo.com

4th Friday, 7:30 PM

St. James' Episcopal Parish

5757 Solomons Island Rd, Lothian, MD

Contact: Joe Carta jdcarta@hotmail.com

Servant Community

Servant Community Dir.	<i>Shelly Collinson, MD 82</i>
4th Day Coordinator	<i>VACANT</i>
Music Coordinator	<i>Chris Snead, MD 81</i>
Pre-Cursillo Rep	<i>VACANT</i>
Weekend Coordinator	<i>VACANT</i>
Spiritual Advisor	<i>Susan Oldfather+, MD 101</i>



The purpose of Cursillo is to help those in the Church understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders.

A Statement from the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry (ECM)



A Statement from the National Episcopal Cursillo, May 2008

Cursillo has always kept its eyes firmly focused on Jesus and on the Mission. One of the principles of the Cursillo movement is that: ***We focus on Christ and His resurrection power in our lives, transforming us into the people He would have us be. Theological disputes and political issues have no part in our agenda.***

The Cursillo Movement is a movement that brings together all people, whether they might consider themselves to have a liberal or conservative Christian philosophy or somewhere in between, for the common good of promoting Jesus Christ and God's Mission. It is Christ-centered and Christ-focused. The Policy of the National Episcopal Cursillo Committee is that it will not be an organization with a political or social agenda. National Episcopal Cursillo is a movement of the Episcopal Church.

We recognize, however, that a number of individuals with connections and interest in the Episcopal Cursillo Movement are no longer affiliated with the Episcopal Church. As a sign of reconciliation, we welcome those still able, as individuals, to be in communion with the local Episcopal Diocesan Bishop and fellow Cursillistas, whether lay or ordained, to participate in the activities of the Cursillo Movement. Furthermore, and always at the Diocesan Bishop's discretion, we encourage an openness to their continued participation and interest in the activities of the Episcopal Cursillo. It should be understood by all that as a part of their participation, they agree to do so fully for the advancement of Cursillo, be supportive of the mission of Episcopal Cursillo, and agree that they will not promote any political agenda.

What is clear is that National Episcopal Cursillo was created to serve the Episcopal Church in the United States, and we are licensed by the Roman Catholic Church to do that. Despite our personal theological and political views, we are focused on knowing Christ and making Him known to others. That is our call and in doing it lays our greatest joy. Ultreya! Ultreya!! Let us get on with the day's apostolic action. Let us all pray for the Church and one another everyday.





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The Cursillo Method

Piety • Study • Action

Mark Your Calendar

MEC Secretariat & Servant Community Meetings _____ **May 4, 2019**
All Cursillistas are invited to attend! *Christ Church, West River, MD*

MD Weekend 114 "Come Alive!" _____ **April 26 - 28, 2019**

[The Bishop Claggett Center](#), Adamstown, MD

Sponsor's Service

April 26 - 7:30 p.m.

Las Mananitas

April 28 - 6:45 a.m.

Clausura

April 28 - 3:45 p.m.

MD Weekend 114 Reunion Ultreya & 4th Day Workshop _____ **To Be Announced**

All Cursillistas are invited to attend!

4th Day Workshop

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Lunch

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Ultreya

1 p.m.

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