

# The Abrazo

The newsletter of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

**FALL 2016** 

# 2016 Annual Diocesan Ultreya

Thanks to Ascension, Westminster, and Father Samuel Nsengiyumva for hosting the 2016 Annual Diocesan Ultreya & Music Fest on Saturday, October 8th, and to everyone who made the event so much fun! The day began at approximately 10 a.m. with Grouping and a brief update on the MEC. Everyone had an opportunity to shop for Palanca from the new MEC Cursillo Shoppe that has been organized by Linda Rines, MD 92 (more about the shoppe on page 6 of this issue).

George Sterling and the *Ascension Band*, along with members of the *Ascension Choir* treated everyone to selections of praise music (complete with projected lyrics for a sing-along)! Rick LaRocca, MD 85, from St. Mark's, Highland, also played a number of his original songs and really moved the spirit within us! Chris Snead, MD 81, and Jenny Moulton, MD 78, with the St. Thomas's band, *Reap the Wilde Wind*, also offered up great music and singing!

Shelly Collinson, MD 82, Father Brad Ingalls, E-NC 20, and helpers cooked up a delicious hamburger lunch for everyone who also enjoyed delicious pumpkin cookies made by Laura Richardson, MD 60. After lunch, Ernie Tucker, MD 100, Al Todd, MD 69, and Dusty Macmillan of the St. Margaret's *Third Sunday Band* had everyone up on their feet and singing (and in some cases, dancing!) until 3 p.m. It was a spirit-filled day of fun and fellowship!













## **MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO WEEKEND 111**

"I Surrender" November 4-6, 2016

TEAM MEMBER	PARISH	ROLE / ROLLO
Keshia Pollack, NY-LI 84	St. Thomas', Towson	Weekend Rector – Ultreya Rollo
Brenda Boucher, MD 101	St. James', Lothian	Assistant Rector – Group Reunion Rollo
Brad Ingalls+, E-NC 20	Holy Trinity, Churchville	Spiritual Advisors Grace Rollo
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Kathy Shahinian+, MD 110	St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Severna Park	Christian Life Rollo Obstacles to Grace Rollo
Shelly Collinson, MD 82	Christ Church, West River	Head CHA
Ernie Tucker, MD 100	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	Music Director
Chris Snead, MD 81	St. Thomas', Towson	Music
George Sterling, MD 100	Church of the Ascension, Westminster	Music - Environment Rollo
Tom Collinson, MD 82	Christ Church, West River	CHA / Chapel CHA
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Jen Miller, MD 105	St. Anne's, Smithsburg	CHA – Ideal Rollo
Missy Kelly, MD 107	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	CHA – Piety Rollo
Cherie Harris, FL 113	St. Bartholomew, High Springs, FL	СНА
Ladd Harris, FL 113	St. Bartholomew, High Springs, FL	СНА
Susan Whitehead, MD 80	St. James', Lothian	Table Leader - Piety Rollo
Kate Snead, MD 110	St. Thomas, Towson	Table Leader - Laity Rollo
David Richardson, MD 88	St. Andrew's, Pasadena	Table Leader - Community in Action Rollo
John Windsor, MD 94	St. Thomas', Towson	Table Leader - Leaders Rollo









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#### MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO WEEKEND 111

"I Surrender" November 4-6, 2016

As I look out the window and watch the leaves fall to the ground on this glorious autumn day, I am reminded that this season is a time for letting go. It is a time to release those "dead, dry leaves" that have been weighing me down for the last year, and remember that during this season of release, God is steadfast and in control. It was part of God's perfect plan for MD 111 to occur in the fall and to have the theme, "I Surrender." Surrendering to God's will means releasing, obeying, and trusting that God always knows what is best. The team that God put together is terrific, and I am incredibly blessed to be on this journey with all of them. During our final 3 team meetings we will continue preparing and praying, eager to see what God has in store for us on November 4-6, 2016. Please continue to lift us up in prayer and sign up to pray for us using the online prayer chart. I look forward to seeing everyone at Mananitas on Sunday, November 6 at 6:45 a.m. BTW, do not forget that Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6, so remember to turn back your clocks, or else you will arrive at Claggett wishing that you stayed in bed one more hour! I also look forward to seeing all of you at Clausura as we welcome our newest Cursillistas to the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo community. I thank God for all of you, and I pray that you all lovingly and faithfully surrender to God's calling for your life.

Ultreya! — Keshia Pollack, LI 84 Weekend Rector. MD 111

CANDI- DATE	PARISH	SPONSOR	SPONSOR'S PARISH
Lois B.	St. Martins-in-the-Field, Severna Park	David Richardson, MD 88 Laura Richardson, MD 60	St. Andrew's, Pasadena
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Sarah B.	Christ, West River	Emily Brown, MD 109 Shelly Collinson, MD 82	Christ, West River
Craig C.	Transfiguration, Silver Spring	Gail Carter, MD 110	Transfiguration, Silver Spring
Caitlin C.	Ascension, Westminster	Lynn Lyon-Vaiden, MD 21	Ascension, Westminster
Cary C.	Ascension, Westminster	Lynn Lyon-Vaiden, MD 21	Ascension, Westminster
Tyra G.	St. Anne's, Smithburg	Jen Miller, MD 105 Fran Shoemaker, MD 29	St. Anne's, Smithburg
Judith H.	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	Ernie Tucker, MD 100	St. Margaret's, Annapolis
Luke K.	Transfiguration, Braddock Heights	Bill Spare, MD 104	Transfiguration, Braddock Heights
Evelyn M.	St. Anne's, Smithburg	Jen Miller, MD 105 Fran Shoemaker, MD 29	St. Anne's, Smithburg
Toni T.	Transfiguration, Silver Spring	Gail Carter, MD 110	Transfiguration, Silver Spring



## The MD 111 Prayer Chart is now online!

Please consider <u>clicking here</u> and signing up for a time(s) to help cover the entire weekend, the team and candidates in prayer!





# From the Lay Director - Updates

Blessings, I happy to be able to report that through the generosity of our community we will be able to return to holding the full 4 day weekends in the Spring of 2017. We had a good response to the stewardship mailing. A sincere thanks to you on behalf of the Secretariat. Our next goal would be to ask all to consider a sustained giving that can help us keep from returning to such a low point and never hopefully have to face a near zero budget. We have all acted in faith and God has granted us the means to keep moving on.

We also continue to explore alternative times in the yearly calendar that may allow us to host weekends at Claggett at perhaps a slightly more affordable rate. Claggett has been meeting with us and working on presenting alternate periods that may work.

In other exciting news, MD Cursillo will be hosting two special guests on the upcoming fall weekend. Florida Cursillo will also be embarking on their first ever shortened weekend in the Spring of 2017. We were contacted by the Spiritual Director of their community and asked if we could prayerfully consider allowing two team members to participate on our fall weekend so they could observe and learn from what we do. After some prayerful consideration, the core team agreed that they would allow two CHAs from Florida to join them. How exciting that Maryland is helping our brothers and sisters in other states. Please continue your prayers for all of the Team and Candidates of MD 111.

Some new tasks lie ahead for us. Secretariat will be analyzing the by-laws of Cursillo as the year comes to an end. There are some cosmetic issues that need to be addressed such as "National" is now called the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry. As these changes are required, it is also time to review the entire document and address any other items that may be relevant. Prior to any changes being formalized we will adhere to the requirements as presented in the existing by-laws. These actions include approval by the Bishop as well as distribution to community and appropriate feedback time before the Secretariat votes to adopt the amendments.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (NIV). –1 Corinthians 15:58



Peace, — David Wissmann, MD 89 Lay Director, MEC

# 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.

# From the Assistant Lay Director – I Surrender Time

As a child, we have no concept of time, and we just let the events unfold around us and enjoy the journey. It wasn't until we were in school and learned how to tell time that the numbers on the clock had some meaning. Remember during your Cursillo weekend when you asked "how much time do we have?" and some crazy person showed you his fingers and indicated that the width between the fingers was a measure of time? If you were like I was, you were probably annoyed by that response, but as the weekend continued you "surrendered" the need to control time over to these crazy people and began to let go and let God control what would happen next. The theme for Maryland 111 (which I affectionately call Maryland Triple One) is, "I Surrender." Romans 12:2 tells us, "do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, "He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end." Maryland 111 is the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo's second weekend to use the compressed format. We all have our special memories about "our Cursillo weekend" and that is the beautiful thing about surrendering our control of time and letting God take over. Yes, this is God's weekend. Not ours. God has called the team and the Cursillistas together to share in his word and deepen our commitment to "represent Christ and His church and to bear witness to him wherever we may be, and according to the gifts given to us, to carry out Christ's work of reconciliation in the world."

I pray that our candidates and Team surrender their time that they "may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." "In His Time," by Maranatha Music:

"In His time, In His Time, He makes all things beautiful in His time. Lord please show me every day, As you're teaching me Your way That You do just what You say, In Your time.

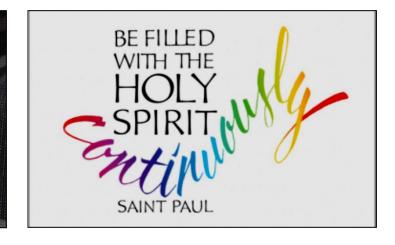
In Your time, In Your Time, You make all things beautiful in Your time. Lord my life to You I bring, May each song I have to sing Be to you a lovely thing, In Your time." Amen.

> — Brenda Boucher, MD 101 Assistant Lay Director, MEC

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

The gospel is less about how to get into the Kingdom of Heaven after you die, and more about how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven before you die.

Dallas Willard



# MEC "Cursillo Shoppe" is Open!

Thanks to Linda Rines, MD 92, who has agreed to coordinate an MEC Cursillo Shoppe! Linda has a number of Cursillo-themed items that you can purchase for yourself or to give as Palanca. The profits benefit the MEC budget and support the ministry.

Linda is also coordinating the "Crafty Cursillista" project which provides an opportunity for Cursillistas to offer their hand-made Cursillo-themed crafts for purchase. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these items is contributed to the MEC as well. And, she is willing to bring these items to the Ultreyas!

Pictured are just some of the many products that are available. For more information about the products that are available and how you can purchase them, or for information about how you can become a "Crafty Cursillista," please contact Linda at <a href="mailto:linda.rines@comcast.net">linda.rines@comcast.net</a> Ultreya!





















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



# Maryland Cursillo is Calling YOU!

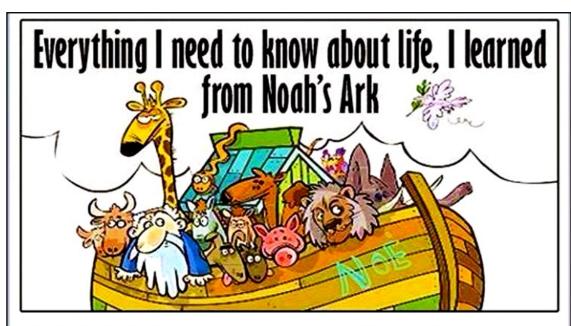
What are your gifts? How has God blessed you in ways that you can share with the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo? Many of us have fond memories of singing the lines, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!" But over time, we may have begun to take our own gifts for granted, often underestimating 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 <u>Resource List</u> on page 14 of this issue (or you can <u>download</u> it from <u>MDEpiscopalCursillo.com</u>). 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



- Don't miss the boat.
- Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- Stay fit. When you're really old, someone may ask you to do some thing really big.
- 5 Don't listen to the critics; just get on 11 with the job that needs to be done.
- Build your future on high ground.

- For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs
- When you're stressed, float a while
- Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.





# Stewardship Campaign a Success!

Thanks to everyone who donated in response to the recent Stewardship Campaign. Through your generosity, MEC raised \$6,000 in support of the next few weekends. And, thanks to Marjie Mack, MD 63, and Pamela Blyth, MD 92, who designed and produced the packets and who, with the assistance of Shelly Collinson, MD 82, Nancy Horkan, MD 55, Linda Rines, MD 92, and Brenda Boucher, MD 101, prepared and mailed almost 1,000 letters out to the community. Your response to this year's appeal was amazing, and your support will enable MEC to continue the important work of the Cursillo ministry!

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# 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.
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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	Weekend #
Address	



















## 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 gross receipts over \$2 billion per year
- **⋄** 52 percent of churches built before 1950
- ♦ Is one of the 44 national and regional
- ♦ Churches that make up the Anglican Communion (80 million members)

# Maryland Episcopal Cursillo Website

The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo website is a great way to keep in touch with the Cursillo community!

Information on special events, upcoming weekends, candidate and team lists, updates to the Secretariat & Servant Community contact list, forms and other items of interest are available for easy reference. You can even read the recent issues of the MEC newsletter, *The Abrazo*, online at your convenience.

Please be sure to visit us at *MDEpiscopalCursillo.com* 



# 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.

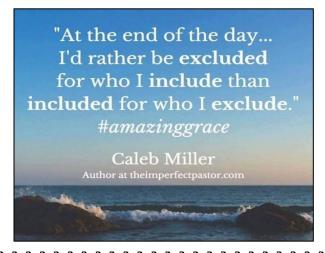
General palanca is expressed through gifts of food or snacks in support of the Weekend, decorating team shirts, providing flowers, crocheting lanyards for candidate crosses, signing up for the prayer chart or any number of other things that the Weekend Rector may indicate are needed.

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 111 Weekend, November 4-6.

— Ultreya!

Source: Adapted from the National Episcopal Cursillo Deluxe Library



# Prayer Palanca Sent to Other Weekends

#### September

9/22-25, Cursillo#81, Western NC 9/23/25, Friday-Sunday Cursillo, Cathedral Ridge, CO 9/29-10-2, Men's Cursillo, FL 9/30-10/2, Spanish Cursillo, OK

#### October

10/6-10/9, Cursillo weekend, AL
10/6-10-9, Men's Cursillo, Southeast FL
10/6-10/9, Cursillo, West TX
10/6-10/9, Women's Cursillo, FL
10-7-10/9, Campsite 2-Day in Step, Diocese of Texas
10/13-10/16, Coed Cursillo, Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
10/13-10/16, Co-Ed Cursillo, Southern VA
10/13, Co-Ed, Southeast VA
10/20-10/23, Cursillo WE, New York
10/20-10/23, Co-Ed Cursillo, San Diego
10/20-10/23, Cursillo weekend, LA
10/20-23, Cursillo, SC

#### **November**

11/3-11/6, Coed (Spanish), Dallas/Fort Worth, TX 11/5, Grand Ultreya, Southeast FL 11/10-11/13, Cursillo, Central Gulf Coast FL/AL 11/10-11/13, Cursillo, West TX 11/11-11-13, Cursillo (shortened), CO 11/17-11/20, Cursillo, Long Island, NY

> — Pamela Blyth, MD 92 Communications Coordinator, MEC

# **Bishop Marty Field Appointed ECM Liaison**

**P**residing Bishop Michael Curry has appointed the Rt. Rev. Martin S. (Marty) Field, Bishop of West Missouri, as the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Committee's Bishop Liaison to the House of Bishops.

Bishop Marty was born in 1956 in Salem, Ohio where he attended elementary through high school, graduating in 1974. That autumn, he matriculated to Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia, where he pursued pre-ministerial education. After majoring in Religious Studies, he graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Fifteen months later, he and his college sweetheart, Donna, were married in her hometown of Bethesda, Maryland. From the fall of 1980 through the spring of 1983, Marty attended the Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree



After his June 1983 ordination in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Marty served parishes in Mansfield, Ohio and Fort Washington, Maryland. In 1986 he was commissioned as a reserve officer in the U.S. Navy's Chaplain Corps. In 1989 he transferred to active duty, and in 1990, while on active duty, his holy orders were translated from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to the Episcopal Church. As a naval Chaplain, he served in Hawaii, Japan, Thailand, and Tennessee, as well as in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during the 1990-91 Persian Gulf Conflict (Desert Shield/Desert Storm). While serving in Tennessee, he also served as part-time Interim Rector of St. Matthew's, Covington, Tennessee.

His naval service ended in 1996, after which he served two churches in West Tennessee (St. Anne's, Millington and St. Luke's, Jackson) before moving in 2003 to be Rector of St. Paul's, Flint in the Diocese of Eastern Michigan. On November 10, 2010, after 7.5 years in Flint, he was elected Bishop of West Missouri. He was ordained and consecrated Bishop of West Missouri on March 5, 2011, where he is currently serving.

Marty and Donna have two married children, one grandchild and another expected in November 2016.

# From the Servant Community Director

Pall Greetings from the Servant Community. As I watch the leaves fall, I envision everyone settling down to prepare for the winter months ahead. With that vision in your head, please put on your calendars a warm greeting at your local Ultreya! A hot cup of cocoa with your grouping buddies! Prepare a candidate for the next weekend, wrapping them with the layers of the Trinity! Sit down in front of the fire with some Palanca cards or place mats! Update your team and resource applications. May all God's layers of love blanket you this winter! Thank you for all your support! Send me an e-mail nofrenchyvonne@hotmail.com and let me know how you want to help!

— Shelly Collinson, MD 82 Servant Community Director, MEC

# Are You Hearing the Call?

There are currently several leadership roles open in the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo community. *Please prayerfully consider your call to serve.* 

For additional information, please contact <u>David Wissmann</u>, <u>MD 89</u>, Lay Director, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo.

Central Area Representative - Northern Area Representative - Western Area Representative

# **Episcopal Cursillo Ministry - National Conference**



# One Bread, One Body Episcopal Cursillo Ministry 2016Conference

Sponsored by Long Island Episcopal Cursillo

# October 20-22, 2016 Long Island Marriott, Uniondale

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#### Receive EMAIL Updates!

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

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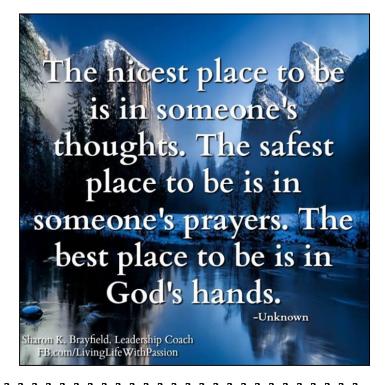
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# Collect for 4th Day Movements

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 Laribee



# Calling Team Applications for MD 112!

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 on page 9 of this edition of the *Abrazo*, or you can <u>click here</u> to download it from the website at <u>MDEpiscopalCursillo.com</u>

It's easy! You can now scan (or take a photo with your phone) and email the application directly to <a href="mailto:MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com">MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com</a>

# WANTED ALL CURSILLISTAS

#### Weekend, MD 112, will be held April 20-23, 2017

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:

- $\sqrt{\text{Have attended a 4th Day workshop}}$ ; and
- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  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
- <u>Applications</u> 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 <u>new application</u> 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 His consolations; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION

## Maryland Episcopal Cursillo - Three Day Weekend

Name	Name on Button	
Address City	State Zip	
Phone (Home) (Cell)		
Email		
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 v	vhat 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 <b>how you are living into your 4</b> th <b>Day</b> and <b>what</b> regular group reunion, spiritual direction, ultreya (use be	-	
Your Parish	Rector	
Do you require accommodations to satisfy dietary, physi	cal, or medical restrictions?Yes No	
(Please detail if YES)		
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 <b>SCAN AND EM</b> <u>MarylandEpiscopalCu</u>		
Contact us at the above address	es for technical assistance.	
Date Application Received	Reviewed (date/initial)	

# **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:

<u>MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com</u>		
Name Date		
E-mailPhone: (Home) (Cell) Which weekend did you attend? Teams served (and roles)?		
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Music	Communications	
Play a musical instrument.	Website Design and update	
What type(s)	Assist with database management	
Interested in serving on the music team for a	Assist with Abrazo, brochure production	
weekend. (Must also submit an application)	Assist with assembling and mailings	
	Write articles for the Abrazo	
	Bilingual, what language	
Skill and Talent in weekend preparation	Assist on the Cursillo Weekend	
Team Shirts new team memberadd on	Assist Core team over the weekend	
Bake Communion Bread	(require staying on campus)	
Cord for wooden cross	Assist set up for Agape	
Able make weekend buttons	Assist clean up for Agape	
Talent with design graphics, art.	Photographer for weekend photo	
Make beds on Thursday of weekend	(requires standing on ladder)	
Make Placemats		
Forth Day Workshop	Serve the Secretariat or Servant Community	
Leadership team	Area Representative Palanca Coordinator	
Workshop team	Treasurer 4th Day Representative	
Give a talk	Comptroller Music Coordinator	
Welcoming	Secretary Asst Lay Director	
Food set up and or clean up	Stewardship	
Set up and or clean up	Pre Cursillo	
Lead music	Weekend Representative	
<u>Ultreya Support</u>	Other gifts or talents you are willing share with the	
Witness Speaker - List Ultreya(s)	Cursillo Community:	
Led an Ultreya - List Ultreya(s)		
Lead music at an Ultreya		
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Received by	Date	

## Secretariat 2016

Lay Director
Assistant Lay Director
Secretary
Treasurer
Comptroller
Servant Community Dir
Central Area Rep
Metro North Area Rep
Metro South Area Rep
Northeast Area Rep
Southern Area Rep
Western Area Rep
Far Western Area Rep
Spiritual Advisor

David Wissmann, MD 89
Brenda Boucher, MD 101
Barbara Kreamer, MD 102
David Richardson, MD 88
Jeanie LesCallett, MD 57
Shelly Collinson, MD 82
VACANT
Mary Beth Robinson, MD 71
Jenny Moulton, MD 78
VACANT
Linda Rines, MD 92
VACANT
Pam Mann, MD 90
Brad Ingalls+, E-NC 20

# **Servant Community 2016**

Servant Community Dir.
Communications Coord.
Abrazo Editor
Web Manager
Email Listserve Coord
4th Day Coordinator
Music Coordinator
Palanca Coordinator
Pre-Cursillo Rep
Weekend Coordinator
Spiritual Advisor

Shelly Collinson, MD 82
Pamela Blyth, MD 92
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VACANT
Chris Snead, MD 81
VACANT
VACANT
Robyn Mayfield, MD 85
Susan Oldfather+, MD 101

# Maryland Episcopal Cursillo Website

The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo website is a great way to keep in touch with the Cursillo community!

Information about special events, upcoming weekends, candidate and team lists, updates to the Secretariat and Servant Community contact list, forms and other items of interest are available for easy reference. You can even read the recent issues of the MEC newsletter, *The Abrazo*, online at your convenience.

Please be sure to visit us at **MDEpiscopalCursillo.com** 



And you can now like us on Facebook!

# **Monthly Ultreyas**

#### 1st Saturday, 6 PM

#### St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

1108 Providence Rd, Towson, MD 21286 Contact: Chris Snead, MD 81 <u>csnead1034@aol.com</u> Barbara Lewis, MD 105 <u>blewis711@gmail.com</u> Jim Stultz, MD 85 <u>jimstultz@hotmail.com</u>

#### 1st Saturday, 7 PM

#### **Episcopal Church of Christ the King**

1930 Brookdale Road, Woodlawn, MD

Contact: Robyn Mayfield, MD 85 <u>auntbobby1@verizon.net</u>

APRIL - AUGUST - NOVEMBER

#### 1st Saturday, 7 PM

#### St. Peter's Episcopal Church

3695 Rogers Ave, Ellicott City, MD
Contact: Greg Fraser, MD 63 <u>alfrase@verizon.net</u>
MARCH - JUNE - SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

#### 1st Sunday, 3 PM

#### St. John's Episcopal Church

52 Broadway, Frostburg, MD Contact: Daphne Gooding (301-245-4705) Donald Goldbloom (301-895-3780)

# 2nd Saturday, 6 PM

#### **Grace Episcopal Church**

114 East A Street, Brunswick, MD 21716

Contact: Stu Scarborough, MD 72 <a href="mailto:stuburner@hotmail.com">stuburner@hotmail.com</a>

#### 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 <u>wwilliams@waeus.us</u>

Kathy Skidmore-Williams rookujack@yahool.com

#### 4th Friday

6:45 PM Potluck Dinner - 7:30 PM Ultreya

#### St. James' Episcopal Parish

5757 Solomons Island Rd, Lothian, MD Contact: Joe Carta <u>idcarta@hotmail.com</u>



#### Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

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

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# Mark Your Calendar

MEC Annual Diocesan Ultreya October 8, 2016

All Cursillistas are invited to attend! <u>Church of the Ascension</u>, Westminster, MD

MD Weekend 111 "I Surrender" November 4-6, 2016

Sponsors ServiceNovember 4 - 7:30 p.m.Las MananitasNovember 6 - 6:45 a.m.ClausuraNovember 6 - 3:45 p.m.

MD Weekend 111 Reunion Ultreya & 4th Day Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ To Be Announced

All Cursillistas are invited to attend!

4th Day Workshop

Lunch and Secretariat Meeting

Ultreya

To Be Announced

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

1 p.m.

MD Weekend 112 April 20-23, 2017

Please visit MDEpiscopalCursillo.com for more information about upcoming events!