

Wayne Kauk OAC Lay Director Annual Report

As I finish my year as Lay Director of OAC and pass the torch to Sharron Hamilton with this AGM I would like to review the past year in brief.

Let me begin by thanking all the members of the OAC Secretariat for their time and effort in attending meetings and contributing to the work of the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo. Not once did we fail to reach the quorum called for by our Cursillo Handbook (which is also our By-laws and Constitution).

We began in October with a sad decision to postpone the 129th womens weekend due primarily to concerns about Covid and the risk articulated by our Diocese of grouping people together in a residential setting for an intimate table centred weekend. This was a democratically arrived at decision by Secretariat and followed on from a recommendation to do so by the weekend Lay Director, Gillian Mattock.

Ultreyas were held throughout the year generally every two months, either by Zoom or in person, with excellent fourth day speakers. They were celebrated within the framework of a Eucharist which has been our Ultreya tradition for some time. There was some criticism raised by Cursillistas that we need to be careful that an Ultreya does not become “just another church service which I could have attended Sunday morning”. We will need to be careful of this and be sure to follow the Ultreya guidelines and include floating groups, a Lay Witness talk with a short reflection by clergy and lots of Cursillo music.

A second sad decision was to postpone what would have been the mens 130th weekend due to the withdrawal of the weekend Lay Rector, David Piercey for family related illness. We have held David in our prayers as a Secretariat and continue to do so, as we assemble a team for the 130th mens weekend.

On the weekend front the womens weekend will have been held as of the publishing of this report and a mens weekend is scheduled for mid April 2024.

At the beginning of the calendar year I was motivated to do some strategic planning for OAC, in particular a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats analysis. Discussion of this led to Jon Martin, one of our Spiritual Advisors, proposing a day of Reimagining Cursillo. Subsequently we held this day May 6 at St James Manotick with the Reverend Kerri Brennan as our facilitator. With about 30 attendees we articulated some of the strengths of Cursillo as

well as the need for change and from we that derived some initiatives to carry OAC into the future. Our Bishop Shane Parker gave an opening statement on his support for Cursillo and on how he saw it as a key ministry of the Diocese.

So as I leave the position of Lay Director, OACM, I leave you with this final thought. Together as Cursillistas we continue and will always continue to seek to enable leaders in the model of Christ as servant leader. In so doing we revive, and renew the Body Of Christ in this beloved Anglican Church of ours in the Diocese of Ottawa.

Ultreya and De Colores

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