

# National Cursillo Triennial Meeting

Nanaimo, BC - June 14-16, 2024

It was my privilege to attend the National Triennial Meeting of the National Anglican Cursillo Movement, which was held at St. Philip's, Cedar, in the Diocese of British Columbia. Every three years this meeting brings together all the active Diocesan Secretariats and representatives from across Canada to attend the Annual General Meeting and to share in a weekend of worship, learning and fellowship, Cursillo style! The weekend, which was done to perfection, was hosted and catered by the Cursillo community in Nanaimo.

At the present time, there are only 5 Dioceses with active Secretariats who are meeting regularly and having yearly Cursillo weekends, (The Diocese of **Ottawa**, the Diocese of **Huron, Niagara**, the Diocese of **The Northern Lights** (Rupert's land, Calgary and Edmonton ) and the Diocese of **British Columbia** (Vancouver Island), were represented at this year's meeting. Sadly the Diocese of **Nova Scotia/ PEI** had just voted to close due to lack of leadership, before the Triennial meeting.

The weekend was structured in an Ultreya model, with the opportunity for worship and continuous music present in the chapel. There was a choice of two workshop - one on Pastoral Listening and the other on the Reimagining the Future of Cursillo. Lots of active conversation ensued.

We also had wonderful presentation from retired Bishop Logan McMenamie, at that time, bishop of the Diocese of Inlet and Islands, who shared his "Lenten Walk" from Alert Bay to Victoria in the spring of 2016. As he journeyed, seeking permission to enter each community, he joined all the Indigenous Peoples and their lands together as his act of Reconciliation. An excellent conversation followed with many more stories shared!

We were also privileged to have the Primate, the Rt. Rev Linda Nichol, to share in our fellowship. She joined us on the Saturday to give the keynote address, celebrate at our worship service and presided at the installation of the National Executive for the next three years!

The whole weekend was one of connecting with old friends and making so many new relationships! "Hats off" with thanks and a grateful heart to the Cursillo community in Nanaimo for a wonderful weekend.

Respectfully submitted  
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