

AGM 2026 CURSILLO SECRETARIAT REPORTS/AGENDA/2025 MINUTES

Spiritual Director – Rev. Bonnie Luft

Greetings, beloved children of the Most-High God.

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the Cursillo movement in our Anglican Diocese of Calgary, we may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and that the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:10-11

As I write this letter, I am thinking of Epiphany and aware of how desperately we need to be overwhelmed by the ‘revelation & light’ of our God. For discernment of the times, for the call to mission, for the offering of our own time, talent, and treasure to Almighty God in service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The light that God had promised so many centuries ago came 2000 years ago give or take. And we have been living in that light for a long time. Century after century lives have been changed because of the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. People have known the comfort that comes only in knowing Jesus. The light is meant to change us and shine from us to others that they may know God and serve him as we have chosen to do.

Imagine the faith of the wise man and the power of that faith to have travelled so far to find this great king. This First act for them on arrival was to kneel down before the child and pay him homage—to worship him. Their next act was to open their treasure chest that they had brought long intent to give to the new king. And I imagine these gifts were the result of what they had built over their years in time, talent and treasures. Now it’s all being offered to the king of kings.

What does this deep example of faith mean for you and me today?

How do we follow?

What do we give?

How do we serve?

What are we prepared to lay down before the King?

The teams did a wonderful gift of service this past year. It was a joy at the last men’s weekend to see 4 of my fellow clergy as participants; added to these 7 lay participants. The woman’s weekend was blessed with 4 lay participants.

As we begin a new year, I think it is the right time to ask questions of ourselves. Of our faith journey. Our diocesan Cursillo movement is in difficult times. Participant sponsorship is at **Spiritual Director Annual Report December 2025**

an all-time low. The churches doing the Ultreya’s do a great work, but community participation is also low.

Our lay director has done double duty this past year as the 3 Day Chair as no one stood for election. That is quite a load for one volunteer, which our beloved Gerald has borne without complaint. Our brother Stew is also doing double duty as Communications Chair and Secretary.

Questions for our community going forward:

- 1) Why are we not sponsoring?
- 2) What is the number of registrations needed to ensure a quality weekend for the participants? Our Lord chose 12 disciples as the number to work with to begin.
- 3) Are you willing to be elected to a position on Secretariat?
 - a. Our annual meeting is coming soon, pray to see how you are called to serve?
- 4) Are we living the Christian life?
 - a. Human Ideals vs. Christian Ideal?
 - b. Laity: How are we using our time, talent, and treasure?
 - c. Is our Faith bearing fruit through Piety, Study, Sacraments and Action?
 - d. When Obstacles to a Life of Grace happen are we having conversations with your priest or spiritual director?
 - e. As Leaders in the church are we encouraging ourselves and our parishes to be Christian Communities in Action?
 - f. Are we participating faithfully in Group Reunion and Ultreya?

We may be forgetting what the core of the Cursillo movement is meant to be. It is a servant community to build the body of Christ in our parishes. The weekends themselves are a means to the actual goal of the Cursillo movement. They are meant to be a time of renewal for the laity of their baptismal calling. A refresher course if you will. The goal is to equip lay participants to go back into their parishes to take on ministry and leadership for the body to be empowered in lay ministry, and to grow in their own discipleship and the community they serve. The hope is to build into a small group for mutual support and encouragement in their journey as they live the Christian life.

My hope and prayers are that we will once again enter renewal and revival for this movement in our dioceses. That Cursillo will be a tool in God's hand to build His kingdom and our parishes. I ask our Lord to bring us to full life and purpose once again—for His glory!

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.

In Christ is all our hope and glory,

The Reverend Bonnie Luft+

Spiritual Director

Lay Director Report – Gerald Ingeveld

Having served my first full year since Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson appointed me Lay Director of the Calgary Cursillo Movement, it has been my pleasure to welcome many new Cursillistas to our community. All three Cursillo weekends were well managed and fruitful. I have chaired all the Secretariat meetings, some in person and some by ZOOM.

I am encouraged to see renewed support from our diocesan clergy and some youth among new participants and team members. Several groups that I am involved with have not recovered their zeal following the COVID years, but it looks like ours is on the threshold of doing so.

My thanks to Secretariat for your support, and unwavering faith that God will continue to bless and grow this movement.

Gerald Ingeveld

3 - Day Chair Report (interim)

I continued to chair the 3rd Day committee during 2025 with a committee of Jim Tubman, Stew Perram and Don Bryant.

We were pleased with the recommendations we made for Lay Directors for the three weekends held this past year. Dan Brisbin and Rachael Corupe co-lead the Spring Weekend, Darren Kronlund the Fall Men's, and Darcee Wong the Fall Women's Weekend.

We have recommended continuing the Spring Co-ed Weekends but returning to the Thursday start. The Fall Weekends will continue as Men's and Women's Weekends.

This coming year it is the intention to work on updating the many documents used in planning and carrying out the weekends.

I look forward to the upcoming Spring Weekend with Lay Directors Tim and Nicole Clark.

I also look forward to working with the new 3rd Day Chair to be elected at this AGM.

Gerald Ingeveld - 3-Day Interim Chair

Communications Chair

In early 2024, Gerald was assigned by Archbishop Greg to be the new Cursillo Lay Director replacing Al Stretton who stepped down. Gerald has also taken an interim lead for the 3-Day Chair position. To support and align duties, I took on the Communications Chair position that Gerald was holding. This made sense since I am managing the website with host Sean Busse and other platforms like Facebook. Sean hosts the website, and his role is to incorporate updates, suggest improvements, renew licenses and refresh the site to ensure it is active and current. He is paid an annual fee for this activity. As we enter 2026 there is a plan to reconfigure the Cursillo website to gain more efficiency and simplify its use. The important task going forward is to continue to encourage Cursillistas to sign up and create their profile. That work is essential to take advantage of the important functionality of the site. Gerald will continue to send out timely informational emails as part of the Communications 'Team'. The other member of the team is Dan Brisbin who is coordinating a monthly newsletter and is the link to parish rep communication.

Stew Perram – Communication Chair

Pre-Cursillo Chair

In 2025, we added 22 new Cursillistas to our community.

The Spring weekend had a total of 7 candidates, 5 women and 2 men. Another male candidate needed to postpone his participation and later attended the Fall weekend. The consensus seemed to be that the co-ed aspect of the weekend went well, but that the compressed time frame resulted in schedules that were too tightly strained and placed various events at odd times of day.

The Fall weekends added 11 men and 4 women. Two women's candidates needed to drop out (one at the very last minute due to a family emergency.) These persons and their sponsors will be contacted for follow-up prior to next year's weekends.

The primary problem for pre-Cursillo (aside from the lack of candidates) seems to be the inability to register attendees on-line. This can impact both the convenience of registration and efficiency

in payment. We need to make a concerted effort to encourage our community to prayerfully consider those both within their own parishes and outside who might benefit from attending one of these weekends, and to approach these persons with information and offers to sponsor them. If costs are becoming an issue, then information on any subsidies or scholarships needs to be made available to prospective sponsors and candidates. As for on-line registration, it is my understanding that an effort is being made to make that available prior to the 2026 Spring Cursillo weekend.

Kerin Spaargaren
Pre-Cursillo Chair

Secretary Chair

The year 2025 featured one unique spring weekend and two typical fall weekends. The spring weekend was a shortened co-ed weekend to assess whether Cursillo could support a shorter/co-ed weekend using participants rather than Cursillistas only. After review and debrief, the Secretariat agreed that the co-ed weekend model would be a go, going forward, but not as a shortened version. It would be a regular weekend schedule. We are fortunate to continue to have Entheos as the venue for our weekends and they have been accommodating with respect to the format change.

My specific Secretary role is to take and distribute the meeting agenda and minutes, inform Secretariat of meeting times and dates, as well as setting up the Zoom meetings. One of the main tasks is to support Secretariat and the movement Lay Director in coordinating the AGM.

Stew Perram – Secretary Chair

Fourth Day Chair

In 2025, 9 Ultreyas were held plus the AGM in lieu of the January Ultreya. The March Ultreya was a Zoom-only meeting. For those meetings where attendance was taken, there was an average in-person attendance of 20.9 people, and an average on-line attendance of 3.1 people. The best attended Ultreyas were the ones that took place immediately after the weekends.

Our system of rotating Ultreyas among parishes has had mixed success. Events held outside Calgary have generally been well attended, but it is a struggle to find parishes that are willing to host. In 2026 I am going to try to find a parish willing to host all the Calgary Ultreyas, while continuing to hold them outside Calgary as well.

Jim Tubman
Fourth Day Chair

Treasurer Chair The Spreadsheet outlining the Cursillo financial status details and budget for 2026 is attached to this report.

Michael Larsen – Treasurer Chair

Servant Community Chair – Nil report. It was not filled.

Calgary Cursillo Movement AGM 2025 Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Friday January 10, 2025, via Zoom and physical attendance.

In attendance: 21 members of the Calgary Cursillo Community.

Opening: Meeting was called to order by Lay Director Gerald Ingeveld at 7:25 pm. Opening prayer led by Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson. Gerald Ingeveld welcomed all attendees.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: That the Agenda for this meeting be approved as presented.

Moved: Shelly Ingeveld

Seconded: Stew Perram

Carried.

Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2024: Highlights read by Secretary Stew Perram.

Motion: That the minutes from the AGM meeting of January 12, 2024, be accepted as read after one correction.

Moved: Michael Hoskin

Seconded: Gerald Ingeveld

Carried.

Secretariat Reports:

The reports were not able to be loaded onto the website due to technical reasons. Copies of the reports, including the Treasurer Report, were handed out to attendees for review. Stew Perram stated he would send out the reports via email the next day to those on Zoom. The reports are tabled and available for review.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Larsen:

Michael shared detailed receipts, disbursements, and balance sheets as well as the 2024 budget. The bank balance at the end of 2024 was \$7068.04. Michael answered a few questions to the satisfaction of those who queried. A couple of errors were noted and Michael said he would correct them. He said that although we are in a good place, the margins are tight. He also suggested a plan for an online silent auction in June to raise funds.

Motion: that this Calgary Cursillo Community accepts the corrected Financial Statements and approves the 2025 Budget, as presented.

Moved: Michael Larsen

Seconded: Don Bryant

Carried.

Appointments:

Archbishop Greg announced that Rev. Bonnie Luft would be replacing Rev. Chris Roth as Spiritual Director for the Calgary Cursillo Movement. He publicly thanked Rev. Chris for his service. Archbishop Greg also noted that he has appointed Gerald Ingeveld as Lay Director of the Calgary Cursillo Movement. He stated that Gerald did a great job speaking and promoting Cursillo at a clergy day event recently.

Secretariat Elections:

Two chair positions are open: that of Servant Community Chair, and Three-Day Chair.

Servant Community Chair: Gerald stated that Andy Read has put his name forward for Servant Community Chair. Gerald asked for further nominations and there were none.

Andy Read was acclaimed as the new Servant Community Chair.

Three-Day Chair: Gerald Ingeveld is stepping down due to his new role as Lay Director. Gerald asked for nominations. There were none so the Three-Day Chair position remains open. In the meantime, there is a Three-Day Committee in place to handle the tasks.

Announcements:

Gerald Ingeveld announced one spring weekend is planned for April and it will be a shortened and Co-ed weekend. The fall will feature 2 weekends as usual, men and women.

Jim Tubman announced the February Ultreya will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Airdre.

Commissioning: Archbishop Greg welcomed and commissioned both Rev. Bonnie Luft and Gerald Ingeveld to their new appointed positions.

Motion: that this meeting be adjourned at 8:15pm.

Moved by Jim Tubman
Seconded by Gerald Ingeveld

Carried.

Archbishop Greg closed in prayer.

Gerald Ingeveld, Secretariat Lay Director

Stew Perram, Secretary

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2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) AGENDA

Friday, January 9, 2026 @ 7:30 PM – Live at St. Barnabas Church and virtually via Zoom

- 1. Declare the meeting open (Gerald Ingeveld).**
- 2. Opening Prayer (Rev. Bonnie Luft or assigned).**
- 3. Welcome on-line guests (Gerald Ingeveld).**
- 4. Attendance Sheet (Secretary will record attendees. Pay attention to couples/groups using the same computer to ensure we capture everyone's name).**
- 5. Opening statements and review/approve agenda - Lay Director (Gerald Ingeveld).**
- 6. Adoption of the agenda.**
- 7. Reading of 2025 AGM Minutes - Secretary (Stew Perram).**
- 8. Motion to accept 2025 minutes (show of hands for motions, seconders and all-in-favours and opposers. Nomination and voting procedures will be conducted as an agreed process on a case-by-case basis).**
- 9. Review any open items from 2025 minutes - Lay Director (Gerald Ingeveld).**

10. Presentation of Reports . Treasurer Michael Larsen will present the treasurer's report here.
11. Motion to accept the financial report and 2026 budget.

12. New Business.

Election of New Secretariat Members.

This year there are three chair positions and one CACS representative open for election. Job descriptions are on website and community email.

- **Servant Community Chair**
- **Three Day Chair**
- **Pre-Cursillo Chair**
- **CACS Representative from our Diocese**

13. Announcements. Spring and fall weekends update. Lay Director (Gerald Ingeveld)

14. Move that the formal business meeting be adjourned.

15. Final Remarks, closing prayer and Secretariat commissioning - Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson (if present).
