



# The Abrazo

The newsletter of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

**SUMMER 2016**

## Bountiful Summer

Summer Blessings to all in our community. The summer has been full of heat and I hope that has led to enjoyable vacations and relaxing times. Even the best plans for vacation and down time sometimes turn out in ways other than what we had intended. All too often we return from our trips and feel like we need a vacation from our vacation.

One thing scripture assures us of is there is a place to find rest and unload our burdens. Matthew 11:28, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* A private moment of retreat with Christ is more relaxing than our best laid plans.

Summer is typically a time when Secretariat takes a short break. Our regular monthly meetings will resume at the end of August. Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> will have us return. What is thrilling is that summer has not provided a break for important Cursillo action. Much like summer farming, the harvest has been ripening and we have been doing our due diligence to assure a harvest ready for reaping. I would like to share a few highlight developments that have been occurring.

I am pleased to report that Virginia is planning an all-out effort focused on reviving the Cursillo ministry. Maryland has played a critical role in helping the effort move forward. The passion was ignited by the Spirit when we allowed several women to attend MD 110. Coupled with a Spiritual Advisor also on fire their future looks very promising. In fact, they hosted their first Ultreya in numerous years on August 13 at St Mary's Parish in Colonial Beach, VA. It would be wonderful to see the community from Maryland help our brothers and sisters along.

Secondly, Maryland Cursillo was contacted by Florida Cursillo. Florida has been exploring the possibility of running a shortened Friday-Sunday weekend. We have been providing support and advice to their Secretariat so that their spring weekend is a Spirit filled success. The relationship has been so terrific that Florida has asked if they might be able to send two team members to be a part of MD111. After conversations and prayerful consideration Maryland has agreed to welcome two team members from Florida. They will fill the role of CHA and learn from our experience and guidance. How amazing that our community is now flourishing and spreading the blessings Christ has bestowed on us far and wide to better His kingdom.

In closing for this Abrazo, I also want to personally thank Claggett for taking time to meet with the Servant Community Director, Assistant Director and me to discuss the best path forward for Cursillo and using the beloved Claggett campus. I expect that positive developments will result in subsequent discussions and potential meetings.

Don't forget the fall weekend MD111 is coming up fast. November 4-6 will be here before you know it. It is never too early to begin praying about potential candidates.

*Brother in Christ,  
— Dave Wissmann, MD 89  
Lay Director, MEC*

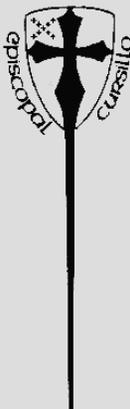
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understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders.**

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The team is nearly finalized and I am so blessed by all those who so far have said "Yes!" to this journey. We have an awesome and experienced Core Team consisting of Brenda Boucher, Assistant Rector; Shelly Collinson, Head Cha; and Ernie Tucker, Music Director. The three Spiritual Advisors are the Rev. Brad Ingalls, the Rev. Sue Oldfather, and Deacon Kathy Shahinian. I ask that you please keep us in your prayers, that you pray about being a sponsor, and that you also pray for the candidates who God is preparing to send for this amazing weekend.

— Keshia Pollack, NY-LI 84  
Weekend Rector, MD 111

**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, Chrystalis, 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.*



**REMINDER!!**  
**MD 111 - CANDIDATE DEADLINE is October 4, 2016**  
Please prayerfully consider whom God may be calling to attend MD 111. It's not too early to start the conversation with potential candidates so they will have the time they need to fully consider their calling to participate in the weekend. Meeting the October 4th deadline for submission of both candidate and sponsor forms will allow the community to pray for your candidate and the MD 111 team to plan a wonderful, spirit-filled weekend experience. Share the gift of Cursillo that was shared with you!



# Does God Take a Holiday?

I was recently awakened by the familiar sound of the chimes from my alarm. As I reached over to silence the alarm, my mind wrestled with my usual dilemma, "I'm still tired. I should just take the day off and not go into work." Match won by my practical side, I sauntered out of bed and got ready for the day.

I know many of you go through this same routine, but have you ever thought, "What if God wakes up and asks, 'should I work today? Or, should I just let the world go on without me?'" Recent world events from the disastrous fires in California to horrendous terrorist attacks in France make us stop and ask ourselves, "Is God really out there? Why would he let these horrifying things happen?" The crazy thing is that, while all these catastrophic events go on about us, seemingly signaling the end times, miracles abound. A coworker of mine who lost a baby due to a miscarriage has just delivered a bouncing baby boy. After a raging summer storm, a double rainbow appeared in my backyard. A tree that was hit by a severe spring frost in May and appeared to be dead has recently sprung green shoots! These "God moments" help remind me that God never takes a holiday.

It's easy to identify evil in the world because the Devil never takes a holiday and wants us to know what he and his legions have wrought. God never stops either! His team gives him terrific coverage – God made flesh by his Son and his Spirit. The next time you feel that the world is doomed, take a look at a newborn or take a walk in nature and just thank God that his team doesn't just shut the alarm off and go back to sleep, but keeps on working in spite of the chaos.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

*(Book of Common Prayer, page 149)*

*De Colores!*

— *Brenda Boucher, MD 101*  
*Assistant 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.



# 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](#) on page 11 of this issue (or you can [download](#) it from [MDEpiscopalCursillo.com](http://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

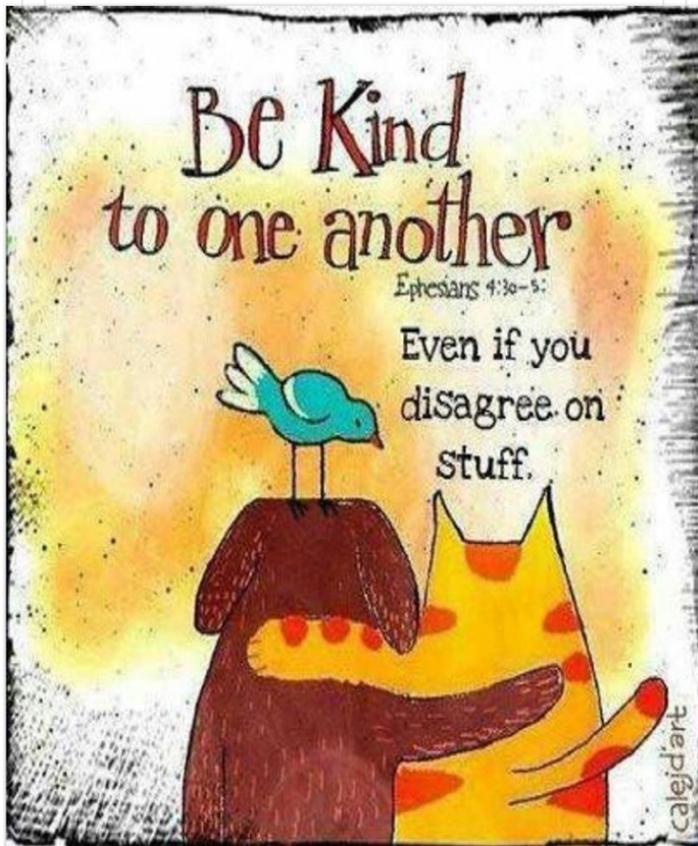
## Are You Hearing the Call?

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 [David Wissmann, MD 89](#), Lay Director, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo.

*Central Area Representative - Northern Area Representative - Western Area Representative*



<b>B I B L E</b>	
<b>EMERGENCY NUMBERS</b>	
<b>QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE</b>	
Upset	John 14
Weak	Psalms 18:1-29
Lonely	Psalms 23
Sinned	Psalms 51
Worried	Matthew 8:19-31
Anxious	Philippians 4:4-9
Unhappy	Colossians 3:12-17
In danger	Psalms 91
Depressed	Psalms 27
Lack of Faith	Exodus 14
Need Courage	Joshua 1
Need Direction	Psalms 73:21-26
Seeking peace	Matthew 11:25-30
Leaving on a trip	Psalms 121
Struggling with loss	Luke 15
Struggling Financially	Psalms 37
Discouraged with work	Psalms 126
AVAILABLE 24/7   PHONE SERVICE NOT REQUIRED	
DIRECT PETITIONS HEAVENWARD	



# NE Regional Ultreyas Held in June & August

Two Northeast Regional Ultreyas were held this summer for the first time in quite a while. Both events were well-attended and provided opportunities for revived fellowship and a chance to *Rekindle the Fire!*

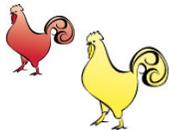
On June 9th, 17 Cursillistas gathered at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Churchville. The invitation to the Ultreya read, " ... No matter when we attended our first Cursillo Weekend, it probably made a profound spiritual impression. Maybe we resolved to follow the 'rule' and did for a while, quite a while. Maybe our sponsors stayed in touch and supported us; maybe they drifted away. Maybe we drifted away. Nevertheless, the call is there for us. How recently have we answered, 'Here I am, Lord?'"

Barbara Kreamer, MD 102, who organized the Ultreyas said, "It seemed that the whole lot of us were at the Joy Table as we met in the Harlan Room of Holy Trinity. It was great to be supported by clergy and the Secretariat of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo. And it was a comfort to celebrate the good news of our faith together."

MEC Lay Director, David Wissmann, MD 89, spoke about current challenges, and Weekend Rector Keshia Pollack, LI 84, updated the group on the upcoming MD 111 weekend. Frank Smith, MD 100, gave a witness talk.

The group held a second Ultreya on August 13th at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Bel Air, and plans to continue meeting periodically. For more information on the next Northeast Regional Ultreya, please contact Barbara at 410-272-3831 or [barbaraok@comcast](mailto:barbaraok@comcast)

— Ultreya!



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



# Green Palanca Needed!



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## No More Excuses for My Wobbly Three-Legged Stool!

At a recent Grouping, I had a “Come to Jesus” moment. During the grouping we all recounted our “Closest moments with God” (Piety) and we could all identify Action. However, when it came to Study, I started to craft an excuse as to why I had nothing to offer. That was my “Come to Jesus” moment. I stopped and said that I did not Study and I did not have an excuse for not studying. I find plenty of time to do all sorts of things—a lot of things that eat away at “God’s Time”. My excuses range from my lengthy daily commute to the daily challenges of modern life. I don’t need to list them. We all have excuses.

It is obvious that my “three legged stool” is a little wobbly. Studying requires me to stop and be present in God’s word. There are many scriptures that remind us about the need to study. How do I stop during my commute and contemplate the word of God while trying not to curse the traffic demons? I know many of us are tremendously busy with the hustle and bustle of keeping the “trains running on time”. I would like to offer a couple of fun ways to help you reengage with Study so your three legged stool doesn’t topple!

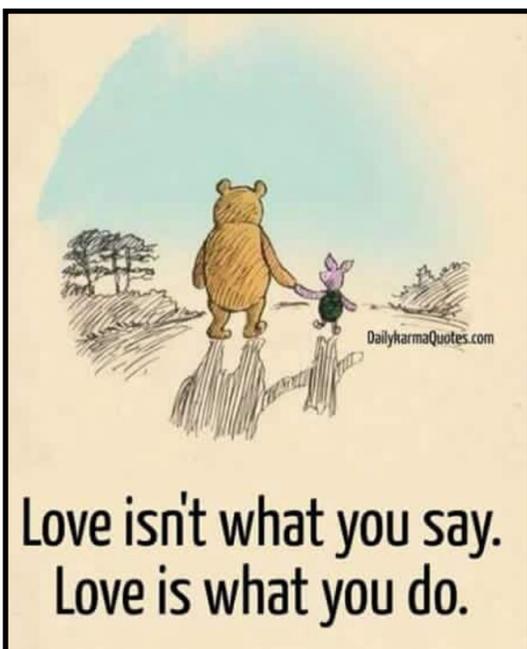
**Scripture Jar:** Get a mason jar and fill it with strips of bible quotes (like Chinese fortune cookies). Keep the jar in a prominent place like you would a candy jar. Instead of pulling out a piece of candy, pull out a piece of scripture to read and pray on.

**Serendipitous Finds:** Find a quiet spot and prepare your mind. You might want to say something like Psalm 119:15-16 *“I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word”* in preparation. Then, close your eyes and open the Bible and pick out the first thing you see to study or focus on for the day. You can do this on the computer or cell phone by just scrolling and randomly stopping on a passage.

**Channel Surf:** Channel Surfing is related to the Serendipitous Finds except you do this in the car during your commute. Instead of using the preset stations on your radio (or phone), use the search feature and listen for a tidbit that leads to scriptures. Often times, I find that some programs are discussing a gospel lesson that I heard in church earlier that week.

Studying helps us serve God better. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, *“Every scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work.”* The good thing about being a Christian is that it is “on the job training” with one training manual. Use it to help keep your three-legged stool stable, and no more excuses!

*Ultreya!*  
— Brenda Boucher, MD 101  
Assistant Lay Director, MEC



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

Send your request to  
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UPDATE Your ADDRESS !

Let us know if your Email OR Mailing address has changed so you won't miss information.  
[MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com)

Thanks!



# Reflections on Being a Weekend Rector

The following is a reprint of an article written by Keshia Pollack, NY-LI 84, for the Episcopal Cursillo Ministries.

When I received the call to pray about being Rector for Maryland Episcopal Cursillo (MEC) 111, I was shocked! Talk about serving a God who can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine! Thinking about it, I guess that I should not have been so surprised. After all, I am the child of two Cursillistas (my mom was my Sponsor and my Dad a Table Leader during my Weekend) who I often accompanied to the serenade and Clausura. I am honored that I grew up being exposed to Long Island Cursillo, which is where I made my weekend in 2009 as part of Long Island #84. My work took me to Maryland, which has been my home for several years, and I am excited to be able to lead the next MEC Weekend - 111.

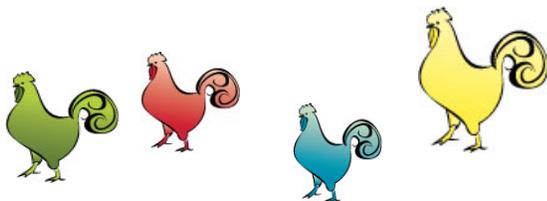
There are many reasons that being Rector for this Weekend is incredibly special. One of these reasons is my Dad, George Pollack. My father passed away in October 2015. He was a wonderful God-fearing man who loved Cursillo. He was a candidate on Long Island Men's Weekend 37, and since making his Weekend, my Dad served on about 15 teams! The one position that he did not have a chance to serve in before he passed away was Rector. And now, as I prayerfully prepare for our upcoming Weekend, I know that I will honor him and his love for the Cursillo movement by serving as Rector.

God put on my heart, "I Surrender," as the theme for MD 111. This theme serves as a reminder that we are instructed to follow Jesus' giving example of total self-sacrifice in devotion to God's will. The passage that emphasizes this for me is Luke 9:23: "Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'" The Weekend Song is "Surrender" by Marc James. The song has really powerful lyrics. If you have not yet heard it, I encourage you to check it out.

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*I'm giving you all my heart, and all that is within,  
I lay it all down for the sake of you my king,  
I'm giving you my dreams, I'm laying down my rights,  
I'm giving up my pride for the promise of new life,  
[Chorus]  
And I surrender all to you, all to you.*

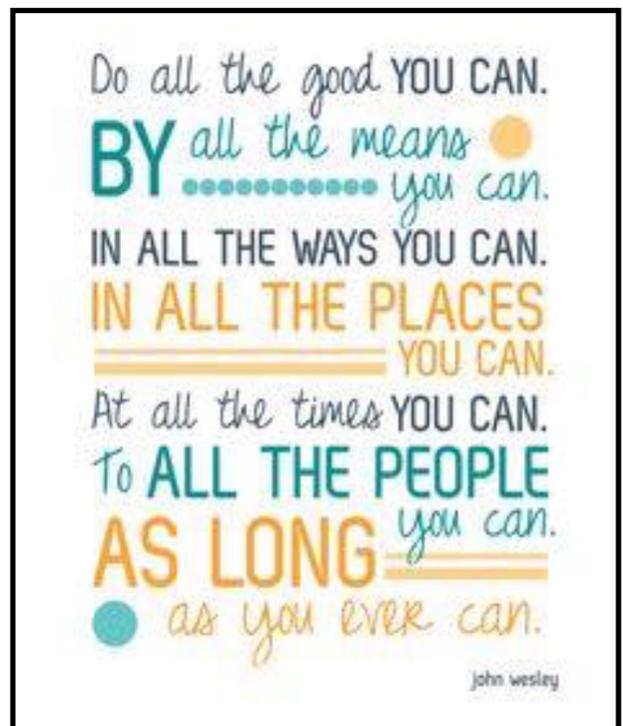
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The National Episcopal Cursillo has changed its name and is now the

**Episcopal Cursillo Ministry**

This change was adopted at the October 2014 National Conference in recognition of the fact that the Cursillo Ministry is not limited to just the Nation.



# CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Maryland Episcopal Cursillo – Three Day Weekend 111 *(an Abbreviated Weekend)*

**DEADLINE - OCTOBER 4, 2016**

Preferred title (please circle): Mr. – Mrs. – Ms. – Dr. – The Rev. – The Right Rev.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be used on button \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

Home parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require accommodations to satisfy dietary, physical, or medical restrictions? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
Please detail if YES \_\_\_\_\_

Has your sponsor(s) discussed your participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> Day in grouping, attending Ultreyas, and participating in a 4<sup>th</sup> Day workshop? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

***After prayerful consideration, please write a brief statement about why you want to attend a Cursillo weekend on the back of this form.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature / Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Signature / Date

### Clergy Endorsement:

I know the above-named person and am aware that he/she is submitting an application to attend a Cursillo Weekend. I am not aware of any issues that would preclude this candidate's participation in Cursillo at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clergy Name (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parish

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clergy Name (Printed)

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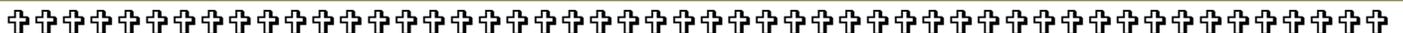
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***Contact us at the above address for technical assistance.***

**FEES SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO**

**c/o Brenda Boucher, MD 101, Assistant Lay Director, 5110 Jacks Lane, West River, MD 20778**

*Revised: January 2016 pb*



# SPONSOR APPLICATION

Maryland Episcopal Cursillo – Three Day Weekend 111 *(an Abbreviated Weekend)*

**DEADLINE - OCTOBER 4, 2016**

## 1. CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIMARY Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate(s) being sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDARY Sponsor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Date and location of your 4<sup>th</sup> Day workshop(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a permanent group reunion? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

What Ultreya(s) do you normally attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Your parish: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. SPONSOR'S COMMITMENT

**As a sponsor, I/we will:**

- Pray for my candidate(s) before, during, and after the Cursillo weekend.
- Discuss the weekend generally, including something about activities, the nature of the accommodations at Claggett, and how to resolve any physical, dietary, or medical accommodations.
- Provide or arrange for the candidate(s) transportation to and from the weekend, including a meal on Thursday night prior to arriving to the Cursillo.
- Discuss with my candidate the participation required on and after a Cursillo weekend.
  - √ Assist my candidate to find a permanent Group Reunion, or group myself with the new Cursillista(s).
  - √ Discuss with and accompany my candidates to the Reunion Ultreya
  - √ Discuss with and accompany my candidates to the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshop
- Send the appropriate fees with both signed applications to the address below. *The current fees may be found on the Cursillo website at [www.cursillo.ang-md.org](http://www.cursillo.ang-md.org).*

**NOTE: Candidates not attending a parish in this diocese are expected to financially support Cursillo in their home diocese, not MEC; therefore, these candidates are required to pay the FULL weekend fee. ALL fees are NON-REFUNDABLE 30 days prior to the Cursillo weekend.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor(s) Signature(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE SCAN AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO:**

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Episcopal Cursillo Ministry - National Conference



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One Bread, One Body

Episcopal Cursillo Ministry 2016 Conference

Sponsored by Long Island Episcopal Cursillo

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October 20-22, 2016
Long Island Marriott, Uniondale
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!

Please let us know if you are available to volunteer your time and talent in support of MEC Weekends and other activities. Please see the Resource Volunteer Form online (and or on page 11 of this issue) for some of the many opportunities available. Once you sign up, your information will be on file, and you'll be called as needed. Remember, you can volunteer as much (or as little!) of your time as convenient when called.

Thanks for letting us know how you might be available to help!



# 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](mailto:MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com)

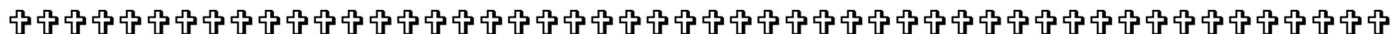
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
Which weekend did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_ Teams served (and roles)? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



### Secretariat 2016

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### 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](http://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 [csnead1034@aol.com](mailto:csnead1034@aol.com)  
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Jim Stultz, MD 85 [jimstultz@hotmail.com](mailto:jimstultz@hotmail.com)

**1st Saturday, 7 PM**

**Episcopal Church of Christ the King**

1930 Brookdale Road, Woodlawn, MD  
Contact: Robyn Mayfield, MD 85 [aubtobby1@verizon.net](mailto:aubtobby1@verizon.net)  
**APRIL - AUGUST - NOVEMBER**

**1st Saturday, 7 PM**

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

3695 Rogers Ave, Ellicott City, MD  
Contact: Greg Fraser, MD 63 [glfrase@verizon.net](mailto:glfrase@verizon.net)  
**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 [stuburner@hotmail.com](mailto:stuburner@hotmail.com)

**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](mailto:wwilliams@waeus.us)  
Kathy Skidmore-Williams [rookujack@yahoo.com](mailto:rookujack@yahoo.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 [jdcarta@hotmail.com](mailto:jdcarta@hotmail.com)





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### Mark Your Calendar

**MEC Secretariat & Servant Community Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_ **August 27, 2016** (10 a.m.)  
*All Cursillistas are invited to attend!* [Christ the King](#), Woodlawn, MD

**MD Weekend 111 "I Surrender"** \_\_\_\_\_ **November 4-6, 2016**  
*Sponsors Service* [The Bishop Claggett Center](#), Buckeystown, MD  
*Las Mananitas* November 4 - 7:30 p.m.  
*Clausura* November 6 - 6:45 a.m.  
November 6 - 3:45 p.m.

**MD Weekend 111 Reunion Ultreya & 4th Day Workshop** \_\_\_\_\_ **TBA**  
*All Cursillistas are invited to attend!* TBA  
*4th Day Workshop* 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*Lunch and Secretariat Meeting* 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.  
*Ultreya* 1 p.m.

**MD Weekend 112** \_\_\_\_\_ **April 20-23, 2017**

Please visit [MDEpiscopalCursillo.com](http://MDEpiscopalCursillo.com) for more information about upcoming events!

Make A Friend, Be A Friend, Bring A Friend To Christ