



## Waiapu Anglican Cursillo

## Report to Synod 2015

Cursillo arrived in 2011 and is beginning to thrive in Waiapu.

A lay-led organisation linked internationally, Cursillo grows Christ-centred leaders.

As twenty-first century Christians we are to walk closely with Christ, be Christ's disciples, and do Christ's work in the world in the everyday parts of our lives. The Three-Day Cursillo, a short course in Christian living, has this message at its heart. The Cursillo course offers committed Christians in our Diocese the experience of living in Christian community, exploring the presence of God, with time to reflect, refresh and reinvigorate our spiritual lives. Cursillo offers a method to keep ourselves on track as Christians in our day-to-day commitments and environments, and celebrates ways in which we ordinary people can and do become more effective Christian influencers as disciples of Christ within our own Churches and Parishes, within our own families, communities and workplaces.

Of the two Cursillo courses offered in 2015, a Combined Cursillo (for men and women) took place April-May in Papamoa. We were overwhelmed with applications, attracting the maximum 20 registrations. In October we offer another Three-Day Cursillo, this time for women, at Hukarere Girls' College in the beautiful Esk Valley, Hawkes Bay.

Each Three-Day Cursillo has a follow-up day of "deeper understanding". This day explores the challenge Cursillo sets before us in relation to sustaining our on-going relationship with God, and responding to God's call for apostolic action in our normal, everyday living. One such day was held in Rotorua (June) to follow the Combined Cursillo in Papamoa. Another takes place in Westshore, Napier (November), following the Women's Cursillo at Hukarere.

We also hold special days called Ultreyas which are gatherings of those who have experienced Cursillo and those curious about Cursillo, for worship, song, testimony & fellowship. In 2015 we hold two: Tauranga (March) and Hastings (August).

A further highlight of Cursillo in Waiapu is the way Tikanga Pākehā and Tikanga Māori strands continue their interweaving.

A ten-person Secretariat steers Waiapu Anglican Cursillo, with representation on the New Zealand Anglican Cursillo Council (NZACC), an oversight body serving five Dioceses: Wellington, Waikato-Taranaki, Waiapu, Christchurch & Dunedin.

Planning for 2016 includes two Three-Day Cursillos: Waiapu Combined 4 (men & women) in Papamoa (April) and Waiapu Combined 5 in Hawkes Bay (October), with their associated follow-up and Ultreyas.

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