

# The British Anglican CURSILLO® Council

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## To all members of the British Anglican Cursillo Council

Dear Friends

I hope and pray that you are all well and managing to cope with the current situation as best you can. Despite not being able to meet in person I know that many Cursillistas are still supporting and encouraging each other via the phone, video calls, social media, Zoom and so on. And Christian Apostolic Action has never been so popular! The myriad ways in which Cursillistas are helping their friends and neighbours at the moment will provide stories for Action Witness Talks for years to come!

As the Covid-19 crisis continues, however, the time has come to make some difficult decisions about Cursillo events planned for later in the year. The BACC Standing Committee met using Zoom on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May and decided the following.

### **1 National Ultreya, London, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

With great sadness this has been cancelled. London & Southwark dioceses have been able to book the same venue, Southwark Cathedral, for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. Norwich dioceses will host the National Ultreya next year as planned on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and Canterbury will now be holding it in 2023. **Please let all your Cursillistas know that this year's National Ultreya has been cancelled.**

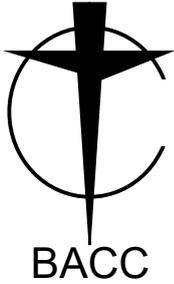
### **2 2020 BACC AGM**

You will recall that the 2020 AGM had been scheduled for 9th May but had been postponed until the National Ultreya. As this will now not take place we have had to further reschedule it. **It will now take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November as part of our National Conference at Swanwick.** In the meantime I will continue as President and the Area Reps on the Standing Committee who have come to the end of their terms of office are also staying on until November.

### **3 Anglican Cursillo National Conference # 8: 'WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE? Where were we, where are we, and where are we going?'**

We are hoping and praying that this can take place as planned from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th November 2020 at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire. We certainly cannot cancel it at this stage as we would be liable to pay the full cost and lose a lot of money. If,

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come November, the Government's restrictions prevent it from going ahead it will be Swanwick that call it off and we won't be liable. We are therefore going ahead with our preparations and will open the bookings early in July. **Full details and booking forms will be circulated in the next few weeks so please look out for them.**

#### 4 Shorter format or 'Two Day' Cursillo Weekends

Following the full discussion that we had at the BACC meeting in York last November and subsequent discussions in individual diocesan Secretariats, a decision on whether to formally sanction two day weekends was due to be taken at the AGM. Given that dioceses will no doubt be anxious to (re)book weekends as soon as the Governments' pandemic restrictions are lifted, the Standing Committee has decided to progress this ahead of the AGM (now not till November) and to hold a postal ballot of all dioceses during June with each diocese having one vote and a simple majority deciding the outcome.

With this email you will find a simple ballot form to be printed and filled in and signed by one of your officers. **Please either scan it and return it by email to Richard Tabberer [secretary@anglicancursillo.co.uk](mailto:secretary@anglicancursillo.co.uk) or post it to him at Pandalair, 23 Oxford Street, Shepshed, Loughborough LE12 9HU by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

[Note: If this proposal is approved part of the November National Conference will be given over to the details of how this shortened format can be implemented based on the experience of those dioceses that have already run them.]

We are trying to ensure that the business of BACC continues in these strange circumstances and that we can bounce back when restrictions are lifted. If you have any queries about any of these matters please don't hesitate to contact me. I will, of course, let you know the outcome of the ballot as soon as we have it.

With very best wishes.

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Trevor King  
National President  
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