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People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost.

—The Dalai Lama



Bishop Martin S. Field

Cursillo, Fourth Day, and *The Jesus Movement*

By The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, has—for three years—been calling our Church to live into the reality that we are “the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.” He and his key staff have articulated three, key ministries that—when carried out—indicate that we are on the move with Jesus: evangelism, reconciliation (especially racial), and caring for creation. When these three facets of ministry happen—when we care for one another enough to share the good news and to heal our relationships and to protect and restore the planet where we and our children must live—the people of God are thereby building the Beloved Community. We are thereby moving closer to the world that was God’s dream and desire at creation.

Bishop Curry’s appeal is powerful, touches me, and makes me want to get onboard and to do my part faithfully. Maybe it’s the same for you. In fact, I hope it is.

But recently, I was asked, “What does Bishop Curry’s idea of the Jesus Movement mean to us in the Cursillo Movement?” I’ll ask that another way: How does Bishop Curry’s concept of the Jesus Movement intersect with the Cursillo Movement’s commitment to the Fourth Day, and what does it mean to those committed to following the Cursillo Method of study, piety, and action toward greater personal commitment and fidelity to Jesus the Christ?

Largely, these are questions about semantics and word choices. The language of Cursillo and Fourth Day and the language that Bishop Curry uses lead to the same end. They are, perhaps, different words for the same thing. Bishop Curry’s language and the language we use in the Cursillo Movement both express commitment, clarity of purpose, and fidelity to that purpose.

If I were to parse the language closely, I would say that the subtle differences are these: Bishop Curry’s vocabulary powerfully calls us to focus on the big picture, on

God's great goal, on the overarching mission of those who follow Jesus. Cursillo's vocabulary is about what that means to an individual, about personal and intentional development or formation of and by individuals. It is about transformation and process. That's what we hope happens in a person's Fourth Day; we hope they get on and remain on a trajectory of continual, committed, disciplined, intentional growth in faith, hope, and love, and that their growth leads to action, which is itself formational and transformational.

We may use the language of "Fourth Day" or that of "Jesus Movement," but it's the same desired outcome: people who follow Christ taking their place in acting for the Gospel, acting as Jesus' ambassadors, messengers, and apostles, acting to build and live together in the Beloved Community that is God's dream for us. In the end, Fourth Day is the way Cursillistas build their personal corner of the Beloved Community.

And that is what the Cursillo Movement is all about.

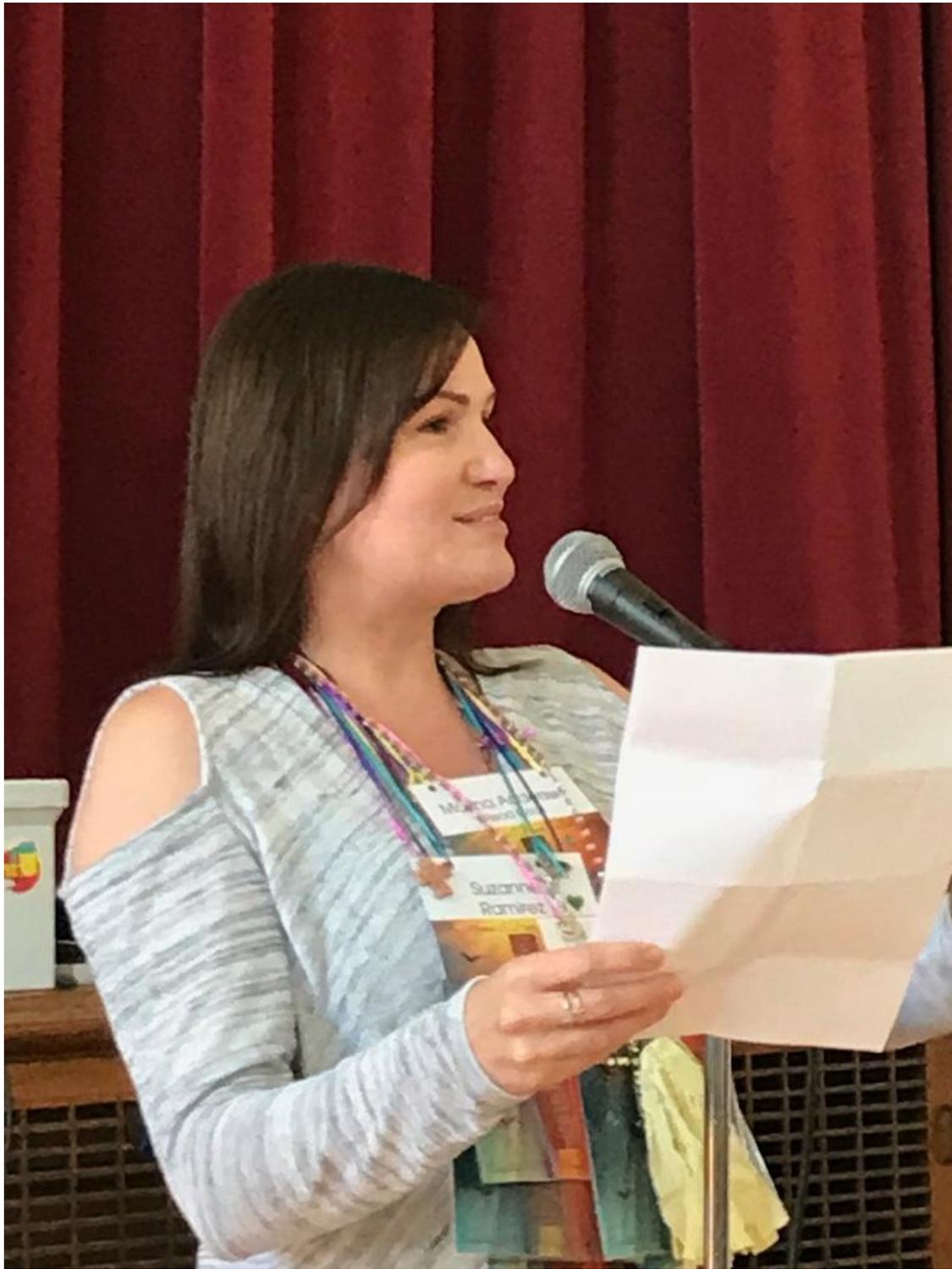
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Perhaps I need to introduce myself. In formal address, I am The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, and I have the honor and privilege to serve as the bishop of the Episcopal Church in West Missouri. My mother and father always called me "Marty," so I go by Marty at home and among family and friends. Most people in the churches of West Missouri call me Bishop Marty, and that's OK, too. In addition to being the Bishop of West Missouri, I serve the Presiding Bishop and The Episcopal Church's House of Bishops as liaison to the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Committee (ECMC), a role I have been in for just under two years.

Recently, Patrick Andersen, editor of ECMC's *News Notes*, asked me to contribute an article on how Cursillo's **Fourth Day** fits with our Presiding Bishop's call for all Episcopalians to focus on being and living into the reality that we are "the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement." That which appears above is my attempt to honor that request.

Let me close by saying this—and yes, it’s editorial: I am committed to the Cursillo Movement, and while I love and find great joy from all that happens on Cursillo Weekends, it is for me the Fourth Day that is the point of the Cursillo Movement in the Episcopal Church. Certainly, a Cursillo Weekend is about having a fun and uplifting time, about being joyful and silly and laughing and singing while learning and building community; it’s all that. But the real point of each Weekend is to launch people into Fourth Day. That’s where the rubber hits the road and where Cursillo becomes a Movement in the Church and not just an enjoyable three or four days. I think we sometimes get it backward by putting so much effort into our Weekends and allowing our Fourth Day Communities to languish for lack of energy and attention. To use a metaphor, I believe we sometimes act like a university that has a wonderful admissions program (the Weekend) but fails to make sure the enrollees attend classes throughout the semester (4thDay). When we start to get this right, the Cursillo Movement will once again be of enormous benefit to The Episcopal Church’s efforts to be “The Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.”

Ultreya!



*New Cursillista **Anna Keener** spoke at the Ultreya on June 2 at St. Paul's in Burlingame, representing the women of Cursillo Weekend #989 of the San Francisco/San Mateo Secretariat. Her husband **Roger** represented the men of #988. About 75 people attended the event.*

Creating A Directory of 4th Day Groups

Your faithful correspondent **Delores De Colores** is compiling a list of active Fourth Day groups in the Bay Area for both new and longtime Cursillistas. If you have a group that is open to new members, please reply to this email with contact information.

Women

- North Bay, **Kathleen Silverthorne**, 415-454-5177, Kathleen_welsh@hotmail.com, Fairfax, alternating Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.
- East Bay, **Lani Borges**, (510) 461-1895 laniborges@comcast.net, various locations
- North Bay, **Ruth Baney**, 415-472-7030, rrbaney@aol.com, **Katharine McLaughlin**, 415-897-0639, Church of the Nativity, San Rafael, 1st Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
- East Bay (Soul Sisters), **Briana Wood**, (925) 580-2596 workaholic331@gmail.com, Church of Resurrection, Pleasant Hill, 2nd & 4th Thursday, 6:45 p.m.
- East Bay, **Diane Kennedy**, 925- 525-5615, 3rd or 4th Saturday
- North Bay, **Cathy Cunningham**, 415-453-7174, deaconedandcathy@sbcglobal.net, 2nd Saturday, 9 a.m., Rectory at St. Anselm's Church, San Anselmo
- East Bay, **Jamie Taylor**, 925-808-8655
- North Bay, **Terri Bondanza-Lavin**, 415-299-7349, princeinaus@hotmail.com, 6 p.m. 1st Tuesday, San Rafael/Novato/Petaluma
- East Bay, **Chloe Greensides**, 925-878-8840
- North Bay, **Kathy Simmons**, 415-892-2018, kathysimmons@comcast.net

4th Tuesday, 7 p.m., San Rafael

- East Bay, **Dona Foreman**, 925-812-1656, Wednesdays
- North Bay, **Laura DeBarros**, 415-314-9377, lauraddebarros@comcast.net, 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Novato
- Fremont, **Belle Spring**, 510-303-8007, 4th Saturday, 12:30 p.m.
- North Bay, **Marilu Mazzotta**, 415-897-9150, marilumazz@gmail.com 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Novato
- Peninsula, **Robin Fife**, (650) 345-3345, robinfife@aol.com, Foster City, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- North Bay, **Stacy Bischoff**, 415-456-7906, tenimom@comcast.net, 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m., San Rafael/Novato/Mill Valley
- Peninsula, **Diane Burns-Haussler**, (650) 208-4577 artstrong@coastwave.net, Half Moon Bay, 3rd Wednesday
- North Bay, **Libby Silvestri**, 415-599-9470, libalittle@aol.com, San Rafael/Fairfax/ Novato, last Wednesday, 6 p.m.
- Peninsula, **Nancy Galleni**, (650) 592-4310, Belmont, 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
- Peninsula (Saving Graces), **Denora Smith**, (650) 773-1354 denoratherectora@gmail.com, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1600 Santa Lucia Ave, San Bruno, 2nd Wednesday
- Peninsula, **Suzanne Chinn**, 818-800-2451, Pacifica, 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- San Mateo, Women, **Karen Lautsch**, 650-342-9827, Fridays, 8 a.m.
- North Bay, **Jean Nelson**, 415-892-2348, boccemom@gmail.com, 2nd Friday, 9:45 a.m., Novato

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- American Canyon, **Sandy Kain**, (707) 334-2811, skain125@yahoo.com, 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m.
- Pittsburg (Fishers of Men), **Ron Lew**, (925) 550-4166 mooshupapa@att.net, Church of Nazarene, 5305 Kirker Pass Rd,

Pittsburg, 4th Saturday, 9 a.m.

- East Bay, **Pastor Dot Lundgren**, 510-516-5456, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- S.F. (Quedelores), **Jacque Grillo**, (415) 609-9942, jacquegrillo@aol.com, Most Holy Redeemer, 100 Diamond St, 2nd Saturday, 6 p.m.
- S.F. (Friends of Francis), **Chuck Witherell**, (415) 385-6225, St John of God, 1290 5th Ave, 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m

Men

- San Mateo, **Jack Baumgarten**, 650-218-2225, St. Bartholomew Parish Center, 600 Columbia Dr., Wednesdays, 7 a.m.
- San Mateo, **Victor Power**, 916-343-1788, St. Timothy's, 1st Saturday, 8 a.m.
- North Bay, **Kevin Baumsteiger**, 415-454-4121, kevin@genevagrowers.com, St. Rita's Church in Fairfax, alternating Saturdays, 7 a.m.
- North Bay, **John Bischoff**, 415-456-7906, John.Bischoff@aecm.com, **Will Silverthorne**, 415-454-5177, tontowcs@yahoo.com, alternating Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., Aroma Café, San Rafael
- North Bay, **Joe Gatti**, 415-499-4960, joegatti@yahoo.com, 2nd Saturday, 8 a.m., Star Restaurant, Novato
- North Bay, **Matthew McGrath**, 415-261-7264, mail.mcgrath@gmail.com, 4th Saturday, 8 a.m., Black Bear Diner, Terra Linda
- North Bay, **Nigel Heath**, 415-302-7233, ngheath@ix.netcom.com, 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., San Anselmo
- North Bay, **Ron Leach**, 415-382-8256, ron.leach@comcast.net, Eduardo's, San Rafael, Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m.

Prayers & Palanca

Please pray for **Patti Wirth's** daughter and her family, who are recovering from a fire at their home last weekend.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Donna Mattie's** nephew **Justin**, who passed away after battle with illness. Please also pray for Justin's 5-year-old son **Hank**, who is trying to understand why his Daddy had to go be with Jesus.

Please pray for healing for **Jerry** and **Mary Jo Nelson**. You can send cards to P.O. Box 5005, Vacaville, CA 95696. Also, Mary Jo's sister **Barbie** has been evacuated from her home in Hawaii due to the volcanic eruptions.

Fr. John Rawlinson's sister **Barbara** needs your prayers as she battles a tumor on her kidney.

And please pray for healing for **Linda Bettencourt**, the tireless prayer warrior of the East Bay Anglican Secretariat who furnished us the information about the people listed above. One of the side effects of tirelessness can be excruciating headaches, and Linda has had a few.

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I am asking the community to pray for my nephew **Elliot Dodge**. He has just been diagnosed with inoperable cancer. He is terminal. The family is seeking out options for his care and trying to look for alternative medicine to try and get him some relief.

Please pray for the family as they go through this very trying time. I believe we serve an awesome God who specializes in miracles. Please pray for a miracle. Also pray, if it is not His will that Elliot be cured that He give us the strength to carry on in His honor. Thank you!

Jim Morgan

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A Caringbridge website was set up for **Joe Artigiani**. You can click on the link below and get the latest information.

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/joeartigiani>

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Please pray and email Palanca for the following weekends:

June 14-17

Keryx in Community #10, Cheboygan, MI, mark.ad4@gmail.com

Mixed Face to Face Encounter #3, Kelso, Tennessee, robbielynn153@yahoo.com

June 21-24

Men's Rockford Reachout Impact #6—Winnebago County, IL ,
teshore777@gmail.com

Coed Episcopal Cursillo #134—Mississippi, kruckstuhl@bellsouth.net

June 28-July 1

Men's Walk to Emmaus, Woltersdorf, Germany, Annette@romanski.de

Boy's and Girl's Chrysalis Flights #41/42, Gauteng, South Africa,
liversedgeheath@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

September 20-23—San Francisco/San Mateo Women’s Cursillo Weekend #990, “Keep Me Traveling Along With You,” Rectora Diane Fitzgibbon. At Holy Redeemer Retreat Center in Oakland. Contact Diane at dfitzgibbon@sbcglobal.net.

November 8-11—Marin Women’s Cursillo weekend, Rectora **Charlynn Baumsteiger**.

November 15-18—Marin Men’s Cursillo weekend, Rector **Tom Brawley**.

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News flash: One of the Table Facilitators looked irritated. “My email password has been hacked again. This is the third time I’ve had to rename the cat.”

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And finally: If you have prayer requests or news about Cursillo or Cursillistas that you would like to see posted in the BARBWire, please send it to **Delores De Colores** c/o Patrick@pwandersen.com. If you know fellow Cursillistas who are not currently receiving the BARBWire but would like to, please forward their names and email addresses to the address shown above.



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