

Cursillo Report to Synod.
January - December 2025

The highlight of our year was a three day weekend on 3-6 July. WaikatoTaranaki Combined (WTC)19 was held at Anglican Diocesan School for Girls in Hamilton. The Lay Director was Heather Riches.

We have held seven Ultreyas (Days of encouragement), some in the Waikato and some in Taranaki. We held an inaugural Zoom Ultreya which was a success, and we hope to organise this as an annual event. Our attempts at combining meetings between Waikato and Taranaki were not successful, due to the unreliability of SH3 which was closed in October due to flooding.

One of our members attended a two-day weekend in Christchurch in February, and we are considering adopting this model for our diocese in the future.

We also took part in a zoom meeting from the USA in March.

We have had four secretariat meetings to discuss dates for upcoming meetings (Ultreyas), be updated regarding finances and help where needed for the current weekend. Our Spiritual advisors are always available to keep us on track spiritually.

We keep in touch with other dioceses through the Kiwi Cursillo magazine with one of our secretariat members being the editor. Our two spiritual advisors and two secretariat members attended the NZACC (New Zealand Anglican Cursillo Council) meeting in February in Christchurch. We are also kept informed of Cursillo weekends around the world as one of our members sends greetings and prayers to them for their weekends.

We have advertised on the Dio Website, Connect magazine and promotion was made at Synod 2025. It was suggested after a Cursillo weekend be part of Licenced Lay Ministry training. We also have a WT Anglican Cursillo facebook page.

Preparation for WTC20 started in November 2025. The weekend was held at Waitomo Caves in April 2026 with some enthusiastic participants, keen to be part of the ongoing movement.

Currently, we are planning to hold a two-day weekend starting on Friday evening 2 April to Sunday 4 April 2027 at Waitomo Village Chalets.

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