



Cursillo continues to grow in Waiapu.

A world-wide missional lay-led organisation within the ethos of the Anglican Church, overseen by Bishop David Rice and supported and encouraged by clergy, the Cursillo movement resources and supports lay Anglicans to *know Jesus, and make Jesus known*.

Three-Day Cursillos

The Three-Day Cursillo, a short course in Christian living, deepens our understanding of what it means to be disciples of Christ today. We see how we can become strong in our own relationship with Christ, and become more effective Christian influencers within our own Churches and Parishes, and beyond, within our own families, communities and workplaces.

Waiapu received the gift of a Combined Cursillo from the Diocese of Waikato-Taranaki in September 2012. This was held at Keswick Christian Camp, Rotorua, with 15 participants.

The gifting from our neighbouring Dioceses of Wellington and Waikato-Taranaki has continued in 2013 to assist us in running our own Waiapu-led Three Day Cursillos – one for women in April, and one for men in October. Our Women's Cursillo, with Lay Director Gail Spence, attracted 13 live-in participants in the peaceful rural setting of Hukarere Girls' College in Eskdale, just north of Napier, a venue which will also serve the Men's Cursillo later in the year.

We now have 102 Cursillo 'veterans' living in Waiapu, up 40% since the 2012 Synod Report.

Each Three-Day Cursillo has a follow-up day of "deeper understanding" in which the Cursillo Movement's method of on-going spiritual development is reinforced. This was held for the Women's Cursillo on 8 June at St James Church, Mahora, in Hastings.

Through Cursillo the threads of Tikanga Pākehā and Tikanga Māori are woven together in Waiapu, with participants from both Tikanga embracing the missional challenge of deepening their relationship with Christ and becoming disciples of Christ in today's world.

Looking ahead

A four-person Cursillo Secretariat, with a five-person Servant Community, spearheads the growth of Cursillo in the Diocese of Waiapu. In planning is Waiapu Combined 2, a Three-Day Cursillo for both men and women, returning to the Bay of Plenty in spring 2014.

Waiapu Cursillo veterans will also support the Cursillo National Meeting to be held in Wellington over Labour Weekend 2013. This meeting celebrates 25 years of Cursillo in the Diocese of Wellington, and in New Zealand.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter, 4:10.

That's what Cursillo strengthens us to do.

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