



The ANGLICAN FOURTH DAY is a movement of the Anglican Church in North America which seeks to bring environments to Christ through Christian communities in action. Based on a program of spiritual renewal initiated by the Roman Catholic church in the 1940s, many denominations have adopted similar movements known as Cursillo, Tres Dias, Walk to Emmaus, or Sunshine weekends. Anglican 4th Day is designed to make it possible to live what is fundamental to being a Christian: to live in union with Christ and to share Christ with others.

In the Gulf Atlantic Diocese, three-day weekends provide a living experience of meeting fellow Christians in a friendly, non-threatening atmosphere. During these three days, from Thursday evening until Sunday evening, those attending these "short courses in Christianity" live and work together, listening to and discussing talks given by both clergy and laity team members. During the three days, the teachings of Christ are discussed in a climate of joyful Christian fellowship. The talks and discussions are interspersed with prayer, Eucharist, songs, recreation, laughter and moments of reflection and/or silence.

The resulting Christian community is a group of men and women who live the Christian life, linked with Christ and supporting one another in their environments. This support is found in two post-Fourth Day activities. Individuals meet frequently in small groups with close friends for mutual sharing, encouragement and support. The larger Anglican 4th Day Community comes together in different geographical areas for periodic get-togethers known as either Ultreyas (a Spanish word for reunion) or ROAR (which stands for Reunion of Our Anglican Region) meeting for worship, encouragement, sharing and fellowship.

Anglican Fourth Day seeks to have a contact person in each GAD parish. These coordinators elect Council representatives who meet to oversee the operations of A4D. If your parish is not currently receiving periodic information about A4D, we would appreciate you contacting us at patmierse1@bellsouth.net so we can offer our assistance. Information is available through the GAD website under the ministries tab. Recently we began sending an e Newsletter called New Day Coming to the greater A4D community. If you have not yet received this informative communication contact the editor, Larry Nichols, at lmnicho@aol.com to be added to the mailing list. Information is also available through the Province A4D website at www.anglican4thday.com where you can click on the Diocese tab and go to GAD.

Our next set of weekends will be April 19-22,2012 for the men and May 3-6,2012 for the women. The follow-up get-together will be May 19,2012. All of these events take place at Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park, FL on the banks of the beautiful Suwannee River. For more information about attending or sponsoring someone to attend contact our Registrar, Tressa Dishman, 10830 Java Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32246 or email her at tressal1947@comcast.net .

We, of the greater A4D community, look forward to having you join us or continue with us on our spiritual journey to become more Christ-like as we strive to challenge, equip and encourage each other along the way... Onward... Upward... Ultreya...

Pat Mierse
Lay Director