

Anglican 4th Day (A4D)

CURSILLO©

CURSILLO (kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word that means “a little course.” The Anglican 4th Day begins with a weekend experience using the Cursillo method during which participants “live what is fundamental to being a Christian” in a Christian community where prayer support, love, and joy are emphasized. The A4D weekend enlivens people to the reality of Christ’s love and presence in a way that leads to greater action in witness to Christ, both within the Church and in the world at large. An A4D weekend is a blend of seriousness and light-heartedness. It is made up of spiritual experiences and talks by laypersons and clergy, intended to equip one with the basics needed to do Christ’s work in the world. A4D is for adult Christians and is meant to be a shared learning and growing experience attained through worship, study, reflection, and fellowship. One “makes” an A4D only once, but it will be built upon throughout life.

WHAT IS ANGLICAN 4TH DAY FOR?

A4D is a movement within the church. Its purpose is to help those in the Anglican Church understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders. It helps to renew and deepen their Christian commitment and ministry, and encourages them to bring others to Christ.

WHO SHOULD GO TO A4D?

Anglicans in good standing who are leading an active Christian life and are living witness to their love for Christ. A4D presumes that those who attend are already well grounded in the faith. It is not intended to be a conversion experience, but an enriching and deepening of what is already there.

WHO SHOULD NOT GO TO A4D?

Individuals whose lives are in turmoil are recommended to wait until things have stabilized before going to A4D. For instance, those in the midst of marital disputes or other personal crises should usually defer A4D until the difficulties are resolved. A4D is not for those uncertain about their faith; it is for Christians who are already committed.

WHAT ABOUT ACCOMMODATIONS?

Furnishings at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg are simple and functional, and may not be exactly like home, but the spirit of fellowship makes that unimportant. There is ample good food.

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IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH
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HOW LONG IS THE COURSE?

A4D lasts for three days, from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. After the first evening and until the following morning, a time of silence is observed. This is a means of moving from the busy world of work and family into the spirit of the weekend. Thereafter, the basic teachings of Christ are discussed and shared in an atmosphere of joy, music, and laughter. Spiritual and liturgical experiences are those that are traditional in the full Christian experience.

Cursillistas from all walks of life grow closer to one another during A4D. They pray, listen, discuss, sleep, eat, sing, and relax in a jovial, family atmosphere.

WHAT IS THE FOURTH DAY?

An A4D weekend is a preparation for the “Fourth Day,” a term applied to the spiritual journey each person will experience during the remainder of this life, to begin on Sunday. Without an active, committed Fourth Day, the A4D experience is not complete. This is why we chose the name, Anglican 4th Day.

WHAT IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ATTEND A WEEKEND?

- The applicant should be an active Christian in good standing.
- Every applicant must have two sponsors: your parish priest or pastor and a lay sponsor who has already attended a weekend. Both must sign the application form.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Applications are available to sponsors through the A4D website—www.anglican4thday.org. A married couple’s applications should be submitted at the same time so that they may attend weekends as closely as possible to each other. There is usually one men’s weekend per year, one women’s weekend, and one coed.

Sponsors are responsible for getting the application completed, signed, and mailed to the Pre-A4D Coordinator with a check for the deposit of \$50, or total amount of \$195.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The cost of the weekend is \$195. If this will present a problem, please discuss it openly with your sponsor. Scholarships and other financial help are available.

Note: Younger adults (age 25 or younger but out of high school) are encouraged to experience the A4D weekend. For them, the Pittsburgh Anglican 4th Day asks that they contribute whatever they can afford but at least \$50.

Please visit our website
www.anglican4thday.org

Thank you for your interest in Anglican 4th Day. Your application is due 30 days prior to the weekend. As your weekend approaches, you will receive more information. Meanwhile, your sponsor will be happy to answer any questions you have.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PILGRIM CANDIDATE APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Nickname _____
Last First MI for name tag
Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ (cell) _____ email _____
____ Male ____ Female ____ Single ____ Married Age _____ Occupation _____
Spouse's name _____ Has he/she made A4D previously? yes / no Or is currently applying? yes / no
Why do you wish to make an A4D weekend? _____

How do you participate in the life of your church? _____

What special needs do you have that will need to be provided for on a weekend? (for example, special diet, wheel chair)

Are you a Christian in good standing? _____ Have Group Reunion & ¡Ultreya! been explained? _____

I have read and understand everything contained in this application. I have answered all the questions honestly and completely.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

PASTORAL / CLERGY SUPPORT

Is this person a Christian in good standing? ____ Yes ____ No . If no, explain. How would you describe this candidate's personality? (outgoing or reserved, leader, follower, etc.) _____

Pastor's Name (print) _____ Parish _____ Best Phone _____

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

SPONSOR SUPPORT

A Sponsor should be actively participating in a Group Reunion and know that the purpose of A4D is to help those in the Church understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders, and to encourage them to bring others to Christ. Please make sure that all questions are answered. Applications must be mailed at least **30 days** before the weekend that this Pilgrim will be attending in order to reserve lodging. After the deadline, applications may be accepted on a space available basis.

Sponsor's Name _____ Home Parish _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ (cell) _____ email _____

Why did you select this candidate? _____

How long have you known this candidate? _____ Does the candidate have a group to go to? _____

Sponsor's signature _____ Date _____

Return this form with deposit of \$50, or \$195 full amount to: Leigh Lewis, 1381 Foxwood Dr., Monroeville PA 15146
Make check payable to: Pittsburgh Anglican 4th Day

FOR OFFICE USE: Ck # _____ \$ _____ Date Rec'd ____/____/____ Acceptance: ____ Weekend # _____