



Presbyterian Cursillo/Pilgrimage in NJ

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning 'short course'. Cursillo de Cristiandad means 'short course of Christianity'. When one speaks of Cursillo, it is usually describing a 3 day spiritual retreat which revives the spirit and rejuvenates the church. Cursillo started in the Roman Catholic church in the 1940s in Spain, but it has since spread to many denominations and countries. It also goes by many names ... Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus (Methodist), Via del Cristo (Lutheran), Tres Dias, and others. In the PCUSA, it's known as Presbyterian Cursillo or Presbyterian Pilgrimage. It follows the same basic model of all of these weekends, but has been specifically tailored to Presbyterian polity and theology.

There are many Presbyterian Cursillo/Pilgrimage communities around the country, and many churches find that those who have participated in such a weekend become energized leaders within their congregations. Unfortunately, there is no such community anywhere in the northeastern United States! We're looking to correct that. We're trying to get a core group together to explore our options.

- If you have participated in one of these weekends in the past, and would like to explore the possibility of starting a community here, join with us!
- If you've never attended such a weekend, but know others who have benefited from it, join with us!
- If you just want to find out more, to see if this is something that would be good for Monmouth Presbytery, then join with us!

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A website has been set up to host discussions and facilitate communication. Head on over to <http://www.njcursillo.com> and create an account to help us get that conversation started. There's not much there yet, but YOU can fix that!

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