

# Geneva Ecumenical Cursillo Community

## Statement of Strategic Direction

### 1. Definition of Cursillo

The full name of Cursillo is the Spanish phrase *Cursillo de Cristiandad*, which means a *short course in Christianity*. Over three days, adults, both lay and clergy, explain aspects of the nature and content of Christianity, as they have discovered and lived it through their own experiences. Cursillo is a shared course of spiritual formation.

### 2. Overall purpose of the Geneva Ecumenical Cursillo Community

To encourage and equip Christians to grow in faith and in their relationship with Christ, and to serve the Lord in their churches and beyond.

### 3. Tagline

Encouraging and equipping Christians to be Christ-centered servant-leaders.

### 4. Specific objectives

The Geneva Ecumenical Cursillo Community aims to help Christians to:

- experience the presence and love of God, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit (encounter with God);
- get to know themselves better (encounter with self); and
- see the good that a loving and caring Christian community can provide within the world in which we live (encounter with others).

### 5. Values

- *Faith*: Strengthening our faith in and relationship with Christ
- *Love and solidarity*: We are called to love and care for one another with joy and in compassion and humility.
- *Spiritual growth*: An opportunity for all to grow in the knowledge of God and to make Him known
- *Learning*: All learning from one another: Members of various church traditions are encouraged to enrich each other in understanding and experience of God.

- *Service in Christ:* Serving all with humility
- *Community, cooperation and partnership:* The Geneva Cursillo Community is composed of Christians drawn from the English-speaking churches in the local region, celebrating the spirit of cooperation and partnership between them.
- *Outward orientation:* Geneva Cursillo aims to equip Christians to serve in their own churches and through their experience of the Gospel to act as leaven in their broader environment.
- *Oneness in Christ:* The Geneva Cursillo community is ecumenical and rejoices in the Christ's gift of oneness in Him. We seek to emphasize those aspects of Christian faith that unite all Christians, while we recognize there remain differences between us.
- *Leadership:* Equipping Christians for leadership in their churches and communities, helping them to realise their full potential in Christ
- *Respect and integrity:* We have as much respect and consideration for the personal worth and dignity of others as for our own.
- *Hope and determination:* We hope and are determined that the love of Christ should be evident in our words and actions, and that we can contribute to the positive transformation of our world.

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