

Section 3
Outsite
Team

Head OST

BEFORE WALK:

1. Two months before walk send around Outside Team Sign-up sheet with name, phone, email and times available to work.
2. OST team meeting – other than getting to know who the Inside team is there is no need for a special meeting IF you COMMUNICATE with your team.
3. Ask LD is they are running off the materials for closing packet and extra letter packets. If not can be run at KFUMC.
4. Determine one person to pick up and time to pick up keys.
5. Find out from Mt. Wesley what time Thursday to set up and where the video will be played.
6. Contact Robert Arredondo for putting out rope lights.
7. Find someone to run the sound board.
8. Get agape list and two weeks before have an OST member call those bringing items to remind them what, how many and where to bring items.
9. Ask LD where leftover food should go.

WEEK BEFORE WALK

1. Determine one person to pick up and time to pick up keys.
2. Get money from treasurer. It will be in several labeled bags. Do not keep all of the money in the agape shack. Get receipts for anything bought if money is used out of bag.
3. Get notebook from Registrar that has the pilgrim and team applications in case of emergencies. On Saturday morning call sponsors of those pilgrims without any or few letters if bringing to Candlelight.
4. Get master schedule, table assignments, room assignments, speakers room list and agape list from LD.
5. Make copies of the above – Master schedule 1 OST head, one to post, 1 for driver; Room assignments – 3 ALD's and 3 OST; and Table assignments – 3 ALD'S and 3 OST.
6. Make assignments- Choose 1 experienced person and 1 inexperienced to train, if possible one man and one woman for Agape, Food, and Letters. Meet or email specific jobs such as check the schedule and know when jobs must be done; experienced person is in charge of that area. DO NO let anyone tell you what to do; LETTER – stick to list provided for packets. Do not add or subtract.
7. Have ONE contact for Saturday night Candlelight with ONE ALD.
8. Find out which speakers will need prayer partners. Have OST ready to pray with speakers.

THURSDAY JOBS

1. Have group meeting to announce who is head of jobs – food, letters and agape and to follow their instructions. Make it very clear that NO ONE else but the assigned letter agape persons are doing the letters for conference room, extra letter bag and closing packet
 - a. Post master schedule and direct where things go
 - i. Give copies to:
 1. Speaker driver
 2. Agape person
 3. Letter person
 4. Food agape person
 5. Keep one
 6. One extra
 - b. Post room assignments and table assignments
 - i. Give copy to speaker driver
 - ii. Give copy to letter agape person
 - c. Have poster for people that bring agape to sign with only reunion groups. Separate one for food agape and room agape. Do not list team until Sunday.
 - d. Should have 6 sets of labels for:
 - i. Fourth Day books and alphabetize
 - ii. On lanyards if not done
 - iii. Pilgrim and team folders
 - iv. Closing packets
 - v. Extra materials packet
 - vi. One extra set
 - e. Have box for letters that will be separated later. Be sure those for conference room are bundled.
 - f. Assign those to go to chapel for Sponsor's hour – have pilgrim candles out, sell Fourth Day books (\$5.00), receive letters and agape, set up communion elements for team meeting, and alphabetize lanyards on alter. Give them the Sponsor's Hour Script
 - g. Have Safety meeting with entire team. See script.

ABOVE ALL – REMEMBER YOUR ARE THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER – GIVE DIRECTIONS AS SPECIFICALLY AS POSSIBLE

Information Sheet as of July 10, 2017

1. In case of severe emergency or fire call 911 and proceed as directed.
2. For other emergencies like abdominal pain, allergic reactions and asthma, broken or dislocated bones, concussions and head injuries, dehydration, heat stroke, sprains, strains and cuts: go to Neighbors Emergency Center at 130 W. Main St. in Kerrville. Their phone number is 830-315-1911 and fax is 830-315-1912.
3. The person with the master key set can open the doors to the rooms you have reserved. This person is totally responsible for the keys and these areas. Please help by locking up as you leave, and turning off all lights.
4. The air conditioners should be set at 78 in all meeting buildings when you are finished with the building at the end of your time here.
5. The air conditioners in the sleeping rooms should be turned off when you leave at the end of your time here.
6. Please return all furniture to its place, turn off lights, adjust AC, and lock all doors at the end of your retreat before turning in your master keys.
7. Please put trash in receptacles and leave your rooms as neat as you found them.
8. Please feed the deer only the food that is bought for them. You can get this food from the person on call, or the kitchen staff. This helps protect the deer and reduces our veterinarian bills. People food and cigarette butts can be very destructive to their digestive systems.
9. Cigarette smoking is only allowed on the patio area, and in the Gazebo areas (there are 2, one by the Welcome Center and one by the Cabins). Special receptacles are there to dispose of your cigarette butts, to prevent the deer from eating them and becoming ill.
10. When using the Chapel, remember that there is no air conditioning there. Windows may be opened, but must be shut upon your leaving the building.
11. One person will be shown how to use the audio/visual systems, and is responsible for all microphones being replaced, and the system being returned to its normal operating standard.
12. There are no open flames allowed in any of our buildings. Dripping candle wax has become a problem and caused damage to many of our new furnishings. Please use battery operated candles for your special services and meetings.
13. The Welcome Center will be open at limited hours for purchasing Mt. Wesley items, and making copies of papers needed.
14. We wish you a wonderful experience here at Mt. Wesley, and are here if you need help.
15. For problems after normal hours please telephone the person on call: _____ at the number.

Safety Meeting

- I. Infirmary – Nothing in the infirmary is current. See First Aid Kit in Agape 2.

- II. If EMS is called the OST will send someone to the entrance of Mt. Wesley to direct the emergency vehicles to the site of the injury. If it is an inside team or pilgrim – two people stay with the injured party. One or two place yourselves where the emergency vehicles can see you and guide them to the site of the injury. The rest of the people go to the nearest building and stay there until given the all clear. Then return to the schedule.

- III. The designated smoking areas are the Gazebo and the Patio.

- IV. If something breaks after hours call _____ or _____ . They will report the break.

Sponsor's Hour

GREETING:

Welcome to Sponsor's Hour for Walk# __ . Thank you for making the commitment to serve as a sponsor and for attending Sponsor's Hour. As we go through this service, you will be able to spend some quiet time praying for your pilgrim as she begins her journey on the Walk to Emmaus.

ACT OF SPONSORSHIP:

I will call the name of each pilgrim and as I do that, we ask the sponsor for that pilgrim come forward. Receive their cross and lanyard from. Proceed to the table on my left and light a candle for your pilgrim. Then, please return to your seat and pray over the cross for your pilgrim. After all the crosses have been given out, we will have a time of silence while you continue praying and holding the cross that your pilgrim will receive on Sunday.

'-----call the name of each pilgrim - be sure to use current listing. Wait for the sponsor to receive the cross before you call another sponsor forward.)

PRAYER TIME:

(As they pray, quietly read the following scriptures- pause in between each)

- *The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the LORD (Lamentations 3:25- 27)*
- *The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. (Psalms 25:14)*
- *Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. (Isaiah 55:6)*
- *Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. (Psalm 96: 3 - 5)*

TIME OF SILENCE: (allow time for sponsors to sit quietly in prayer 5 min or longer if needed, then read scriptures below.)

- *But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul. (Deut. 4:29)*
- *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds ' and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7: 7 - 8)*
- *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding; will guard your hearts and your mind in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4: 6 - 7)*

HANGING OF THE CROSSES

As I call the names of the pilgrims, you will come forward and hang the lanyard on the large cross. will show you where to hang the cross and lanyard.

(Be sure to note the halfway mark for changing sides of the cross)

PRAYER:

God of grace and God of glory, give to each of us an awareness of your goodness. May we commit ourselves to serving you and to fulfilling the task of truly being a sponsor for these pilgrims. Open their hearts and minds as they listen, pray, sing, commune, sleep, and eat; and may their eyes be opened by the power of the Holy Spirit so that they may really see your Son, Jesus Christ, and through Him, experience your love, goodness, and grace. As sponsors and as part of the Greater Emmaus Community, let your grace flow through us in loving acts of agape. We ask these things in the name of your precious Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

This concludes Sponsor's Hour. Before you leave, I would like to remind you of some special information:

There are some containers for letter and other agape at the door as you go out. .

CHILD CARE No child care is available.

CLOSING CEREMONY will be on Sunday, at 3:30pm. in Moore Auditorium.

AGAPE LETTERS- Be sure you pilgrim's first and last name of the pilgrim in the envelope of ALL agape letters and that each letter is appropriately marked- H for husband, D for daughter, F for family C for clergy, or O for others.

Please have the 8 letters that go in the conference room tied with a rubber band. Last collection of agape letters will be Saturday evening at Candlelight.

FOURTH DAY BOOKS ARE FOR SALE FOR \$5 EACH. Please see

_____. All sponsors are encouraged to purchase a Fourth Day Book so that the pilgrims can receive it in the bag with the extra letters. Please place your pilgrims first and last name on the cover. We encourage you to write a special note to your pilgrim and return the book by no later than Candlelight on Saturday.

FOLLOW -UP GATHERING will be _____ at 6 pm with dinner at First United Methodist Church at 321 Thompson Drive.

Thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Candlelight Ceremony

Begin at 8 pm.

Good evening and welcome to Hill Country Walk # ____.

Let's find out where people are from. Please call out the towns you are from : (jot below)

Thank you

Pilgrim letters are needed for:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Letter writing material is available at the back of the auditorium. If you have any agape there are boxes at the back of the auditorium.

At this time will everyone check to see that their cell phones are turned off.

The Walk is going well. (Add something about it – what food they are eating on time or always late)

I would like to give you a few reminders:

1. Do not reach out, touch or hug the pilgrims. Let's keep the line going.
2. A dates and times reminder are:

Closing is tomorrow right back her at 3:30 pm

Monday May 1 is the Hill Country Emmaus Gathering at Kerrville First United Methodist Church at 6 pm for dinner. The board is providing Fried Chicken and we ask that if you are coming please bring a side. Utensils and drinks will be provided.

3. Please do not take pictures or record in any way.

4. When lighting the candles please tilt the one being lit to the one already lit.

5. Pilgrims will come in and go down the right, in front to the left and then down t center aisle.

6. During the sermon time as the pilgrim names are read please come up, pick up your pilgrims lanyard and return to your seat. During communion please place the lanyard on the cross.

Now let us be in a prayerful attitude as we begin the worship service.

PLEASE TELL PASTOR LEADING:

Before offering announce that there is green agape here but it is in their pockets.

AGAPE FOOD PERSON

What to bring:

- Sharp knives
- Dish washing soap
- Sponges
- Cutting board
- Flashlight with extra batteries

Specific jobs:

1. Thursday - Fill 2 ice chests with ice and appropriate items and keep filled. Label one – SODAS, and one – WATER. Take to room where video is shown.
2. Receive and organize food
3. Record Food Agape on Poster board to put in conference room.
Remember do not list TL's and ATL's until Sunday morning.
4. Arrange food on trays and in dishes.
5. Cut up fruit. Dip bananas and apples in lemon or pineapple juice.
6. If special dietary needs are required by pilgrims provide and label appropriately.
7. Take food and drink as needed to ALD in charge of food or arrange on table if pilgrims are elsewhere.
8. Set up food table and plug in coffee each morning in Conference room. 3 coffee pots Friday – water, decaf water and regular. Three ice chest one each of ice, water and soda. May not need water coffee pot on rest of walk.
9. Clean food table in Conference Room every night.
10. Back excess food ready to go out on Sunday.
11. Assist with cleanup after walk on Sunday.

General Information:

1. Bring flashlight with extra batteries
2. Light walk in mornings and evenings
3. Assist with agape when asked
4. Help clean conference room each evening
5. Be ready to serve as Prayer Partner for speakers as needed

Agape GIFT person

What to Bring:

- Markers
- Poster board
- Flashlight with extra batteries

Specific jobs:

1. Receive and list non-food agape gifts on poster board for Conference Room. Do not list team members.
2. Count agape that is not counted and label
3. See talk description list and try to match agape to talk
4. Organize agape by numbers from master schedule.
5. Assist chapel and letter persons with distribution of candles and extra letter bags on Sunday.
6. Assist with cleanup after Walk on Sunday.

COUNT FOR AGAPE DISTRIBUTION:

- 36 - Pilgrim beds only
- 61 – Conference room or beds or dining hall

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- D. Invite to next Hill Country Gathering
- E. Points to Remember
- 4. Team letters go in the closing packet
- 5. Organize Closing Packets by TABLE name – be sure there is one for every pilgrim and inside team member
- 6. Deliver to Conference room on Sunday

IV. EXTRA LETTER BAG

1. EVERYTHING ELSE GOES EXTRA LETTER BAG. We don't have time to cover. Tell them they will have another bag in their rooms to pick up after Closing.
2. Only contents:
 - a. Recommended Reading List
 - b. Reunion group hand out
 - c. Serving on an Emmaus Team hand out
 - d. Sponsorship hand out
 - e. Upper Room Daily Devotional
 - f. Extra letters
 - g. Talk handouts (if any)
3. Take extra letter bags and candles to bedrooms on schedule.
4. Assist with cleanup after Walk on Sunday.

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TEAM & PILGRIM

CLOSING PACKET CONTENTS

1. Pilgrim roster with names and emails and or phone
2. Team roster with names and emails and or phone
3. Invite to next Gathering- remainder are for Candlelight
4. Points to Remember

EVERYTHING ELSE goes in the Extra Letter bag that goes in the pilgrim rooms. We don't have time to cover everything else. Tell them they will have another packet in their rooms to pick up before leaving.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

DO NOT develop a “holier-than-thou” attitude. The Walk to Emmaus is only ONE OF MANY instruments of holiness.

DO NOT bug people—especially clergy-- to attend the Walk to Emmaus. This often creates the impression that the Walk to Emmaus is absolutely necessary for salvation. It is Not!

DO NOT compare the Walk to Emmaus to a retreat. They are TWO DIFFERENT instruments of renewal. They complement each other, but the Walk to Emmaus is an once-in-a-lifetime experience.

DO NOT form a clique or special society among yourselves. This is not Christ-like and is repugnant to those who have not had the opportunity to attend the Walk to Emmaus or who are not interested.

DO NOT act as though the Emmaus community is a secret society. When people ask, tell them what the Walk to Emmaus is and what it meant to you.

OFFER your services, whatever they may be, to your pastor. Together with him/her and other parishioners you are the church in your area. You need the pastor and the pastor needs you to be involved in personal ministry. Do not be critical of your pastor’s plans and programs. You may not have all the facts.

When you wish to seek spiritual counsel or talk over a matter with your pastor, be courteous and ask when it would be convenient for him/her to see you. The pastor is your servant, yes, but he/she has many other persons to serve. Do not think you are special because you have attended an Emmaus weekend.

Make your weekly Emmaus group meeting and attend Emmaus community meetings. Emmaus does not pretend to, nor is it able to give a complete Christian formation in three days. If you think you have “arrived” after three days, you are WRONG! You have just begun anew. The greatest testimony to the value of Emmaus is not your words, but your actions. Upon returning, go, to your Pastor and ask how you can serve Christ’s church more fully.

Closing Packet Contents

1. Pilgrim & Team Rosters
2. Group & Table Photo
3. Invite to next Gathering
4. Points to remember

Everything else in Extra Letter bag. We don't have time to cover. Will tell them they have another packet in their rooms to pick up before leaving.

PILGRIMS ONLY

EXTRA LETTER BAG CONTENTS

To be placed in PILGRIM room during Cross Ceremony

1. Recommended Reading List
2. Reunion group hand out
3. Serving on an Emmaus Team hand out
4. Sponsorship hand out
5. Upper Room Daily Devotional
6. Extra letters
7. Talk hand outs (if any)
8. Anything else.

Reading List

We recommend the following books to nurture your fourth day journey. The books are divided into subject based on the talks given at an Emmaus weekend.

Priority

[The Christ Centered Woman](#) by Kimberly Dunnam Reisman

[The Cost of Living](#) by Arundhati Roy

[A Wakeful Faith](#) by J. Marshall Jenkins

Prevenient Grace

[Genesis of Grace](#) by John Indermark

[Remembering Your Story](#) by Richard Lyon Morgan

[Discerning God's Will Together](#) by Danny E. Morris & Charles M. Olsen

Priesthood of All Believers

[Praying Together](#) by Martha Graybeal Rowlett (*Out of Print. Available from Amazon.*)

[Workbook of Intercessory Prayer](#) by Maxie Dunnam

[Yearning for God](#) by Margaret Ann Crain & Jack Seymour (*Out of Print. Available from Amazon.*)

[Mother Roots](#) by Helen Pearson

Justifying Grace

[People of Integrity](#) by William Morgan (*Available from Amazon.*)

[Becoming Alive in Christ](#) by Maxie Dunnam

[Leading a Life with God](#) by Daniel Wolpert

Life in Piety

[The Abundance Book](#) by John Randolph Price (*Available from Amazon.*)

[Upper Room Disciplines](#)

[Invitation to Presence](#) by Wendy Miller (*Out of print. Available from Amazon.*)

[Go Preach!](#) by John Gilbert

[Talking in the Dark](#) by Steve Harper

Grow Through Study

[Mother Roots](#) by Helen Pearson

[Reading with Deeper Eyes](#) by Will Willimon (*Out of Print. Available from Amazon*)

[Sabbath Time](#) by Tilden Edwards (*Out of Print. Available from Amazon.*)

Means of Grace

[Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition](#) by Steve Harper

[Syncopated Grace](#) by Linda J. & Dwight W. Vogel (*Out of Print. Available from Amazon.*)

[Conflict and Communion](#) by Thomas Porter

Christian Action

[Climbing the Sycamore Tree](#) by Ann Hagmann

[Do What You Have the Power to Do](#) by Helen Bruch Pearson

[Kindred Souls](#) by Stephanie Ford

[Transforming Ventures](#) by Jane Ives

Obstacles of Grace

[Wrestling with Grace](#) by Robert Corin Morris

[Workbook on the Seven Deadly Sins](#) by Maxie Dunnam & Kimberly Reisman

Discipleship

[Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit](#) by Paul Wesley Chilcote

[Keeping Company with the Saints](#) by Maxie Dunnam

[Transforming Evangelism](#) by Henry H. Knight III & Douglas F. Powe Jr.

Changing Our World

[A Mile in My Shoes](#) by Trevor Hudson

[Stretch out your Hand](#) by Tilda Norberg, Robert D. Webber

[Way to Live](#) by Dorothy Bass, Don C. Richter

Sanctifying Grace

[As if the Heart Mattered](#) by Gregory S. Clapper

[Creating a Life with God](#) by Daniel Wolpert

[A Hard Fought Hope](#) by William R. Long & Glandion W. Carney (*Out of Print. Available from Amazon.*)

Body of Christ

[Accountable Discipleship](#) by Steven W. Manskar

[Under Her Wings](#) by Kathy Bence (*Out of Print. Available from Amazon.*)

[Kindred Souls](#) by Stephanie Ford

Perseverance

[Patterned by Grace](#) by Daniel T. Benedict

[Accountable Discipleship](#) by Steven W. Manskar

[To Walk in Integrity](#) by Stephen V. Doughty

Fourth Day

[Companions In Christ](#) by Gerrit Scott Dawson, Adele J. Gonzalez, E. Glenn Hinson, Rueben P. Job, Marjorie J. Thompson, Wendy M. Wright

[Discovering Community](#) by Stephen V. Doughty (*Out of Print. Available from Amazon.*)

[Love Never Ends](#) by Robert and Jeanette Lauer

[Remembering Your Story](#) by Richard Lyon Morgan The Jesus Priorities by Christopher D. Maricle

[Get Real](#) by Derek Maul

A GOOD REUNION GROUP

1. Each group should take agape action.
2. Prepare ahead of time what to say; bring something to share.
3. Try to have every person in the Group speak on a section rather than having each person go through the entire *Order of the Reunion* at once.
4. Be regular. The Group must meet weekly and everyone should be present.
5. Avoid digressions and irrelevant details. Go through the *Order of the Reunion* before general visiting. Don't go beyond an hour.
6. Be discreet. Never betray the rule of discretion
7. Be sincere. Without sincerity a lack of trust will develop.
8. Periodically evaluate the success of your Reunion Group and discuss how it could be improved.

REUNION GROUP THINGS TO AVOID

1. Unnecessary formality, stiffness. Be friendly and open
2. Apathy lack of interest
3. Overseer mentality. No one takes over, dominates reprimands
4. Fear, lack of trust in Group member
5. Clique attitude: caring only for each other.

SERVING ON AN EMMAUS TEAM

Be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:7-10

The Emmaus movement does not exist primarily for the weekends Walks. Its purposes are to deepen the faith of individuals, to increase the faith of congregation and to bring Christianity to the world. Emmaus gives Pilgrims the skills needed for leadership and invites them to make the commitment needed to build up the church for the sake of Jesus Christ, The questions asked at closing – “What has this weekend meant to you?” and “What are you going to do with it?” - help Pilgrims begin to comprehend what God may require of them in the future.

Team experience prepares Pilgrims for leadership roles in their local churches. By participation in team meetings and on the Walks, Team members internalize the faith of the Emmaus community. Because they are Christ's disciples, they are willing to rely on him and to become Christ's servants. Being a team member for a weekend Walk is far different from participating as a Pilgrim. People who are team members for the first time may feel overwhelmed when they realize the full scope preparation necessary for a Walk. Even those who have served on several teams gain spiritual insight from each experience; they come to understand and appreciate the dynamics of team membership and the meaning of service.

The team does not strive to have a Walk that is better than any other. Rather its intent is to form and deepen the spirituality of each team member. Weekends are structured so that the participants have experiences that help them become better disciples and opportunities that encourage them to express their faith. They learn to witness to the love of Christ, not only in the Emmaus Community, but their homes, workplaces, churches, and world. Being a member of a team prepares people to make a discipleship, proclaiming the gospel, a vocation. The attitude of team members is this: We do our best, through Christ who strengthens us, in the places where we have been called; and we trust the rest to God, though the power of the Holy Spirit. The Walk to Emmaus is a cloistered retreat. To be cloistered means to be secluded or retired from the world. Because it is cloistered, the weekend Walk provides safety and equality for the participants so that they can be themselves, examine their lives, and discern the will of God. Thursday evening's time of silence helps everyone to focus on the purpose of the Walk: To love, nurture, accept, and challenge one another as we discover or deepen our understanding of the God's love and to return as Christ's disciples to a work hungering for God's peace and steadfast love.

Team meetings are also cloistered, or set apart from the world, so that team members will enable to build a community of Christian love. Team meetings are small gatherings that model what the church in the world should be like. When the Israelites left Egypt, they followed a cloud by day and fire in the cloud by night. When "the cloud covered the tent of meeting,... the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle" (Exodus40:34). During team meetings, we follow a great "cloud of witnesses"(Hebrews 12:1), servants and leaders who were called by God and have gone before us. The fire of the Holy Spirit and the glory of God fill the Walk to Emmaus.

This information about serving on team comes from The EMMAUS Library *Spiritual Growth Through Team Experience* by Joanne Bultemeier

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Serving on an Emmaus Team, Cont'd

What is a Team member?

Who can be a Team member?

How do I get on a Team?

What does it mean if I say, "Yes", to being on a Team?

These and other questions about team duties and functions are likely to be asked as Pilgrims go home eager to begin their 4th Day complete with all its activities. This short message is an attempt to answer or clarify the issues involved. Also, ask these or any other question might have, of your Sponsor or your Southwest Texas Conference Emmaus Board member. These people can help you find answers to any and all questions concerning team membership. Hopefully, the following suggestions will be helpful as well.

A team member is one who agrees to be part of a particular Emmaus Walk team. Team members serve in many capacities, but they always SERVE! Anyone who has attend an Emmaus Walk, is attending Gatherings, is active in an Emmaus Reunion Group, and is attending worship regularly is eligible to be a team member. The time and place of that service is determined by God through prayer. You get on a team through prayer - yours and the Lay Director's of a particular Emmaus Walk. God knows exactly how to match these up. However, it doesn't hurt to let your Board Representative or a Lay Director know that you are interested.

It means several things if you say, "yes" to being a team member. First and foremost, it means you will serve for God's glory, asking and seeking nothing of yourself. Do not be uneasy if the Lay Director asks you to do a task for which you feel you are incapable. You may well be, but God is not. The Lord can handle whatever it is He has called you to do. The Lay Director will assign you a task only after much communication with God, which effectively means He has chosen you.

Moreover, if you agree to serve on an Emmaus team, you are committing to attend several all day team meetings. These are a MUST! It is at the team meetings that you will learn how to do those tasks you have been assigned. Also you will be spiritually enriched and molded as the team prepares to become a unified body working for Christ. Attendance at team meetings is an important part of your commitment; you will be unprepared without it.

Also, you are committing to pray daily for the other team members and the Pilgrims-to-be. As a team member you must pay the fee to attend the Walk just as you did when you were a Pilgrim. Much printed material passes through a team members hands. You are committing to study all of it, especially that which pertains to your task. You may be curious about why, on your original Walk, you didn't know who all the team members were until Sunday. This is because team members receive no special recognition. We realize that we are all on a Pilgrimage together. Only those in leadership positions are set apart and then only because they have to be. Team members need no special recognition for serving God. Being on a team brings to you much spiritual growth and blessings. Even though you give, you receive much, much more.

Pray about it we would love to see you commit and say "YES".

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SPONSORSHIP

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Important

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| SEEK | PRAYERFUL GUIDANCE BEFORE ASKING APPLICANT TO ATTEND |
| ANSWER | ALL QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS HONESTLY |
| HELP | RESOLVE ANY PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT PREVENT ATTENDANCE. |
| BRING | YOUR PILGRIM TO THE CENTER ON TIME ON THURSDAY EVENING. |
| PARTICIPATE | IN THE SPONSOR'S HOUR PRAYER SERVICE AT THE CENTER. |
| OBTAIN | PERSONAL AGAPE LETTERS FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY |
| ASSIST | OUR PILGRIM'S FAMILY DURING HIS/HER ABSENCE. |
| ATTEND | THE CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING SERVICES |
| DRIVE | OR RIDE HOME WITH YOUR PILGRIM AFTER THE WEEKEND |
| TAKE | YOUR PILGRIM TO THE FIRST GATHERING AFTER THE WEEKEND. |
| PERSEVERE | IN HELPING YOUR PILGRIM GET IN A REUNION GROUP. |

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PILGRIMS ARE PRECIOUS, HANDLE WITH PRAYER

GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORS

“..SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.” Galatians 5:13

WHEN YOU AGREE TO SPONSOR A PILGRIM FOR THE WEEKEND, YOU ACCEPT CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THAT PERSON.

YOU AGREE TO:

1. PRAY FOR THEM: Before, during and after the weekend.
2. TELL THEM about the weekend. Do not be secretive. Offer them the book: What Is Emmaus? By Stephen Bryant.
3. BEFORE MAILING APPLICATION: Obtain their pastor's signature and answer any questions that may come from their pastor. Be open and share your own experience if necessary. Mail completed application with check to the registrar (please answer all questions).
4. TELL THEM what they need for the weekend. Comfortable shoes, casual clothing, jacket, toiletries, maybe their favorite pillow. DO NOT BRING: Radios, clocks, cameras (help them avoid the embarrassment of having to be told they can't take pictures), cell phones, and pagers.
5. HELP THEM with special problems such as: childcare, house sitting, car pools, meals, etc.
6. BRING YOUR PILGRIM to the walk on Thursday evening. Bring food agape with you. STAY for Sponsor's Hour to pray over their cross.
7. WRITE AGAPE LETTERS. Collect others from spouse (if applicable), family, friends, and relatives and bring them Thursday. Bundle 12 of the most important letters together for your pilgrim to receive at their table on Sunday afternoon.
8. PRAYER AGAPE: Make sure your name is on the prayer vigil.
9. ATTEND CANDLELIGHT.
10. BE THERE FOR CLOSING! 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Pack up things for your pilgrim.
11. FOLLOW-UP MEETING: Be sure to tell your pilgrim about this time ahead of time. Contact your pilgrim on Monday after the walk to see how they are doing. Arrange to pick them up for the meeting or gathering. Be sure your pilgrim locates a Reunion Group. This is your responsibility!!

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Chapel / Communion Person

What to bring:

- 1 roll of paper towel
- Cleaner for floor for grape juice
- Flashlight with extra batteries

Specific jobs:

1. Place, light, extinguish and replace pilgrim candles as on schedule.
2. Turn front fans in Chapel on low so that candles cannot be blown out.
3. Set up and put away Communion Elements in Chapel and Moore Auditorium as needed.
4. Put out Kleenex in chapel and restock as needed.
5. Sweep Chapel floor after communion and at other times as needed.
6. Have lanyards in alphabetical order in Chapel for Sponsor's Hour.
7. Pass out program for Sponsor's Hour if one and ask sponsors to get their pilgrims cross and lanyard to pray over and light candle. .
8. After Sponsor's Hour take lanyards to Agape 2. Place in **ALPHABETICAL** order.
9. Saturday take lanyards to Moore for Candlelight. Remove back to Agape 2 when Candlelight is over.
10. After Sunday morning devotions take candles to Agape 2.
11. Place lanyards in order by **TABLES** in preparation for Sunday afternoon.
12. When pilgrims and team are at lunch on Sunday take lanyards by table to Conference Room and place on cross in closet at back of room.
13. Put pilgrim candles on pilgrim beds with extra letter bag on Sunday afternoon with Extra Letter Bag.
14. Assist with cleanup after Walk on Sunday.

NOTE:

There should be ELEVEN (11) loaves of bread for the weekend. Two are needed for Dying Moments and Candlelight.

Using small cans or bottles of grape juice (not grape drink) means less waste.

General Information:

1. Bring flashlight with extra batteries
2. Light walk in mornings and evenings
3. Assist with agape when asked
4. Help clean conference room each evening
5. Be ready to serve as Prayer Partner for speakers as needed

Escort Person

What to bring:

Flashlight with extra batteries

Specific jobs:

1. Get a list of Speaker rooms and prayer partners from head OST
2. Drive speaker from room to Chapel, wait for prayer time and then take speaker to Conference room. After talk take speaker back to Chapel, wait for prayer and return to room.
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