



The sponsor plays a critical role in the Walk to Emmaus program. There are many important things the sponsor must do to facilitate a meaningful experience for the pilgrim being sponsored. Below are some guidelines to help you in that role and to help you set the groundwork for a meaningful and worry-free weekend for both the pilgrim and their family. These guidelines come from the “Day Four” books and from the Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus.

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1. Who Can Sponsor a Pilgrim?

- Anyone who has attended a Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, or other comparable three day weekend may sponsor a Pilgrim on a Walk to Emmaus.
- The sponsor **must** be an active member of a Christian church.
- The sponsor **must** be active in a Reunion Group. (Otherwise their witness regarding Reunion Group involvement is false.)
- The sponsor must be active in their local Emmaus 4th Day Group or Community.
- The sponsor should not serve as team members on Walks with persons they are sponsoring. This in particular applies to serving on the Conference Room Team, if you are on the team then get someone to be the physical sponsor and you assist along the way.

2. Who to Sponsor?

- Remember, the purpose of Emmaus is to strengthen leadership within the local church. Emmaus is NOT about sending your family, friends, and fellow church members to “fix” a problem or to change them. No one “NEEDS” to go. Not everyone “SHOULD” go.
- A person should go on their Walk in God’s time, not yours.
- Those who are recruited as Pilgrims should already exhibit qualities of leadership. First, the prospective Pilgrim should already be on a pilgrimage, willing to grow and move forward in his or her journey of faith. Second, the person should have a Christian orientation - no, a Christian fervor. The Pilgrim knows God can make, and has made, a difference in their life. Third, the prospective Pilgrim is not so consumed by other situations that he or she will not be able to give full attention to the message of the Walk to Emmaus during the seventy-two-hour experience and all of the follow-up activities.” (From “Day Four” pages 51-52)
- Pray for the prospective Pilgrim. “Prayer should be focused on how this person can become a more vitally alive Christian in helping bring God’s kingdom into his or her natural environments rather than on how you can get this person to attend a weekend.” (From “Day Four”)
- It is recommended that you sponsor only one Pilgrim at a time and never more than 2. When you divide your time among several Pilgrims, none receives the full benefit of your sponsorship during the Walk. Ask someone else in the Emmaus 4th Day Group to sponsor your second candidate. Register both Pilgrims for the same Walk, if possible.



- If your Pilgrim has special needs, please know the Walk leadership team is eager to do anything and everything possible to make sure your Pilgrim is comfortable and worry-free throughout the Walk. You can note special needs (special diet, lifesaving medications, transportation between buildings, visually impaired, etc.) on the Walk application. You also can contact the Walk Lay Director and discuss your Pilgrim's needs. S/He will be grateful for the opportunity to plan accommodations in advance. Remind the leadership team of your Pilgrim's needs at check-in on Thursday night also.

3. When Talking About the Walk to Emmaus With a Potential Pilgrim:

- There is much you can tell them about the Walk. Share what your weekend meant to you and how Christ has used that experience to bring you closer to Him and to empower you for ministry.
- NEVER, EVER LIE, not even "little white lies" Answer all questions simply and directly. You may need to choose your words carefully about certain aspects of the weekend, but do not lie. If pressed, answer all questions completely. It doesn't hurt to rehearse your answers to the questions you are concerned about. A Pilgrim's Walk experience is not dependent on what they go in already knowing. Their unique experience will be the active work of the Holy Spirit in their lives, meeting them where they are. For some individuals, knowledge of what will be happening is essential for them to be able to "let go" and "let God".
- Here are some things you can tell your Pilgrim:
 - The Walk is a series of fifteen (15) talks, ten (10) by lay speakers and five (5) by clergy. The talks are based on God's love and grace, and they outline how His love and grace works and fits in our lives. The talks follow prescribed outlines to ensure essential content is consistent on all Walks, but are customized by the life experiences of the speakers.
 - Most of the time is spent in a conference room and you will be at a table with 5-7 others throughout the Walk.
 - There is time to pray, share, sing, laugh, cry, and receive communion. There are extremely solemn moments and there are extremely silly moments. There is some time for solitary prayer and meditation.
 - The food is delicious and plentiful.
 - The atmosphere is casual. Pack comfortable clothing. No one will care if you don't put on make-up (women) or shave (men).
 - The Walk is an opportunity for the Pilgrim to step away from day-to-day busyness for a personal time with God. Encourage them to leave cell-phones and watches/clocks at home.
- It is human nature to fear the unknown, so please reassure your Pilgrim about any concerns might have.



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- Make sure you have not set false expectations about what the Walk will mean to your Pilgrim. (Emphasize “Don’t anticipate” with them.) Remember, their experience will not be your experience.
- Do NOT tell people they will come back “a different person” or “changed.” Be sensitive to the fact the message your Pilgrim receives on the Walk may not be what you desire for them to hear. Don’t use phrases such as “you have to go.” Some people might perceive you think their walk with Christ is not what it should be, and that they need to go on a Walk to be a “real” Christian. If they express doubts about the Walk to Emmaus, encourage them to talk with others who have been on a Walk to get alternative perspectives.
- It is highly recommended you encourage spouses to sign up at the same time. It works best if both attend Walks with in the same general time frame, and for both Pilgrim and spouse to be ready to attend. If only one is interested in attending a Walk, it is imperative their spouse be supportive of their decision. In these cases, it is important to not treat the non-attending spouse as an “outsider.” Be sure to offer your assistance to the spouse while the pilgrim is on their Walk. You might encourage them both to attend a Gathering service so they can see what Emmaus worship entails.
- Tell the prospective Pilgrim the general history of the Walk to Emmaus, that it is organized by the United Methodist Church (through the Upper Room), and it is open to those in all Christian denominations. The Pilgrim ***must*** already be a Christian. Emmaus is ***NOT*** about converting non-believers; it is to strengthen and equip Christians who already demonstrate leadership potential.
- Explain to the pilgrim that Emmaus is a program of the United Methodist Church. In the United Methodist Church, Holy Communion is understood to be open to Christians of all denominations as a sacrament instituted by Christ. IMPORTANT -If your pilgrim is from another denomination, be sure they understand Holy Communion is served daily, and ask them if this poses a problem for them in participating. Advise them to discuss this with their priest or pastor if they are uncertain of their denomination or church’s understanding of Holy Communion or the Eucharist.
- Don’t push: Remember, as hard as it may be for you in wanting to sponsor that individual, they must choose for themselves to go, or not to go, and you need to respect their decision. If they decide to go, it will be when they, and God, are ready. Remember, patience is one attribute of love. (1 Cor. 13:4)
- Let the potential Pilgrim know the Walk to Emmaus involves a 3-day commitment, beginning at 7:00pm Thursday evening and ending about 5:00pm Sunday night. This does not include travel time to and from the Walk site.



- Help eliminate potential barriers to your Pilgrim attending the Walk by volunteering to take care of their children, feed the pets, etc. (You may need to have someone else to assist you with these tasks, so you will be able to fulfill your other sponsor duties during the Walk.)
- If finances are a barrier for your Pilgrim, let them know about the availability of scholarships either through your church, a reunion group at your church or through the Greater Austin Emmaus Community (GAEC). A scholarship request form is included in this packet, instructions for completing the scholarship request are included on the form. Scholarship requests must be submitted no less than three weeks prior to the Walk. Be sure to include the pilgrim's application and check(s) covering the full walk fee less the scholarship amount along with the scholarship request. The GAEC Registrar will handle all the details.

4. When Registering a Pilgrim for a Walk:

- Review the schedule of upcoming Walks with your potential Pilgrim. Help him/her choose a convenient date. The schedule and application are available on the GAEC Emmaus website - www.austinemmaus.org.
- Let your Pilgrim know how far in advance they need to sign up (about 3-5 months for women and 2-4 months for men) and that he/she will be put on a waiting list if the Walk is full. The Pilgrim can be on more than one waiting list, and can remain on a waiting list even after being accepted on another Walk. If you need to confirm which waiting lists, etc. your Pilgrim is on, contact the GAEC Registrar at registrar@austinemmaus.org.
- If your pilgrim needs to cancel or change to another date after being confirmed on a Walk, you will need to contact the GAEC Registrar and/or the Lay Director for that particular Walk, so the space can be made available for another Pilgrim.
- Discuss Emmaus follow-up opportunities with your potential Pilgrim (i.e. Welcome Back, reunion groups, GAEC gatherings, Walk Talk newsletter (available on line), team service opportunities, etc.).
- Important: Make certain all requested information on the registration form is filled in, including the Pastor's signature, and the Sponsor Commitment Form. The registration form will not be accepted by the registrar and will be returned if it is not filled out completely.
- Make sure your Pilgrim is ready to pay with a check at the time registration is mailed. Offer to mail the registration form and payment check for them. If they need a scholarship, follow the directions on the scholarship application form, you're Pilgrim's advocate through these processes.



5. Approximately 4-6 Weeks before the Walk:

- Agape letters:
 - First and foremost pray for God to direct you in whom to ask to write letters for your Pilgrim.
 - After you have discerned who to ask to write personal agape letters, discretely find out names and addresses, or phone numbers, of these family members and close friends of your Pilgrim. If you are making phone calls, you can ask the spouse for the name and phone number of one or two close friends and relatives who might be interested in writing letters. You can then ask these people for other names and addresses of those they believe would want to participate in this way. That way, if the spouse has not been on a Walk, he/she will not completely know the scope involved, and it will still be a surprise for his/her Walk should they attend later. For single Pilgrims, you may need to ask them directly for the names of a few family members and/or close friends. This is a good practice anyway, in the event of an emergency where you may need to contact someone on your Pilgrim's behalf.
 - **Important:** Be sure you ask your Pilgrim's spouse to write a letter. It is also good to get letters, drawings, etc. from their children; in the case of small children these "letters" may all be put into one envelope.
 - Write a letter, or call, the close friends and relatives of the pilgrim and ask them to write an Agape letter. You will need to explain what an agape letter is, and what it's for. Sample letters are attached to this document, or are available from the Walk Lay Director.
 - **Instructions to give to letter writers:** The letters are "love" letters to the Pilgrim. The writers are encouraged to share in their letters those things which have made the Pilgrim special to them, to share memories, to thank the Pilgrim for things they may have never thanked them for, to point out the Pilgrim's good qualities and attributes, etc. Instruct them to write a letter, put it in a sealed envelope and write the Pilgrim's first and last names on the envelope. In the upper right hand corner of the envelope, ask them to these codes:
 - Spouse
 - Child
 - Sibling
 - Parent
 - Grandparent
 - Other Family
 - Friend
 - Church Family
 - Have them put this envelope inside another envelope and mail it to you. No gifts are to be sent in the envelope with the letter. No gifts may be given to the pilgrim other than the agape given to all pilgrims.



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- **Important:** Be sure the letter writer knows that only the Pilgrim will read the letter. Remind them that the letter is a surprise and not to mention it to the Pilgrim until after the Walk is over.
- Be sure to give them a deadline for mailing their letter to you. The deadline should allow enough time for you to get the letters about 10-14 days before the Walk. This way, you will have enough time to follow up on letters you haven't received but are expecting.
- As you receive the letters, make sure the writer has indicated their relationship according to the list above and marked the inner envelope as such. Also, make sure that the Pilgrim's first and last names are on the envelope.
- Only 10-12 letters from family and close friends will be put in the letter bags distributed in the conference room Sunday afternoon. It is very important that you, the sponsor, make sure all the letters for your pilgrim are labeled correctly. All letters over the 10-12 count will be given after the weekend is officially over. This is mandated by the Upper Room Emmaus. (The extra letters generally are placed in the pilgrims' take home bags.) For the entire weekend the Pilgrims have experienced the agape of "those who do not even know them," and now, through the letters, they are experiencing the agape of those who DO know them, faults and all. It is these letters (from those they will be returning to in continued personal relationship after their weekend is over) which demonstrate the agape love which is there for us in spite of our flaws.
- You and your reunion group need to begin making gift agape for your Pilgrim's weekend. The gift agape should be given anonymously (i.e. from the church or reunion group, not from an individual). Sixty-five pieces of each type of agape is needed in order for each pilgrim and team member to receive a piece.
- Get the word out to the GAEC about the upcoming Walk; what Pilgrims are attending, the Walk date and location, etc., so they can participate in the 4th Day Group support activities.
- Sign up on the 72-hour prayer vigil for your Pilgrim's Walk. Check with the GAEC prayer vigil coordinator to see what times are available for sign-up. (This information is also posted on the GAEC website closer to the Walk date.)
- Keep in regular contact with your Pilgrim to make sure they still plan on attending the Walk. If possible, help resolve any problems arising which might prevent them from attending.

6. Approximately 3 Weeks before the Walk

- Let the pilgrim know you are arranging their transportation to and from the Walk. If at all possible, you should plan on driving them, or find someone who can. This is one of the first acts of Agape the Pilgrim will visibly receive as part of their Walk experience. (You will also need to provide dinner for them prior to their arrival at the Walk site.)



7. Approximately 2 Weeks before the Walk

- Begin arranging detailed plans for transportation to the Walk site. What time, where, and by who, etc. will the pilgrim be picked up. Be sure to allow time to stop and eat dinner on the way, and still arrive at the Walk site between 6:00 and 6:30 pm so your Pilgrim will have plenty of time to check in and get settled in their room before the weekend officially begins. It helps to not begin the weekend “rushed.”
- Deliver or mail any agape gifts which you have completed to the Walk Lay Director or to a designated drop-off site. Letters and agape gifts can also be delivered to the chapel at Sponsor’s Hour or the agape room when the Pilgrim is driven to the Walk. Please make every effort to ensure your agape reaches the Walk site by the beginning of the weekend to assist the Walk Support Team in planning the delivery schedule for the weekend.
- Follow-up on agape letters you have not yet received, and be sure **YOU** write one.
- Make certain that the Pilgrim and their family understand the Pilgrim may not be returning home until late Sunday evening, between 7:00 pm and midnight, depending on the traveling distance.

8. The Week of the Walk

- Make sure the Pilgrim’s family will be “taken care of” during the Walk (i.e. invite them over for dinner on Friday evening, call to check on them and see if they have any needs you can assist them with, etc.) . If you don’t contact them, make sure someone else who knows them does. Be sure to fill out and give to the Pilgrim’s spouse and family the Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis Emergency Contact Information form (Item #13 in this information packet). **Do NOT leave them feeling “in the dark.”** Assure them that if the need arises, the pilgrim can be contacted. You as the sponsor should handle all emergency communications with the Walk Support Team. **This is a very important act of agape.**
- **Important:** If the Pilgrim’s spouse has not attended a Walk, be sensitive to their feelings and needs. Make sure they have all of the information they need in order to feel at peace while your Pilgrim is on the Walk.
- Have your pilgrim fill out the Emergency Medical information form (Item #14 in this information packet) and place it in a plain white envelope with their first and last name on the envelope. They should seal the envelope. Make sure that your pilgrim understands that the information contained on the form is confidential and for emergency use only. The envelope will only be opened and used if they should



experience a medical emergency; otherwise, the envelope will be returned to them on Sunday after the walk is over

- Let the Pilgrim know they should try to get some extra rest the day before the Walk. Remind them this will be a wonderful weekend of renewal, but it is also a full weekend, as the days start early and end late, so it is best to start out rested.
- Remind the Pilgrim what they will need to take with them. Bedding, pillow, towel, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, toiletries and medications are among the most frequently forgotten items. They need to wear casual, comfortable clothes and shoes, and a sweater or rain jacket may come in handy, even during summer months. Also, let your Pilgrim know they will be sitting for long periods of time. If they have any physical problems sitting for long periods, they may want to bring an extra pillow or cushion for their chair. (**Note:** For GAEC Walks held at Camp Young Judaea, bed and bath linens are provided, though the Pilgrim might want to bring their own pillow and a light blanket.)

9. Thursday Departure

- Make certain you have arranged for your Pilgrim's transportation home, if you are not able to do it yourself. Assure the Pilgrim they will have a ride home. They should not have to worry throughout the weekend about how they are going to get home.
- If possible, arrange a "send-off" for your Pilgrim, a simple gathering of your local Emmaus folks to send your Pilgrim off with a prayer. Maybe provide a small snack or beverage for the road.
- Depending on location and time you are able to get on the road, it is nice if you can treat your Pilgrim to dinner. (They are NOT provided a meal after they arrive at the retreat center on Thursday evening.)
- Drive the Pilgrim to the retreat center, help check them in, and carry their belongings to their room. After your pilgrim is situated, deliver any last minute agape gifts, food items and letters to the Chapel or the Agape Room or give them to a Walk Support Team member.
- Attend Sponsor's Hour at the chapel. This is very important as this is where you will have the opportunity to pray over your pilgrim's lanyard and purchase their "Day Four" booklet. The cost of the booklet is \$5.00, please take the time to write a note in the booklet for your pilgrim. The Day Four booklet **must** not leave the chapel with you, it must be left in the chapel according to the instructions given by the Walk Support Team member conducting the Sponsor's Hour service.



10. During the Walk

- Pray for the Pilgrims and the Team during your prayer vigil time, and throughout the weekend.
- Important: Contact their family to see how they are doing, and ask if they have any needs you can assist with.
- Attend both Candlelight AND Closing.

11. After the Walk

- Help your Pilgrim pack any final items in their room, and carry their belongings to the car. (Be sure they get their conference room bag and 'Take-home' packet.)
- While driving the Pilgrim home, tell them about follow-up opportunities and answer their many questions, but most importantly, let them share their Walk experience with you.
- Invite them to visit your reunion group, help them find one which suits their schedule, or help them start a new group. Helping them become involved in a reunion group is a part of your responsibility as their sponsor.
- One of the important responsibilities you have in supporting your pilgrim after the walk is insuring that he/she comes to the Welcome Back held at the Lay Director's church on the Tuesday after the walk. It starts at 6:30pm and will end by 8:00pm.
- Another important responsibility of the sponsor is to insure that they and their pilgrim attend the next Gathering following the walk. Gatherings are normally held on the first Thursday of the month starting at 7:00pm. Information about the location and date of each Gathering is contained in the Walk Talk.
- Help your Pilgrim get involved in the GAEC, it is your responsibility to help involve your Pilgrim in the Community and Walk support activities.
- If and when they are ready to sponsor a Pilgrim, be a resource to help them become a responsible sponsor. Help them get the latest version of this sponsor's pack to use a resource in sponsoring their pilgrim. It's available on the www.austinemmaus.org website.



12. Contact Information

Lay Director: LeeLeen Sundbeck laydirector@austinemmaus.org

Board Member for Walk Support: Harold Sundbeck
bm4walksupport@austinemmaus.org

Registrar: Myles McKemie registrar@austinemmaus.org

Treasurer: Patti Bizzell treasurer@austinemmaus.org

GAEC Treasurer
12005 Black Angus Drive
Austin, Texas 78727-6705

Retreat Center Emergency Contact Numbers used for Austin sponsored Walks

(Chrysalis Flights may use these or other facilities.)

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley, TX 78676 512-847-9564
Sponsor should provide the Emergency Contact form shown on the next page to their pilgrim's family for use in case of emergency.

Additional Resources

Greater Austin Emmaus Community (GAEC) website:

www.austinemmaus.org

Rio Texas Conference (RTC) Emmaus Website:

www.riotexas.org/emmaus

Upper Room website:

www.upperroom.org



13. Walk to Emmaus / Chrysalis Flight Emergency Contact Information

(To be provided by the sponsor to the Participant's family members)

Name of Participant: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Work Phone: (_____) _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Servant Team Coordinator: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Servant Team Alternate: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Walk Location: Camp Young Judaea _____

City / Town: Wimberley, TX _____

Emergency Phone: (512) 847-9564 _____ (Use only if Servant Team contacts not available)

Other (if available): (_____) _____ (Use only if Servant Team contacts not available)



14. Emergency Medical Information Instructions for completing

We value your privacy and at the same time want to be prepared for emergencies. **This information will be kept confidential.**

1. Please complete the following form providing all requested information. At a minimum fill in your name and emergency contact and their phone number.
2. Seal the form in an envelope.
3. Print your name on the envelope in easy to read letters; last name first then first name.
4. Leave the sealed envelope at the registration table.
5. The envelope will not be opened unless you experience a medical emergency and the information is needed to contact your family or physician or to provide information to the EMS. The seal envelop will be returned to you on Sunday.

Name: _____

Emergency Contact : _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Primary Care Physician: _____

Town of Physician's Office: _____

Physician's phone #: (_____) _____

I take the following medications:

| MEDICATION | TIME | MEDICATION | TIME |
|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

I am allergic to:

I use the following medical equipment:

Please use reverse side if additional space is need or for medical history or comments.



Sponsor Information

«SponFirstName» «SponLastName»
«SponAddr»
«SponCity» «SponState» «SponZip»

DATE

Dear

I am sponsoring «**FirstName**» «**LastName**» for a spiritual renewal weekend called a Walk to Emmaus. The activities and events of the weekend demonstrate how God intends for His love to be at work in our lives. The events of the weekend are based on Luke 24:1335, in which the disciples' eyes were opened to greater understanding as they walked on the Emmaus Road with Christ. «**FirstName**» will be attending a Walk to Emmaus «**Date**» at «**Location**».

One of the ways God's love is demonstrated to those attending is through surprise Christian "love/friendship" letters from family members and friends. As a sponsor, I am responsible for contacting these individuals and asking them to write a letter to «**FirstName**» which will be given to him during the weekend. I ask that you not mention the letters to «**FirstName**» until after the Walk. If you know of others that **he/she** would like to hear from, please pass the information on to them. I would be delighted to have a letter from anyone who would like to write one.

Your letter, which will be read only by «**FirstName**», is an opportunity for you to express your appreciation and love of/for her and what your relationship has meant to you. You may want to recall an event or some special happening that you have shared together. It doesn't have to be long and it can be humorous or serious. Please do not send gifts or money -just a personal letter or note from you. The letters need to reach me no later than «**Date**». Please follow these steps: 1.) Write the letter and sign it. 2) Put it in an envelope and seal it. 3) Write «**FirstName**» «**LastName**» on the envelope. 4) Write how you are related (**spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, other family, friend, church family**) in the upper right hand corner of the envelope. 5) Place in a second envelope, and mail it to me. Please **remember, the letters need to reach me by «Date»**.

Thank you for taking the time to do this. We know your letter will be a blessing to «**FirstName**».

Sincerely,

«SponFirstName» «SponLastName»



WALK TO EMMAUS PILGRIM APPLICATION - INSTRUCTIONS

- ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED. **PILGRIM'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, AND BIRTH DATE MUST MATCH ON ALL FORMS.**
- GO TO <http://www.austinemmaus.org> THEN DOWNLOADS TO DOWNLOAD ALL INSTRUCTIONS, APPLICATIONS, AND FORMS.
- **PLEASE DOWNLOAD, OPEN WITH ADOBE ACROBAT (FREE READER), COMPLETE ON YOUR COMPUTER PRINT, SIGN AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS BELOW, PLEASE DO NOT PRESS THE SUBMIT.**
- ALL 3 FORMS WITH SIGNATURES AND PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED BEFORE THE APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED. **PLEASE MAIL ALL DOCUMENTS TOGETHER TO THE REGISTRAR TO AVOID SOME FORMS BEING SEPARATED AND LOST.**
- IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT, PLEASE CONTACT THE GREATER AUSTIN EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Please take special note of the following questions on this Walk to Emmaus Pilgrim Application. All information must be complete. GAEC is the Greater Austin Emmaus Community. Go to <http://www.austinemmaus.org/Walks.php> then at the bottom "RTECC Walk History" and "GAE4DG/GAEC Walk History" to assist in locating Pilgrim Walk numbers and dates. Enter "1/1/1900" if you do not know a certain date.

INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Because Emmaus is not intended to make disciples, but rather strengthen those who are already disciples, persons accepted for a Walk to Emmaus are expected to be **ACTIVE** members of a Christian congregation. **ALL EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY** must be approved in advance by the Greater Austin Emmaus Community's Spiritual Director. Please make note of this before you submit your application; otherwise the packet may be returned.

Persons who are members of one congregation but are actively attending another congregation should reconcile the issue of where God is calling them to service and make a commitment to one congregation before applying for the Walk to Emmaus. This enables the Pilgrim to participate **FULLY** in that congregation upon their return from the Walk to Emmaus.

HAS THE WALK TO EMMAUS BEEN EXPLAINED TO YOU? Make sure you are fully aware of what the Walk to Emmaus is all about. If you have questions, ask your Sponsor for more information. Your Sponsor should not sign this form until he/she has explained the Walk to Emmaus and the events after the Walk weekend to you and, if applicable, your significant other.

WHAT IF THE WALK IS CANCELLED OR THE PILGRIM CANNOT ATTEND? All changes in Walk Registration must be submitted to the GAEC by e-mail or mail. Registration fees can be transferred in full to another GAEC-sponsored Walk upon notification to the GAEC before Thursday at 6 pm of the start of the original Walk. Full refunds minus a \$25 processing fee rounded to the nearest even dollar per payee may be issued to the original payer(s).

INFORMATION ON SPECIAL NEEDS: It is especially important to know if you have any special needs or challenges. It is rare that any such need cannot be met; however, we must know in advance to prepare for your full participation in the Walk to Emmaus activities. Please let us know as far in advance as possible. **NONE OF THIS INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED EXCEPT TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING YOUR PHYSICAL, MEDICAL, OR DIETARY NEEDS.**

SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON THE FORMS. There are three (3) signatures that are **REQUIRED** for reservation: **ONE ON EACH FORM.** All three signatures need to be present or the form will be returned for completion, which may result in a delay of your registration. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SPONSOR TO SEE THAT ALL THREE SIGNATURES ARE PRESENT!**

1. **PILGRIM'S SIGNATURE** – This is your free commitment to accept God's invitation to attend the Walk to Emmaus. Therefore, the form must be signed by you personally - not your sponsor, spouse, friend, or parent (they cannot make such a free commitment for you).
2. **PASTOR'S SIGNATURE** – This signature is the commitment of the clergy member of the congregation that you serve and worship in to work with you in developing your service to God after the Walk to Emmaus. The Clergy member does not have to have been on a Walk, or similar 3-day experience, him/herself; however, the Walk to Emmaus is not intended to bypass or usurp the authority of the pastor of your congregation in any way. If your pastor is opposed to your attending a Walk to Emmaus, it will be difficult for you to serve effectively in your church after your Walk to Emmaus and you may feel frustrated and discouraged. If your Pastor is hesitant, uncertain, or has questions, they may contact your Sponsor and/or the Spiritual Director for the Greater Austin Emmaus Community. **IT IS MEANINGLESS TO HAVE ANY MINISTER OTHER THAN YOUR OWN SIGN THIS FORM, SINCE THAT WOULD COMPLETELY DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF THE PASTOR'S SIGNATURE.**
3. **SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE** – This is your sponsor's commitment to both you and to the Emmaus Community - that he/she is willing to help you prepare for your Walk to Emmaus, care for your family while you are away, and help you become more active in service after the Walk weekend. This signature emphasizes the great importance the Walk to Emmaus places on your sponsor.



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WALK TO EMMAUS PILGRIM APPLICATION - PILGRIM FORM

- ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED. PILGRIM'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, AND BIRTH DATE MUST MATCH ON ALL FORMS.
• GO TO http://www.austinemmaus.org THEN DOWNLOADS TO DOWNLOAD ALL INSTRUCTIONS, APPLICATIONS, AND FORMS.
• PLEASE DOWNLOAD, OPEN WITH ADOBE ACROBAT (FREE READER), COMPLETE ON YOUR COMPUTER PRINT, SIGN AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS BELOW, PLEASE DO NOT PRESS THE SUBMIT BUTTON.
• ALL 3 FORMS WITH SIGNATURES AND PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED BEFORE THE APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED.
• IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT, PLEASE CONTACT THE GREATER AUSTIN EMMAUS COMMUNITY (GAEC) REGISTRAR AT Registrar@austinemmaus.org.

*** See current schedule for dates and registration fees ***

REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM. OTHERWISE, THE PILGRIM WILL ONLY BE REGISTERED AS "WAIT LISTED" UNTIL THE FEE HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE GAEC OR YOUR LOCAL 4TH DAY GROUP FOR SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION.

Walk #: _____ Walk Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Cost: _____ Location: _____

** If you are put on the wait list, can you attend on short notice? [] No [] 1 Week [] 3-4 Days [] Less than 3 days **

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Name Tag Name: _____

Gender: [] Male [] Female Marital Status: _____ # Children: _____ Do you smoke? [] Yes [] No

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
(none if the same as Cell Phone) (none if the same as Home or Cell Phone)

Church Name & Address presently attending: _____

Ordained Clergy? [] Yes [] No Occupation: _____

Has the Walk been fully explained to you? [] Yes [] No Has the Welcome Back been explained? [] Yes [] No

Name of local Emmaus Community or 4th Day Group for Post-Walk Gatherings that you will be attending (check with your Sponsor if unclear what the name is): _____

Do you have any special dietary needs? [] Yes [] No explain: _____

Do you have any special health problems or physical needs? [] Yes [] No explain: _____

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION/CHANGE/REFUND POLICY:

All changes in Walk Registration must be submitted to the GAEC by e-mail or mail. Registration fees can be transferred in full to another GAEC-sponsored Walk upon notification to the GAEC before Thursday at 6 pm of the start of the original Walk. Full refunds minus a \$25 processing fee may be issued to the original payer(s).

Pilgrim's Signature: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

I am making a payment in the amount of _____ by [] None [] Check payable to GAEC [] Credit Card

Mail this completed form and fee to: GAEC Registrar, 16712 Rocky Ridge Road, Austin, TX 78734

When form is completed, please print and sign and mail to the address above along with all other forms.

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date (mm/yy): _____ CVV: _____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



WALK TO EMMAUS PILGRIM APPLICATION - SPONSOR FORM

- ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED. PILGRIM'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, AND BIRTH DATE MUST MATCH ON ALL FORMS.
- PLEASE DOWNLOAD, OPEN WITH ADOBE ACROBAT (FREE READER), COMPLETE ON YOUR COMPUTER PRINT, SIGN AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS BELOW, PLEASE DO NOT PRESS THE SUBMIT BUTTON.

Pilgrim First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus. The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus movement, and the Church being affected by Emmaus. Thank you for your dedication and effort to promote the Emmaus vision of developing Christian leaders who will strengthen the local Church. It is important for the success of the Walk for you to be a fully participating sponsor. If you cannot answer YES to all of the following except NO for the candidate suffering from a loss, then please reconsider whether you are best suited to act as this applicant's sponsor.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Are you in a reunion group? If not active in a reunion or accountability group, please make every effort to join one soon. This is an essential part of the weekend experience. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Will you care for the needs of your candidate's family? (mow the lawn, help with emergency tasks, offer childcare to give the spouse a break, help the family get to Church) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If the candidate is married, have you discussed the Walk with their spouse? (Yes if not married) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Have you informed the candidate and family that they should expect to have no contact during the weekend, except in case of emergency? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Will you personally bring your candidate to the Emmaus site on Thursday night? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Have you explained the post-Emmaus follow-up (Welcome Back) meeting? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Are you able and willing to assist the candidate to get into a Reunion Group? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Can you fulfill sponsor responsibilities if your candidate attends on short notice? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Has the candidate suffered from a loss this past year? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is the candidate emotionally ready to attend? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Are you active in your local Church? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Will you bring agape food & gifts? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Are you praying for your candidate? | |

As sponsor you are responsible for participating in the following events. Please indicate the events you will attend:

- Registration Sponsor's Hour Candlelight Worship Closing Welcome Back First Gathering

Sponsor First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
(none if the same as Cell Phone) (none if the same as Home or Cell Phone)

Reunion Group Name or none: _____ E-Mail: _____

For your Emmaus, Chrysalis, Cursillo, or any other recognized 3-day experience: Type (Emmaus, etc.): _____

Where: _____ Walk#: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

How long have you known this candidate? _____ Is this candidate active in their local Church? _____

If you were on the team would you be encouraged to have this person as a candidate? _____

What characteristics does the candidate show that exhibits his/her commitment to Christ? _____

To YOUR knowledge, does this candidate have an addiction that would prevent full participation? _____

*** If the answer is yes to the last question, it is advisable to wait to sponsor this candidate until the issues are resolved.***

As a sponsor, I say YES to Christ – to fulfill my responsibilities in such a way that His grace and love are revealed to this candidate through my Christian action. My signature on this application indicates my commitment to the high calling of servanthood.

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

I am making a payment in the amount of _____ by None Check payable to GAEC Credit Card

Mail this completed form and fee to: GAEC 16712 Rocky Ridge Road, Austin, Texas, 78734

When form is completed, please print and sign and mail to the address above along with all other forms.

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date (mm/yy): _____ CVV: _____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



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WALK TO EMMAUS PILGRIM APPLICATION - CHURCH FORM

- ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED. PILGRIM'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, AND BIRTH DATE MUST MATCH ON ALL FORMS.
- PLEASE DOWNLOAD, OPEN WITH ADOBE ACROBAT (FREE READER), COMPLETE ON YOUR COMPUTER PRINT, SIGN AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS BELOW, PLEASE DO NOT PRESS THE SUBMIT BUTTON.
- ALL 3 FORMS WITH SIGNATURES AND PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED BEFORE THE APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED.

Pilgrim First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Pastor Title: _____ First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Church Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Church Office Phone: _____

Have you attended Emmaus, Chrysalis, Cursillo, or any other recognized 3-day experience: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____ **Date (mm/dd/yyyy):** _____

I am making a payment in the amount of _____ by None Check payable to GAEC Credit Card

Mail this completed form along with all other forms and fee to:

GAEC Registrar, 16712 Rocky Ridge Road, Austin, Texas, 78734

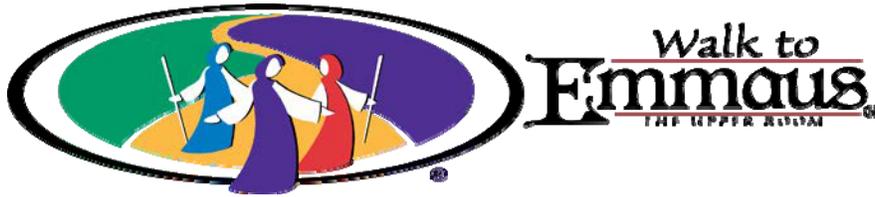


----- PLEASE REMOVE CREDIT CARD NUMBER, EXPIRATION DATE, AND CVV CODE AFTER PRINTING AND BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM -----

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date (mm/yy): _____ CVV: _____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____



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WALK TO EMMAUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED. SEE CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR DATES AND REGISTRATION FEES.
- IF APPLYING FOR A PILGRIM SCHOLARSHIP, THE PILGRIM FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, AND BIRTH DATE MUST MATCH ON ALL 4 FORMS AND THE SPONSOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION THROUGH THE PROCESS ON BEHALF OF YOUR PILGRIM.
- PLEASE COMPLETE ON YOUR COMPUTER WHILE CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET, PRESS PRINT, AND THEN SUBMIT.

Guidelines and Procedures

Scholarships are available for Pilgrims, Conference Room Team members, and Servant Team members. All persons wishing to receive a Scholarship for a Walk to Emmaus from the Greater Austin Emmaus Community (GAEC) must submit this application to the GAEC Treasurer. If a Scholarship is requested, the GAEC recommends 1/3 of the costs be paid by the Pilgrim or Team Member, 1/3 by the Sponsor/Church/Reunion Group, and 1/3 by Scholarship.

The GAEC Treasurer is authorized by the Bylaws: "Upon application, automatically give a 1/3 scholarship for any Pilgrim from a GAEC Church going on a GAEC-sponsored Walk to Emmaus as long as there is a positive balance in the Scholarship Fund." The GAEC Board of Directors must vote on all other Scholarship Applications including requests for more than 1/3 of the costs. The GAEC Treasurer will notify the Pilgrim's Sponsor, the Conference Room Team member, or the Servant Team member of the action taken.

WALK#: _____ **Walk Date (mm/dd/yyyy):** _____ **Cost:** _____ **Location:** _____

Pilgrim First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____ **Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy):** _____

Requestor Information (Sponsor for a Pilgrim, Conference Room Team member, or Servant Team member)

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip+4:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____ **Cell Phone:** _____
(none if the same as Cell Phone) (none if the same as Home or Cell Phone)

E-Mail: _____

Church Name & Address presently attending: _____

Applicant Information (Pilgrim, Conference Room Team member, or Servant Team member)

Church Activities and Qualifying Attributes: _____

General reason for request: _____

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Requestor's Signature: _____ **Date (mm/dd/yyyy):** _____

Mail this completed form to: GAEC Registrar, 16712 Rocky Ridge Rd., Austin, Texas, 78734

For office use only:

Scholarship request approved: Yes _____ No _____ **Initials:** _____ **Date:** _____

Amount Approved: _____ **Check #:** _____ **Date:** _____

Texas Emmaus Communities Walk to Emmaus Schedule

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| Borderlands Emmaus Community, High Rolls, Texas August 23 - August 26, 2018 October 11 - October 14, 2018 | Men's Walk #39 Women's Walk #40 |
| Born Again Emmaus, Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas April 26 - April 29, 2018 | Men's Walk #57 |
| Brazos Valley Emmaus, College Station, Texas April 26 - April 29, 2018 | Women's Walk #111 |
| Care Bexar Emmaus Community, San Antonio, Texas April 19 - April 22, 2018 September 27 - September 30, 2018 | Men's Walk #119 Women's Walk #120 |
| Cathedral Oaks Emmaus, La Grange, Texas September 13 - September 16, 2018 | Men's Walk #1 |
| Concho Country Emmaus, San Angelo, Texas July 26 - July 29, 2018 August 2 - August 5, 2018 October 25 - October 28, 2018 | Women's Walk #2190 Men's Walk #2191 Women's Walk #2192 |
| Denton Area Emmaus, Lewisville, Texas September 13 - September 16, 2018 October 25 - October 28, 2018 | Women's Walk #80 Men's Walk #81 |
| Diakonia Emmaus, San Antonio, Texas July 19 - July 22, 2018 | Men's Walk #139 |
| Golden Spread Emmaus, Amarillo, Texas April 19 - April 22, 2018 October 18 - October 21, 2018 November 15 - November 18, 2018 | Men's Walk #260 Women's Walk #261 Men's Walk #262 |
| Golden Triangle Emmaus, Beaumont, Texas April 26 - April 29, 2018 July 26 - July 29, 2018 September 20 - September 23, 2018 October 25 - October 28, 2018 | Men's Walk #166 Women's Walk #167 Men's Walk #168 Women's Walk #169 |
| Greater Austin Emmaus Community, Austin, Texas November 15-18, 2018 | Women's Walk #143 |
| Hays Praise Emmaus, Dripping Springs, Texas April 26 - April 29, 2018 September 27 - September 30, 2018 October 25 - October 28, 2018 | Women's Walk #2182 Men's Walk #2183 Women's Walk #2184 |
| Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community, Marble Falls, Texas September 20 - September 23, 2018 March 21 - March 24, 2019 September 19 - September 22, 2019 March 19 - March 22, 2020 September 24 - September 27, 2020 | Women's Walk #2018 Men's Walk #2019 Women's Walk #2019 Men's Walk #2020 Women's Walk #2020 |

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| Hi Sky Emmaus, Midland, Texas | |
| April 19 - April 22, 2018 | Women's Walk #236 |
| September 20 - September 23, 2018 | Men's Walk #237 |
| October 18 - October 21, 2018 | Women's Walk #238 |
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| Houston - Bay Area Emmaus, League City, Texas | |
| April 19 - April 22, 2018 | Women's Walk #83 |
| July 19 - July 22, 2018 | Men's Walk #84 |
| July 26 - July 29, 2018 | Women's Walk #85 |
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| Houston North Emmaus Communtiy, Inc., Spring, Texas | |
| July 26 - July 29, 2018 | Women's Walk #99 |
| September 20 - September 23, 2018 | Men's Walk #100 |
| September 27 - September 30, 2018 | Women's Walk #101 |
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| Houston West Emmaus, Houston, Texas | |
| April 19 - April 22, 2018 | Men's Walk #103 |
| April 26 - April 29, 2018 | Women's Walk #104 |
| October 4 - October 7, 2018 | Men's Walk #105 |
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| La Mesa De Dios Emmaus, Brownfield, Texas | |
| May 3 - May 6, 2018 | Women's Walk #72 |
| September 6 - September 9, 2018 | Men's Walk #73 |
| November 1 - November 4, 2018 | Women's Walk #74 |
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| NET (Northeast Texas Emmaus), Sulphur Springs, Texas | |
| April 19 - April 22, 2018 | Women's Walk #138 |
| September 20 - September 23, 2018 | Men's Walk #139 |
| October 18 - October 21, 2018 | Women's Walk #139 |
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| New Life Emmaus Community (San Antonio/New Braunfels), Universal City, Texas | |
| November 15 - November 18, 2018 | Women's Walk #2704 |
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| Northwest San Antonio (NWSA) Emmaus, San Antonio, Texas | |
| May 17 - May 20, 2018 | Women's Walk #3 |
| October 25 - October 28, 2018 | Men's Walk #4 |
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| Rushing Wind Emmaus, Perryton, Texas | |
| June 21 - June 24, 2018 | Women's Walk #124 |
| July 26 - July 29, 2018 | Men's Walk #125 |
| September 27 - September 30, 2018 | Women's Walk #126 |
| October 25 - October 28, 2018 | Men's Walk #127 |
| January 24 - January 27, 2019 | Women's Walk #128 |
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| Signal Mountain Emmaus, Big Spring, Texas | |
| October 4 - October 7, 2018 | Women's Walk #72 |
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| Texoma Emmaus, Sherman, Texas | |
| November 15 - November 18, 2018 | Women's Walk #101 |
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| Windmill Emmaus, Beeville, Texas | |
| October 4 - October 7, 2018 | Women's Walk #67 |
| April 4 - April 7, 2019 | Men's Walk #68 |
| October 3 - October 6, 2019 | Women's Walk #69 |