



# Walking On

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## In a nutshell - Sponsorship

by Kathy Hull, Community Lay  
Director

Grace and Peace to you from our Lord and Savior!

What does Walk to Emmaus mean to you? As I reflect over the past 18 years of my personal involvement, I think of my initial pilgrim weekend. Even though my initial weekend wasn't what I considered life changing, I was quickly called to team service. On that prep weekend, I saw the face of Jesus come to life during a team foot washing. Maybe your awakening moment was at candlelight or dying moments or on a team prep. No matter when or where it happened, we all experienced something we couldn't really explain and possibly had never experienced before. . .or since. I have been BLESSED over and over by Walk to Emmaus as a speaker, musician, board advisor, lay director, and for the past few years, community lay director. How can we help others experience this amazing agape love that we have? How can we help others to see Jesus' face? Sponsorship! That's how. Tell others how you experienced Jesus' love and grace at WTE. Invite them to come, see, hear, and learn what you saw and heard. Will their weekend be exactly like yours? Probably not. However, it WILL be just what God wants for them to see and experience. Before you invite someone to WTE, PLEASE explain to them what Emmaus is. It is a three-day short course in Christianity, targeted to help build Christian leaders. Tell them it is Thursday through Sunday. (You might be surprised that some people don't realize they're staying until Sunday evening!) Explain that there are 15 talks, 5 given by clergy and 10 by laity. There is an expectation that you will be at a table with 3 to 5 other folks, taking notes and discussing the talks with the table group. Explain that there is daily worship with the group in attendance. Try to explain the gut bucket band, agape gifts, and the overwhelming love you feel. I dare you. Try to explain how God can take a group of strangers on a Thursday evening and by Sunday afternoon, you

## Sponsorship (Continued)

feel like they are all family. How? Only God knows for certain.

Be responsible sponsors. Assure that your pilgrim knows what to expect and WANTS to come. Remember that WTE is supposed to be for developing Christian leaders, not as a saving weekend (not that many people have been saved on a weekend!) Assure their family (those left at home) needs are met in the absence of their spouse or parent. Show up with your pilgrim, stay for sponsor's hour, and pray over their cross (or ask someone to stand in for you if staying is not possible.) Come for candlelight and assure that they have agape letters from their family and friends. Come to closing and hear how your pilgrim experienced the face of Jesus. Then the real work of sponsorship begins. Get your pilgrim connected to a reunion group, bring them to gatherings, or another weekend. Encourage them to be a part of the background team (in the kitchen, workroom, praying in a vigil, making agape, holding a candle, etc.) Encourage them to complete a team selection paper. And when your pilgrim becomes a team member — come and support them, and watch how the cycle starts all over again! We have just experienced two amazing weekends. One with 20 plus pilgrims! That was AMAZING! The candlelight and closings were well attended and SPIRIT FILLED!! Let's do it again in 2018. We have two faithful lay directors for our winter walks: Ed Bowen and Mary Richardson. I can't wait to see what God has in store for these weekends!

Please keep supporting Central Illinois WTE. Support with your prayers, your presence, and your offering. In this newsletter is your opportunity to give WTE your financial support. Please prayerfully consider this. Sponsor. Pray. Show up. Serve on a team. Serve on the board.

I am taking a leave from the board as of December 2017. I ask that you continue to pray for the board for wisdom and guidance. As I leave, I know it is in God's capable hands, and HIS servants on the board will continue to move the ministry of WTE forward in central Illinois.

On behalf of the CIE board we appreciate your past, present, and future involvement in Central Illinois Walk to Emmaus.

DeColores,  
Kathy Hull, Community Lay Director

October 26, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

2017 is quickly coming to an end! CIE has had a blessed year, holding two successful sets of weekends. Two walks are being planned this coming winter. Walk #266 will be held in February with Ed Bowen serving as LD. Walk #267 will be in March with Mary Richardson serving as LD. Please pray about sponsoring someone for the upcoming walks. We need to assure we have enough pilgrims before the prep weekend so no more walks are cancelled. We would also invite your prayers for both walks. The Emmaus movement needs your continued support.

We also need your involvement in the Board. Please pray about serving. We need you!

**ELECTION:** We need five at-large members for the Board of Directors. Please feel free to submit a write-in candidate. Board members should have team experience and ideally be a past Lay Director or Assistant Lay Director. The 2020 class will begin serving in January 2018, and conclude their service in December 2020. Those who wish to do so may run again for another three-year term. If you have a write-in candidate to nominate, please talk with them first about their willingness to be on the board.

The following have agreed to be placed on the ballot for the class of 2020: Peggy Johnson and Deb Kilby.

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## Good Sponsorship is the Key

by Pastors John Cross and Marcia Forman, Community  
Co-Spiritual Directors

In our last newsletter article, Marcia and I shared some of our thoughts on sponsorship. Now is the time to prepare for next year's walks. The team selection process has started. Who do you know that could use an Emmaus weekend? Write out a list, pray for the names on the list and then invite them.

I have recently noticed a troubling trend in sponsorship. Some sponsors do not seem to be taking their responsibilities seriously. Sponsors are responsible for: 1) bringing their candidate to the weekend; 2) staying for sponsor's hour when their candidate's cross is prayed over by them and community; 3) seeing that any needs of the candidate's family at home are taken care of; 4) if at all possible, attending the candlelight service; 5) returning on Sunday for closing to take their candidate home, and; 6) after the walk, sponsors are to encourage their candidates and help them find a reunion group.

My sponsors picked me up and drove me two and a half hours to Springfield. On the way they bought my supper. I saw them on Saturday night at candlelight. They attended closing, took me home and fed me supper on the way. Afterwards, they and I started a reunion group. They were encouragers for me as I realized my calling to ordained ministry and later, through the process of being ordained. I will never forget their many kindnesses. I try to do as good a job as they did when I sponsor candidates. It is my prayer that all of you will too.

Pastor John M. Cross  
CIE Walk to Emmaus #71  
Table of Thomas

At the October 21st Lincoln Land gathering at Sugar Creek UMC, host Pastor Paul Dinges shared a devotion called, "We Did." The author talked about things that he and his family actually "did," not things that they "meant to do." Aren't you grateful that God "did" send Jesus to die for our sins? Aren't you grateful that sponsors "did" invite you on your first walk? Is there someone that you have been "meaning to" sponsor? Don't just "mean to" sponsor! Make that phone call! Extend that invitation to sponsor someone on the next walk! It might just change their life, and then you will both be glad you "did!"

Pastor Marcia Forman  
CIE Walk to Emmaus #183  
Table of Sarah



Central Illinois Walk to Emmaus Year-End Appeal



Each year, a fund drive is conducted to keep the costs of the walks reasonable for candidates and pilgrims. The registration is \$125 for CIE walks. We believe this rate will cover the cost for the 2018 walks. Of course we have other expenses that are not covered by walk fees. Insurance and legal/regulatory costs are the major cost for our organization outside of the weekend fees. Your generosity in helping us fund the day-to-day needs of CIE is most appreciated. The board works hard to keep costs down.

Thank you to each person who has contributed to the ministry of Central Illinois Walk to Emmaus by volunteering, praying, or for contributing financially. You are an invaluable part of this ministry. Blessings to you and yours during the upcoming holiday season.

Your year-end gift can be mailed to CIE, P.O. Box 13244, Springfield, IL 62791-3244. Thank you!

**BALLOT - CIE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLASS OF 2020**

Please mail back to CIE, P.O. Box 13244, Springfield, IL 62791-3244

\_\_\_\_\_Peggy Johnson \_\_\_\_\_Deb Kirby

Write-In nomination \_\_\_\_\_

(If you are nominating someone, please check first about their willingness to serve on the board.)

The deadline to return ballots is December 15, 2017.

Thank you!



Walk to Emmaus - 264  
August 25, 2017

**Row 1:** Bob Clark, Greg Mathews, Bill Pool, Pat Armstrong, Ed Bowen, Harold Turner **Row 2:** ROBERT HARRISON, Steve Fox, Brent Wren, Charles Armstrong, BRYON MITCHELL, REGGIE SMITH, Rick Tofari, Terry Wilhite, Ron Esserine, JD MCMILLIAN **Row 3:** RICK KEGERIS, Tom Brookens, JIM NEWBANKS, JOHN SNYDER, RALPH EDWARDS, Ken Dees, Gary Sheets, TROI STARKS, Jeremiah Miller **Row 4:** Dave Woodside, Jim Collison, ARJUN SHARMA, Paul Smay, CHRIS SOLOMON, Tom Hayes, BRIAN CONOVER, Bob Baker, Matthew Skaj, Carl Johnson



Walk to Emmaus - 265  
September 8, 2017

**Row 1:** Marcia Forman, Lyndsay Withey, Tina Bonar, OLIVIA TERRILL, Marti Sprecher, Peggy Johnson, Becky Crum, PAT DANSBY, Jennifer Fielden, Denise Pacey **Row 2:** JUNE FREDELL, JASMINE HERNANDEZ, Robin O'Connell, Beth Walton, Mary Brady, Heather Groves, Zoila Marty, ANNA ARMSTRONG, Sharon Brown, ELAINE SHEAFFER, AMBER BULEY, Sue Althiser, Terri Benz, Jenny Fox **Row 3:** Carolyn Turner, JESSICA FITZGERALD, Joann Woolums, KELLY BAGLEY, DIANE CLAY, STEPHANIE SAPETTI, Betty Odom, CHANTEL CORRIE, Roxanne Thomson, ANN MONROE, Mary Richardson, Kathy Butler, Lori Evans **Row 4:** Joan Pool, Jill Wieland, Deb Kilby, Janet Ealey, ANGELA MILES, JESSICA BESSIE, DIANNE SMITH, Jennifer Wilhite, SARAH SNYDER, ASHLEY BARNARD, JOANN SMITH **Row 5:** Gary W. Sheets, Linda Cox, NICOLE BROWN

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**Central Illinois Walk to Emmaus, Camp Warren, Decatur**

Men's Walk #266, March 1-4, 2018, Ed Bowen, Lay Director  
Women's Walk #267, March 22-25, 2018, Mary Richardson, Lay Director

**Great River Emmaus, Quincy University Retreat Center**

Men's Walk #17, Jan. 25-28, 2018  
Women's Walk #18, Feb. 15-18, 2018

**Illinois Heartland Emmaus, Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria**

Men's Walk #91, April 26-29, 2018  
Women's Walk #92, May 3-6, 2018

*Sponsor's Hour Thursday 8:00 p.m.*

*Apostolic Hour Saturday 8:30 p.m.*

*Closing Sunday 5:00 p.m.*



**TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR:**  
(duplicate this form as needed)

exceptions will be at the discretion of the Spiritual Director & Executive Committee  
Deposit Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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Circle Below Where Applicable

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone or Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name and denomination of church you are now attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend regularly? Yes No

When did you make your Cursillo/Emmaus/ Chrysalis Walk? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Cursillo/ Emmaus/ Chrysalis Walk Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now in a weekly Reunion Group? Yes No

Are you praying and sacrificing for your candidate? Yes No

How long have you known your candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you feel that this person would be a good candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the candidate have the physical and mental health needed for a Emmaus Walk? Yes No

Is your candidate under any temporary emotional strain which might indicate their weekend should be postponed? Yes No

If your candidate is married do they both plan on attending the Walk to Emmaus? Yes No

If not why? Medical: Yes No Other: Yes No

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to: Attending Sponsor's Hour? Yes No

Apostolic Hour? Yes No The Closing? Yes No

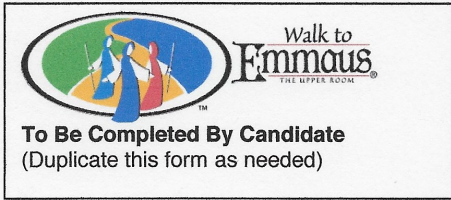
Assist your candidate to get into a weekly Reunion Group? Yes No

Are you aware of the importance of minimal contact with the candidate during the weekend, especially if the candidate is your spouse? Yes No

Does your candidate need a scholarship from the Central Illinois Emmaus community? Yes No

**Husband and wife applications should be submitted at the same time. Any exceptions will be at the discretion of the Spiritual Director and Executive Committee.**

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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Circle the Walk you would like to attend:  
**2016 Walk Dates**

**Walk #260 Men's-August 25-28, 2016**

**Walk #261 Women's-September 8-11, 2016**

Other Walk? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle Bold Answers Below Where Applicable**

Current Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Preferred on Tag: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Single      Divorced      Widowed      Separated**

If Married, Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Will They go on a Emmaus Walk? **Yes No**

Has Spouse ever attended: **Emmaus      Chrysalis      Cursillo**

Emergency Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Church now attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In what religious or community organizations are you active: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you? **Yes No**

Have weekly reunions and other Emmaus follow-up meetings been explained? **Yes No**

Are you on a special diet? **Yes No** If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

Special Medication? **Yes No** If so what? \_\_\_\_\_

If more space for medications is needed please attach list of Medications to Application.

Do you have any health problem or physical handicap which may effect your participation on an Emmaus Weekend? **Yes No**

If yes please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

State briefly why you wish to be involved in an Emmaus Community and what you expect from it?

\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All of the above information is necessary for your proper placement in a Walk to Emmaus. Please fill in all the blanks. Please enclose a pre-registration deposit of \$50.00. This deposit is not refundable. A \$75.00 donation at registration (\$125 total) is suggested to partially offset the expenses of the weekend.

Make your check payable to: **Central Illinois Emmaus Community**

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