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Recommitting

by Kathy Hull, Community Lay Director

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! DeColores my friends! My prayer is that this message finds you well and blessed.



As the new community lay director, first I would like to say I am humbled and honored to work with a wonderful group of people on the CIE board. This group of servants meets monthly to review the business needs of CIE. We are committed to assuring this ministry is sound both financially and spiritually for many years to come.

Having said that, you are going to see some changes and recommitments taking place. First, we are changing the format of the newsletter to an electronic format. This will save CIE literally thousands of dollars a year in printing and mailing costs. We need you to help us keep your contact information current. That includes your email and mailing addresses as well as your telephone contact. It is very frustrating for lay directors to attempt to contact people for team service and get a disconnected number. It is also imperative that we have you correct mail and email so we can efficiently correspond with you. So PLEASE update your contact information. Tell your community representative or send me an email so we can update the database. Community representatives, I would ask that you would print a few copies of the newsletter and take them to your gatherings. This would help us get this information to those few folks who don't have easy email access.

Our recommitment is to the integrity of the weekend and the rules we have established. Let me explain. In our desire to hold weekends, I believe we have at times compromised our own rules. We have held weekends with less than our required amount and we have allowed more than our designated number of participants from one church to attend at a time.

Allowing weekends to exist without the required numbers is costly. We pay a certain amount to the campgrounds regardless (con't next page)



Friends, especially past Lay Directors of CIE:

It's time to reconnect.

Yes, we have felt put out to pasture. But is it partially our fault? I have felt the Holy Spirit leading me to plan a Fourth Day retreat for past lay directors. I'm hoping for Green Pastures or another location where we can commit to growing CIE walks and getting involved in Fourth Day renewals and Outreach presentations. I have some of your contacts but need your email.

Please send a quick note to me at jackcyhull@yahoo.com and simply say, "I am counting on God and He is counting on me!"

I can't wait to hear from each of you.

-Jack Hull

of the number of participants. Costs have to be covered. We're not in the business to make money, but we do need to cover our costs.

Allowing more than three people from one church to attend a single weekend inhibits the pilgrims from having the ability to enjoy privacy and "anonymity." I wouldn't feel comfortable sharing my feelings and struggles with someone I worked with or went to church with. Sometimes being a little bit anonymous helps us open up. Having three or fewer people who already know each other encourages pilgrims to get to know new people and develop new relationships. If there are more than three pilgrims from a church, we will place some on a waiting list and hold their application for the next weekend. In the long run, the board believes this will improve the quality of the weekends we hold.

Having said those two things, we all need to be better sponsors (see the article on responsible sponsorship) or we will be canceling weekends. Pray, pray, pray and ask God to show you who you should sponsor. Let's not wait until the last week to ask someone to go to a walk or turn in a sponsorship form. The weekends will be here before you know it. Start today!

A Small Group is Essential

by Bob Greene, Community Spiritual Director

The movie *War Room* shows the need for a small group (2) and the mentoring of someone else.

The shape of the small group is dependent on the needs of the people in the group. John Wesley's small groups had many different agendas, depending on need. In the small group God is intimately present in the hands and the feet of the members. A member may need correction. Correction given in love has a greater effect to change than correction from a stranger. Encouragement may also be needed as we live life situations we would choose to avoid, maybe the death of a spouse. "Hang in there" has value when spoken by someone who has been there.

Discipleship may be needed in day-to-day growth. We need to hear the story over and over of God preparing us for his Son's ministry. Our bent to sinning calls for God to show us we are not hopeless or helpless to repair our sinful tendencies. God is there to help us.

In the small group God moves powerfully, while the Gathering is the place to celebrate all the work God has done in our lives. When we hear the words, "do this in remembrance of me," we can remember not just the ancient acts of God but the acts of God which happened yesterday.

I wonder if the Reunion Group (small group) is more important than the Gathering because of the sacrifice in attending each week and the sacrificial support given to others.



Row 1: Harold Turner, Randy Cox, RAY MELENDEZ, Leland Collins, Bill Pool, Greg Wrenn, Shannon Boehl, Greg Matthews, KEN WEAVER, Jim Collinson, John Cross **Row 2:** MORTON TIPKEY, GARY YOUHAS, Terry Medberry, CJ Jackson, Ervin T. Williams, Alex Leonard, KEVIN LOVE, Pat Murphy, Bruce Swartz, James McCammon, Chris Cowan, Steve Fox, Brent Wrenn, Carl Becker **Row 3:** Chuck Norris, Greg Long, Dan Groves, James Johnson, Dave Woodside, Rod Frederick, Kyle Newnam, Bob Clark, DONALD ELLIS, VINCENT PICKENS, DE'ANGELO JONES, Dave Murphy



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Missing from Photo: Gary Sheets

Why be a Sponsor?

Sponsorship is probably the most important role you will play in an Emmaus community. You ARE the Emmaus community when you invite someone to go on a walk. If you were blessed on your Emmaus weekend, share that same blessing with others by inviting them to go on a weekend.

Who should I invite?

Emmaus is designed for Christians that are actively involved in their church. It is a wonderful experience for many people, but it isn't for everyone. Sponsors need to be sensitive to factors that may have a negative effect on a weekend. Examples of questionable sponsorship include:

1. Non-Christians or persons with no relationship to the church of Jesus Christ.
2. Persons undergoing emotional crisis (family breakup, severe grief, etc.) These weekends aren't meant to fix every problem, cure disturbed people or make saints of sinners! It CAN be a "saving" experience but that isn't what it's designed to be.
3. Persons who decide to decline your invitation to attend Emmaus. Don't badger someone to attend. Ask but don't coerce!
4. Christians whose theology or practices are notably different or incomparable to the theology and practices of Walk to Emmaus.
5. "Church hoppers" who might use Emmaus as a tool to divide or want to create an "Emmaus church." Don't forget, the mission of Emmaus is to build leadership for our individual churches, not create a new religion.
6. People who are continually looking for a spiritual high or an experience that will help them "arrive."
7. "Soap-Boxers" who dominate or might chide those who don't agree with them.



How do I sponsor?

- Spend time in prayer asking God to show you who you should ask to attend Emmaus. Pray for that person's openness to God's call.
- Make an appointment to talk to the person or couple about Emmaus. Tell them about it. Talk about your experience. Take them to a gathering. Let them have some comfort about what they are getting into.
- Extend an invitation to attend a Walk. Tell them it's more than a weekend retreat, it's a chance to build a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Ask them to make a commitment by completing a registration form.
- Pray some more! Prepare and obtain agape letters. Enlist the support of the candidate's pastor.
- Support the weekend by attending Sponsor's hour, Candlelight and Closing. Don't drop your candidate off on Thursday and pick them up on Sunday. Be an active participant! Prayer and sacrifice is an integral part of being a Sponsor.
- Attend to the needs of your candidate's family. Feed the dog. Water the plants. Babysit if need be. Assure their needs are met so your candidate can fully focus on their Emmaus weekend. Pray for your candidate, the team, the weekend, and for God's will to be done.
- After the weekend, assure your candidate is active in his or her 4th Days. Listen to them talk (if they want to share their experience.) Help them get involved in a reunion group and invite them to community gatherings.
- Encourage continued involvement through participation on teams. Encourage them to complete the Team Service sheet that is in their weekend packet.

Be a responsible sponsor.

1. Pray. Assure you think carefully about who you want to invite. Ask God for help!
2. Participate in the weekend events. Be an involved sponsor.
3. Encourage the candidate in their 4th Days. Help them stay connected via reunion groups, gatherings and team participation.

This information can be found on the CIE website: www.ciemmaus.net.

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Board Nominees Sought

The CIE community will hold elections this fall for the CIE Board, Class of 2019. Please consider your nominations and if you have any questions, contact Kathy Hull, Community Lay Director.

Meetings are held monthly at the Midwest Mission outside Chatham. In addition, board members serve on a committee or in an area of interest. Board members serve for three years with a second three-year term possible, if desired.

Members of the CIE community can nominate a friend or themselves. If you wish to nominate someone from the community, please check first on their willingness to serve.

Nominations can be given to a board member or sent to CIE in Springfield.

Central Illinois Walk to Emmaus, Camp Warren Decatur

Men's Walk #260, Aug. 25-28, Ron Hursey, LD, Larry Hansen, SD
Women's Walk #261, Sept. 8-11, Kelly Lascellas, LD, John Cross, SD

Great River Emmaus, Quincy University Retreat Center

Men's Walk #11, July 28-31, Randy Johnson, LD
Women's Walk #12, Aug. 11-14, Kathy Wyatt, LD

Illinois Heartland Emmaus, Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria

Men's Walk #87, July 14-17, David Stone, LD
Women's Walk #88, July 28-31, Lois Simmons, LD

Sponsor's Hour Thursday 8:00 p.m.
Apostolic Hour Saturday 8:30 p.m.
Closing Sunday 5:00 p.m.



WALK TO EMMAUS WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

Epistolic Hour? Yes No The Closing? Yes No

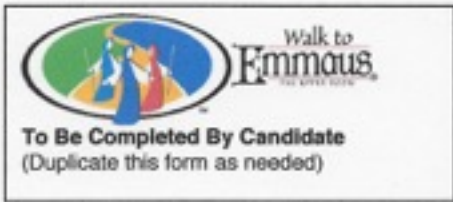
Assist your candidate to get into a weekly Reunion Group? Yes No

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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