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To be filled out by Registrar:

Postmarked:

Discount: Y N

Is Spouse attending walk? Y N

Check # _____ or Cash

FOOTHILLS EMMAUS COMMUNITY "WALK TO EMMAUS"

This is only an application. A letter of acceptance will be sent to you prior to the walk.

Request for reservation (circle): Men Women Spring Fall

Please print & fill in all blanks.

Name: _____ Preference for name tag: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

Marital Status: S M D W

Is your spouse attending this walk? Y N If No, please explain: _____

Current church attending: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Current or previous church activities: _____

Current community activities: _____

Current occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Has the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you? Y N

Have the follow up activities been explained to you? Y N

Why do you want to attend the Walk to Emmaus? _____

Do you have special dietary needs? Y N If Yes, please explain: _____

Do you have any of the following: Hearing impaired Physical limitations

Please provide Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number(s):

Please enclose a \$25.00 registration fee, which will be applied to your total fee of \$135 (\$110 Early Bird). Please make checks to Foothills Emmaus Community. The balance will be expected at send off for the walk.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOOTHILLS EMMAUS COMMUNITY
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ATTENTION: REGISTRAR
TO BE FILLED OUT BY SPONSOR

REMEMBER: Emmaus is for the purpose of developing and strengthening church leaders.

PLEASE PRINT

1. **PILGRIM'S NAME** _____
2. Sponsor's name _____ Address: _____
3. City _____ State _____ Zip _____
4. E-Mail Address _____
5. Telephone: Home _____ Business _____
6. Denomination and Church now attending _____
7. Do you attend regularly? ___ What activities within your church do you participate?

8. Where did you make your Emmaus/Chrysalis/Crusillo Walk? _____
9. When? _____ Emmaus/Chrysalis/Crusillo/Walk # _____
10. Are you in a Reunion Group? How often do you meet? _____

11. Do you participate in the monthly Gathering of your Community regularly? _____
12. How many candidates are you sponsoring on this walk? _____
13. How long have you known your candidate? _____
14. Is your candidate actively participating in a local congregation? _____
Explain _____

15. Does your candidate understand that if married, it is preferred that both spouses attend the same walk? _____ If one spouse cannot attend, give reason _____

16. Does your candidate have the physical health needed to participate adequately in the 72 hour weekend Walk to Emmaus? _____
17. Is your candidate under any temporary emotional strain? _____

18. Why do you feel that this person would be a good candidate? _____

19. I have read and understand the Sponsor's Responsibilities and Obligations as outlined on the attached sponsor's Guideline form and agree to support my candidate before, during, and following the Walk as stated.

Sponsor's Signature _____

**** All deposits are non-refundable except in case of emergency. A \$25 deposit must accompany forms. If all blanks on both forms are not filled in, application will be returned. (They should be sent in together) No individual agape will be delivered to pilgrims. All fees need to be paid by Send Off Please.**

SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

When you have a prospective pilgrim in mind, follow these suggested steps, keeping in mind that the weekend is for those who are actively participating in a local congregation.

****SPONSORING****

1. **PRAY:** Before even talking with someone about the walk, pray for the Lord's guidance in who & when to sponsor. Pray for the person you are considering. Prayer should be focused on how this person can become a more vitally alive Christian in helping bring God's kingdom into his/her natural environment, rather than how to get this person to attend the weekend.
2. **APPOINTMENT:** Make an appointment to make the invitation. After sharing your own experience, make sure the person knows your invitation is to a more vitally alive relationship with Jesus Christ, not just to attend a weekend. Carefully explain each of the following: a) reunion groups b) monthly gatherings, C) renewed interest in serving one's own church, and d) scholarship program.
3. **APPLICATION:** Have Pilgrim fill out registration form in your presence, answering any question they may have. If married, both spouses must fill out a separate form. Be sure to get the \$25 deposit, and that the balance must be paid off by send off. Make checks payable to: Foothills Emmaus Community. Be sure all blanks on both sponsor & Pilgrim forms are filled in- if not application will be returned to be completed. You need not wait until the last minute!! Applications are welcome any time; if you wait too long, a waiting list situation may be in effect. The **DEADLINE** for walk applications are **two weeks prior to the men's walk.**
4. Only 10 single men and 10 single ladies will be accepted per walk. If the walk does not fill up, any single applicants who are not already on the list will be accepted 30 days prior to the men's walk. So get your applications in early!!!!
5. **AGAPE LETTERS:** Start mailing out request for agape letters and begin to collect them. Deliver them to the agape person prior to the weekend, at Send-off (very discreetly) or at Candlelight. **NO INDIVIDUAL ACTS OF AGAPE FOR ANY PILGRIMS- LETTERS ONLY!**
6. The Foothills Emmaus Community operates under a letter of agreement with the International Community. This agreement states that "husbands & wives should make an equal commitment to participate." This does not imply that Emmaus is primarily intended for married persons; single persons are welcome to participate as married couples. The rule does, however, reflect a concern & a hope about the effect of Emmaus on marriages & families.

Guidance from the Upper Room Handbook is as follows:

First, the equal participation rule guards against the Emmaus experience becoming a separating influence in a marriage. Emmaus can be the occasion for commitments to new life directions which one's spouse may not understand or appreciate at the time. Disregard for the rule will certainly not result in marital tensions in every case. But the Emmaus movement should do all it can to strengthen marriages & to avoid practices which we know have the potential to affect a marriage adversely.

Second, Emmaus can indirectly strengthen the spiritual bond in a marriage & family. Married persons should be approached together & encouraged to make an equal commitment to participate.

Third, the equal commitment rule results in increased participation of many grateful husbands and wives (usually husbands) who probably would not have attended an Emmaus weekend otherwise, but did so in order to make it possible for their spouse to attend.

The equal commitment rule does **NOT** mean a wife can never go to Emmaus unless her husband has gone first. While it is always best to schedule husbands and wives to participate during the same set of weekends so they can share their experience and support one another, circumstances may arise when it is necessary and reasonable for husbands or wives to take their walks at different times or places.

It is important that the wisdom of the rule be honored in Emmaus communities. There is a place for reasonable exceptions, when there is no possibility of the participation of one spouse.

Each community must prayerfully decide how to handle these cases in grace and when to make exceptions in view of a person's and family's spiritual welfare. As general guidance, the Foothills board is advocating that the sponsor talk with husband and wife as a couple, assuring understanding of the above. Pray for and with the couple for God's guidance. Wait six months and see what prayer has done for the couple.

****THE WEEKEND****

1. **SEND-OFF:** It is *VERY IMPORTANT* that you personally bring your pilgrim to Send-off, help get them registered, see that the balance is paid, & get their luggage tagged. Attend sponsor's hour. If the pilgrim has a family, make sure you contact them several times to let them know the candidate is doing well, & see if there is anything you can do for them.
2. **CANDLELIGHT:** This is often the highlight of the weekend, be there for **YOUR** pilgrim, and get the husband there for the wife.
3. **CLOSING:** Be there ready to hug your new family member (offer to bring the husband to the wife's weekend) and invite them to the group dinner afterwards, if possible. For men, remind them what to tell their wives and what not to tell, and offer to help them keep the agape a secret.

****FOURTH DAY****

1. Contact your pilgrim on Monday, helping him/her digest the experience.
2. **REUNION GROUP:** Bring your pilgrim to follow-up. Help your pilgrim find a reunion group- yours or advise them of others you are aware of in your area. This is perhaps the most important aspect of remaining active in Emmaus.
3. **GATHERING:** Offer to bring your pilgrim to the gatherings for a few months & explain about bringing food.
4. **CHURCH:** Make sure the person goes back to his/her church with an enthusiastic supportive attitude.
5. **EMMAUS COMMUNITY:** Help the person understand how he/she can serve the community. Explain the various background committees. Then, after a period of active participation in the community & reunion group, they may be asked to serve on a team.
6. **SPONSORING:** Help them to remember that the community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church It is not meant to cure all human ills.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A SPONSOR TO COMMIT TO FOLLOWING THESE STEPS! IF YOU CANNOT PERSONALLY FULFILL SOME OF THE STEPS, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE TO FILL IN!