



FOOTHILLS EMMAUS COMMUNITY “WALK TO EMMAUS” APPLICATION

Note: This is only an application. Notification of your assigned weekend will be mailed to you prior to your Walk. You must be sponsored by someone who has completed a Walk to Emmaus or similar weekend. After you have completed this application, please give it to your sponsor so they may submit it for you.

Please check the desired Walk below. Married couples should attend consecutive weekends when possible.

<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Walk	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Walk	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
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Applicant Information

First Name:	Last Name:
Preferred Name for Badge:	
Address:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email Address:	Occupation:
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	
Is your spouse attending this walk: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Spouse's Name:
If No, please explain:	

Church Information

Current Church:

Medical Information

Please list any physical limitations or restrictions:

Do you take any medication during the day (other than 'at bedtime' or 'upon arising'): Yes No

Please specify any special dietary needs:

Emergency Contact (nearest relative or friend)

Name:	Phone:
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Payment Information

Please enclose a \$25.00 registration fee, which will be applied to your total fee of \$75.00. Checks should be made payable to: Foothills Emmaus Community and mailed to Foothills Emmaus Community - PO Box 2504, Orchard Park - Greenville SC 29616 The balance will be expected at send off for the walk.

Consent and Waiver

In consideration in a 'Walk to Emmaus', I release Foothills Emmaus Community, its Co-Board members, officers, trustees, members, legal representatives, successors and assigns from claims of any kind for any damages of injuries, including but not limited to attorney's fees and expenses, relating to my participation in a 'Walk to Emmaus'.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
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Registrar Use Only

Postmarked: _____ Check # _____ or Cash Amount _____ Discount _____

To be filled out by Sponsor

Pilgrim's Name:

Sponsor Information

Sponsor's Name:

Address:

Home Phone: Cell Phone:

Email:

Sponsor Church Information

Church Name: Do you attend regularly? Yes No

Address:

Sponsor Walk Information

Where did you make your Emmaus/Chrysalis/Crusillo Walk:

When: Walk #

Candidate Information

How long have you known the candidate?

Is your candidate actively participating in a local congregation?

Does your candidate understand that if married, it is preferred that both spouses attend the same walk?

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

Please verify the following statement are true by placing a check on each box preceding the statement

I am praying for my pilgrim.

I have explained the Emmaus Walk to my pilgrim.

I understand I am to bring my pilgrim to send off and pick my pilgrim up from closing.

I will accompany my pilgrim to the first gathering after my pilgrim's walk.

I will assist my pilgrim in getting established into a reunion group after the walk.

I understand the importance of minimal contact with my pilgrim during the weekend.

I have read and understand the Sponsor's Responsibilities and Obligations.

Sponsor Consent

I agree to support my candidate before, during, and following the Walk. I have also checked this form for completeness. Please submit application (both applicant and sponsor forms) and payment made payable to: Foothills Emmaus Community and mailed to Foothills Emmaus Community - PO Box 2504, Orchard Park - Greenville SC 29616 The balance will be expected at send off for the walk.

Sponsor Signature: Date:



SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

Sponsoring

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.

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.

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

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!**

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY:

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.

The Weekend

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.

CANDLELIGHT:

This is often the highlight of the weekend, be there for **YOUR** pilgrim, and get the husband there for the wife.

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

CONTACT:

Your pilgrim on Monday, helping him/her digest the experience.

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.

GATHERING:

Offer to bring your pilgrim to the gatherings for a few months & explain about bringing food.

CHURCH:

Make sure the person goes back to his/her church with an enthusiastic supportive attitude.

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.

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.

Guidance from the Upper Room Handbook

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.

*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!*