



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.

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Men's Walk

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Women's Walk

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Spring

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Fall

Applicant Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Preferred Name for Badge:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Occupation:

DOB:

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

Is your spouse attending this Walk: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Spouse's Name:

If No, please explain:

Church Information (official complete church name and address, pastor's name)

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 doctor-prescribed dietary restrictions:

Emergency Contact (nearest relative or friend)

Name:

Phone:

Payment Information

Please enclose a \$25.00 registration fee, which will be applied to your total cost for the weekend. Checks should be made payable to Foothills Emmaus Community and mailed to Foothills Emmaus Community, PO Box 25024, Orchard Park, Greenville SC 29616. The balance will be expected at Send-Off for the Walk.

Consent and Waiver

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

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Registrar Use Only

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

To be filled out by Sponsor

Pilgrim Name:

Sponsor Information

Sponsor Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

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/Cursillo 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 statements 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** by mailing to Foothills Emmaus Community, PO Box 25024, Orchard Park, Greenville SC 29616. The balance will be expected at Send-Off for the Walk.

Sponsor Signature:

Date:

BLESSED—TO BE A—BLESSING

April 2024



SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

Sponsoring

PRAY:

Before even talking with someone about the Walk, pray for the Lord's guidance in whom and 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, and c) renewed interest in serving one's own church.

APPLICATION:

Have Pilgrim(s) fill out registration form in your presence, answering any questions they may have. If married, each spouse must fill out a separate form. Be sure to get the \$25 deposit, and remember that the balance must be paid by Send-Off. Make checks payable to **Foothills Emmaus Community**. Be sure all blanks on both sponsor and Pilgrim forms are completed. Incomplete applications will be returned.

Applications are welcome any time. Waiting until the last minute to submit an application may result in your candidate being put on a waiting list until a spot becomes available.

AGAPE LETTERS:

Start mailing out requests for agape letters and begin to collect them. Deliver them to the Agape Chair 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 covenant 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 as welcome to participate as married couples. The rule does, however, reflect a concern and a hope about the effect of Emmaus on marriages and families.

The Weekend

SEND-OFF:

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you personally bring your Pilgrim(s) to Send-Off, help get them registered, see that the balance is paid, and get their luggage tagged. **Attend Sponsors Prayer Service immediately following Send-Off.**

DURING THE WEEKEND:

If the Pilgrim has a family, make sure you contact them several times to let them know the candidate is doing well and see if there is anything you can do for them.

CANDLELIGHT:

This is often the highlight of the weekend. Be present at the Candlelight service on Saturday evening for your Pilgrim. If your Pilgrim is married and their spouse has attended the Walk, be sure to accompany them to the service.

CLOSING:

Be there ready to hug your new family member. Offer to bring the husband to the wife's Closing and consider inviting them to dinner afterwards. 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:

Contact your Pilgrim on Monday, helping him/her digest the experience.

REUNION GROUP:

Bring your Pilgrim to the Follow-Up Gathering. 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 and 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 and 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 experiences 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 FILL IN FOR YOU!***