

WHAT IS A WALK TO EMMAUS?

In Luke 24 we read the story of the risen Christ appearing to two disciples who were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. He explained the Scriptures, and their hearts were warmed. Their eyes were only fully opened to recognize him when Christ took bread, blessed and broke it, then gave it to them. Filled with joy, they rushed back to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples. This story provides the image of Emmaus. The Emmaus movement came to Southern Africa in 1990 from the United Methodist Church in the USA, which in turn developed it from the Spanish Roman Catholic Cursillio de Cristiandad (a short course in Christianity), which started in the late 1940's. The Emmaus movement is true to Protestant theology, with some Methodist emphases, but is ecumenical in practice. Emmaus is seeking to find authentic expression in the cultures of Africa, while retaining the wealth of Christian experience from other cultures. God is using Emmaus in Southern Africa to bring reconciliation between races and renewal to Christians and their churches.

WHAT HAPPENS ON AN EMMAUS WALK?

You'll spend three days with other people in worship, prayer, fellowship, creative expression, recreation, singing and discussion. Fifteen talks, given by clergy and laity, form the basis of the discussions and projects. These present the theme of God's Grace and how grace comes alive in the Christian Community. You will have the opportunity to celebrate Holy Communion daily, and begin to understand more fully the presence of Christ in the body of His believers. The prayers and acts of love of a lively supporting community enhance this. The 72 hours is a sacrificial offering on your part – we therefore ask that you leave your watch and cell phone at home.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

Emmaus aims to bring spiritual renewal to Christians who will, in turn, bring new life and vision in their church, home, workplace and community. One of the primary strengths of Emmaus is the follow up. Your weekend lasts three days, but you are invited to build on it for the rest of your life by expanding your spiritual life through study and congregational participation and becoming more active as a disciple of Christ in the world through your home church. To nurture this discipleship, Emmaus offers specific opportunities: - Regular gatherings for fellowship and worship – Small "Reunion Groups" that meet regularly to maintain spiritual accountability – Training to participate in future Emmaus or Chrysalis events.

WHO SHOULD GO TO EMMAUS?

Emmaus is for growing Christians who are open to experience the grace and love of God in new ways through the Christian Community. Moreover, it is for those who are likely to be committed to make a difference as a result of this experience.

HOW TO APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN EMMAUS?

The attached form needs to be completed by: 1) The Applicant. 2) The Spiritual Sponsor. This is someone who has attended a Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis Flight/Journey and who will undertake to explain the weekend as well as pray for the participant and assist in practical requirements. 3) The Applicant's own Minister or Pastor, must complete and sign the application form, to ensure the applicant is under submission to the home church. (If the Minister or Pastor requires more details, the Emmaus Spiritual Director can be contacted). The SPIRITUAL SPONSOR then needs to e-mail the completed form to registrar@emmauslourie.co.za. Your application will be prayerfully considered and you will be informed of your acceptance. In the event of cancellation or query, please contact the Registrar.

COST OF THE WEEKEND

The Emmaus Walk fees for 2019: **R1 050**
 Payment can be made by deposit/EFT into the following bank account:
 Lourie Emmaus Community
 Standard Bank, Nelspruit
 Account No.: 33-067-458-7
 Branch code: 052-852
 Reference: Name and surname & Walk No.

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**PILGRIM APPLICATION
FORM - 2019**



I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS YEARS EMMAUS WALK	DATES	TICK
Men's Emmaus Walk #75 – SOUTHERN WALK ELLA COMBRINK	19 – 22 SEPTEMBER 2019	
Ladies' Emmaus Walk #76 – SOUTHERN WALK ELLA COMBRINK	26 – 29 SEPTEMBER 2019	

Please scan & send your completed form to The Registrar via E-mail: registrar@emmauslourie.co.za

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Preferred Name & Surname:			ID No.:		
Email address					
Home Tel No	Cell No	Facebook		Yes	No
Date of birth	Gender		M	F	
Postal Address	Age				
Postal Address					
Marital Status	Medical Aid:	Medical Aid No.			
Church attended					
Briefly state your current church involvement & ministry areas					
Why do you wish to attend the Walk and what do you expect from it?					
Please specify any conditions that might affect your Emmaus Walk i.e. health, concerns, handicaps, medication or dietary requirements etc.					
Signature of applicant			Date		

Emmaus or any associated organization does not take any responsibility for any loss or injury during the weekend

CONTACT PEOPLE CLOSE TO YOU

During the Emmaus weekend it may be necessary to contact someone close to you.

	Name & Surname	Contact Number	Email address
1			
2			
3			

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MINISTER, PASTOR OR PRIEST

I accept the commitment explained in the Spiritual Sponsor Information Form

Full Name			Church		
Email address			Tel No.		
Postal address			Cell phone no		
Are you serving on team this weekend?	YES	NO	Have you sponsored anyone before	YES	NO
Signature			Date		

Spiritual Sponsor must also complete, sign & submit Sponsor checklist. Applications received without Sponsor checklist will not be considered.

Please note this information is for Spiritual Sponsor only, not to be given to the Pilgrim. Please complete page 4 and return with application form.

WHAT IS A SPONSORSHIP?

Each person who attends Emmaus has a “SPIRITUAL SPONSOR” who supports and encourages him/her before, during and after the Emmaus experience.

Sponsorship does not require paying for the participants, but rather ensuring that they derive spiritual benefit from the Walk. Sponsorship is the way in which the Emmaus experience is passed on from person to person, reflecting the manner in which God purposefully reaches out to people through other people. After an Emmaus weekend, participants want to share the gift of those three days with others. Sponsorship provides them a caring and disciplined way for them to share. And in doing so, sponsors participate and demonstrate God’s outreaching love.

WHY IS SPIRITUAL SPONSORSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Sponsorship is taken for granted in many communities. The assumption is that everyone knows the how and why of sponsorship. Sometimes sponsorship is only discussed with reference to the number of participants signed up for an Emmaus weekend. Sponsorship, however, is the most important job in the Emmaus movement. It is a job shared by the adults who have been through Emmaus and the young people who have been through Chrysalis. It is more than simply “signing a pilgrim up”. The importance of an Emmaus Community being educated about good sponsorship cannot be overemphasized. The quality of sponsorship impacts the new participants, the health of the Emmaus Movement in an area, and the churches being affected by Emmaus.

Sponsorship is integral to some of the unique features and strengths of Emmaus – a discerning approach to recruitment, personal agape and prayer for the pilgrim, plus the sponsor’s presence at sponsor’s hour, send off, candlelight, closing and getting the pilgrim involved in a reunion/accountability group. Wise sponsorship assists Emmaus in making the three days an act of relevant and appropriate sacrificial love from the beginning to the end.

WHO CAN BE A SPIRITUAL SPONSOR?

A “Spiritual Sponsor” can be anyone who has attended a Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis Flight/Journey, who is NOT serving on the same Walk that the participant will be attending. Exceptional cases will be considered by the Board, and a Co-Sponsor will then be needed.

WHAT DO I DO AS A SPIRITUAL SPONSOR?

Being a Spiritual Sponsor means a commitment to the person that you consider sponsoring on the Walk to Emmaus. It involves the following:

- 1) Prayerful selection of applicants in consultation with the sponsor’s accountability group and the applicant’s minister or pastor.
- 2) Support for the Emmaus Walk before, during and after.

This includes the following:

- Praying for the applicant before, during and after the Emmaus Walk (this includes taking a prayer slot on the 72 hour prayer schedule)
- Explaining the Emmaus Walk to the candidate before submitting this application form.
- Discuss the Emmaus Walk with his/her family/friends for appropriate support and encouragement and care for them over the period of the walk.
- Arrange transport to and from the Emmaus walk venue.
- Participate in activities that make the Emmaus Walk a special blessing.
- Help the applicant attend follow-up activities after the Emmaus Walk.

PRACTICAL STEPS TO FOLLOW ONCE APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN PRAYERFULLY CONSIDERED

- 1) Make sure that the application form is FULLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED.
- 2) Make sure that you have FULLY COMPLETED the SPIRITUAL SPONSORSHIP CHECKLIST (See page 4 of this application), and send it in with the application form.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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**SPIRITUAL SPONSOR
INFORMATION FORM - 2019**



I WOULD LIKE TO SPIRITUALLY SPONSOR A PILGRIM TO ATTEND ONE OF THIS YEAR'S EMMAUS WALK

NAME OF PILGRIM YOU ARE SPONSORING:	Men's Emmaus Walk #75
	Ladies' Emmaus Walk #76

To be completed by the SPIRITUAL SPONSOR and sent with the application form to the Registrar via E-mail: registrar@emmauslourie.co.za

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1) A pilgrim's attendance at an Emmaus Walk needs to be prayerfully considered and is dependent on you as a sponsor fulfilling your obligations.	
2) Please read the following checklist and initial next to each responsibility to indicate that this sponsorship has been approached appropriately.	
3) This form MUST be returned with the Pilgrim's application form before the Registrar will consider the application.	
1) I have prayerfully considered this Pilgrim's suitability and readiness for Emmaus	
2) The Pilgrim is currently committed to or involved in the church	
3) I have approached the Pilgrim's minister or pastor who indicates his/her support	
4) I have explained the Emmaus programme and the financial implication to the Pilgrim	
5) I have taken a prayer slot/s on the weekend 72-hour prayer schedule	
6) I have organized and will collect agape letters for the Pilgrim. No presents, flowers or large items please	
7) I am aware of my commitment to my Pilgrim over the weekend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I have arranged to take my Pilgrim to the venue on the Thursday afternoon - I will attend Sponsor's hour, pray for my Pilgrim and attend send-off - I will attend Candlelight - I will attend the Closing Ceremony - I will collect my Pilgrim on the Sunday after closing 	
8) I will encourage my Pilgrim to join a Reunion Group (Name of Group)	
9) I will accompany my Pilgrim to attend future gatherings/social events with me as per dates provided	
10) I will encourage my Pilgrim to follow through on new commitments	
11) I will encourage my Pilgrim to serve the Emmaus community (and future Walks)	
12) I will help my Pilgrim sponsor others	
13) I will continue to pray for my Pilgrim	

SPIRITUAL SPONSOR DETAILS

I accept the commitment explained in the Spiritual Sponsor Information Form			
Full Name		Church	
Email address		Tel No.	
Signature		Date	

CO-SPIRITUAL SPONSOR DETAILS

I accept the commitment explained in the Spiritual Sponsor Information Form			
Full Name			
Email address			
Signature			