

### 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 making 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, Face to Face Encounter or Chrysalis Flight and who will undertake to explain the weekend as well as pray for the participant and assist in practical requirements. **YOUR SPIRITUAL SPONSOR IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO PAY YOUR FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 72-HOUR EXPERIENCE.**
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@lourie.emsa.org.za](mailto:registrar@lourie.emsa.org.za) and [cld@lourie.emsa.org.za](mailto:cld@lourie.emsa.org.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 asap.

### COST OF THE WEEKEND

The Emmaus Walk fees for 2026 are **R 1 550.00**  
 Payment can be made by deposit/EFT into the following bank account:  
 EMSA Lourie Community  
 First National Bank, Riverside, Nelspruit  
 Account No.: 6284 2788 731  
 Branch code: 250016  
 Reference: Initial, Surname, Walk No & P (eg J Smit W86P).

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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## PILGRIM APPLICATION FORM 2026 (Continued)

| I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS YEARS EMMAUS WALK        | DATES                | TICK |
|--|----------------------|------|
| Men's Emmaus Walk #86 – SOUTHERN WALK ELLA COMBRINK  | 3-6 September 2026   |      |
| Ladies' Emmaus Walk #87– SOUTHERN WALK ELLA COMBRINK | 10-13 September 2026 |      |

Please scan & send your completed form to The Registrar via E-mail: [registrar@lourie.emsa.org.za](mailto:registrar@lourie.emsa.org.za);  
[cld@lourie.emsa.org.za](mailto:cld@lourie.emsa.org.za) and [ald.emmaus@lourie.org.za](mailto:ald.emmaus@lourie.org.za) (please mail to all email addresses)

| TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT (PILGRIM)   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |                      |  |                |         |             |
|--|--|--|--|--|-----------------|--|--|----------------------|--|----------------|---------|-------------|
| Name & Surname   |  |  |  |  | Known As        |  |  |                      |  |                |         |             |
| I/D- attach Copy   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |                      |  | Marital Status | Married | Not Married |
| Cell No.   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  | e-mail               |  | Facebook       | Yes     | No          |
| Physical Address   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |                      |  | Gender         | M       | F           |
| Town   |  |  |  |  | Postal Code     |  |  |                      |  | Age            |         |             |
| Medical Aid Name   |  |  |  |  | Medical Aid No. |  |  |                      |  |                |         |             |
| Your Church  |  |  |  |  | Town            |  |  |                      |  |                |         |             |
| Briefly state your current church involvement & ministry areas e.g. Sunday School, Reader etc.   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |                      |  |                |         |             |
| 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            |  |  | _____ / _____ / 2026 |  |                |         |             |

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. |                           |                       |                      |
|  | <b>Name &amp; Surname</b> | <b>Contact Number</b> | <b>Email address</b> |
| 1  |                           |                       |                      |
| 2  |                           |                       |                      |

| SPIRITIAL SPONSOR (This is the person who asked you to come on the Walk) |            |       |
|--|------------|-------|
| Name & Surname   | Contact No | Email |
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| POPI ACT   |
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| As per the POPI act we require all Pilgrim's/Caterpillar's permission to send him/her community information and other communications. Our Facebook page and Whatsup groups are not compulsory, but it would benefit you as it contains information about Emmaus events and prayer requests. Emmaus declares that your information will not be distributed or used outside the Emmaus Ministries environment. Hereby, I agree that my information as registered can be used by Emmaus Ministries for the purpose of Emmaus communication and use. |
| Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / 2026  |

| TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MINISTER, PASTOR OR PRIEST  |  |         |                      |
|--|--|---------|----------------------|
| I declare that the applicant is a member of my church in good standing and is aware of the commitment required in attending a Walk to Emmaus and support his/her application |  |         |                      |
| Full Name  |  | Church  |                      |
| Email address  |  | Tel No. |                      |
| Signature  |  | Date    | _____ / _____ / 2026 |