

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

**WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL SPONSORSHIP?**

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

**As Spiritual Sponsors, you are not required to pay for the participants. This is the participant's responsibility,** but rather to ensure that they derive spiritual benefit from the Walk. Spiritual Sponsorship is the way in which the Emmaus experience is passed on from person to person, reflecting the way 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. Spiritual 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?**

Spiritual 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. Spiritual 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 Spiritual sponsorship cannot be overemphasized. The quality of Spiritual sponsorship impacts the new participants, the health of the Emmaus Movement in an area, and the churches being affected by Emmaus.

Spiritual 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 or Face to Face Encounter, 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). **YOU CANNOT GET A PERSON ON THE WALK AND NOT PRAY FOR HIM/HER/ MAKE SURE YOU GET A SLOT ON THE PRAYER VIGIL THAT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE WELL BEFORE THE WALK.**
- Explain 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 2 of this application) and send it in with the application form.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**

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**SPIRITUAL SPONSOR  
INFORMATION FORM - 2026**



| I WOULD LIKE TO SPIRITUALLY SPONSOR A PILGRIM TO ATTEND AN EMMAUS WALK |  |                          |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| NAME OF PILGRIM YOU ARE SPONSORING:                                    |  | Men's Emmaus Walk # 86   |
|  |  | Ladies' Emmaus Walk # 87 |

To be completed by the SPIRITUAL SPONSOR and sent with the application 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) (please mail to all email addresses)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- A pilgrim's attendance at an Emmaus Walk needs to be prayerfully considered and is dependent on you as a sponsor fulfilling your obligations.
- Please read the following checklist and initial next to each responsibility to indicate that this sponsorship has been approached appropriately.
- This form **MUST** be returned with the Pilgrim's application form before the Registrar will consider the application.

| CHECKLIST   | INITIAL |
|---|---------|
| 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 program 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 <b>no more than 12</b> agape letters for the Pilgrim. <b>No presents, flowers or large items please</b>  |         |
| 7) I am aware of my commitment to my Pilgrim over the weekend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I have arranged to take my Pilgrim to the venue on the Thursday afternoon</li> <li>- I will attend Sponsor's Hour, pray for my Pilgrim and attend Send-Off</li> <li>- I will attend Candlelight</li> <li>- I will attend the Closing Ceremony</li> <li>- I will collect my Pilgrim on the Sunday after Closing</li> </ul> |         |
| 8) I will encourage my Pilgrim to join a Reunion Group. State 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, Flights or Encounters   |         |
| 12) I will help my Pilgrim to become a spiritual sponsor himself / herself for others   |         |
| 13) I will continue to pray for my Pilgrim during the walk (prayer vigil) and on his/her 4 <sup>th</sup> days.  |         |

**SPIRITUAL SPONSOR DETAILS**

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| I accept the commitment explained in the Spiritual Sponsor Information Form |  |  |  |
| Full Name   |  | Church                                     |  |
| Email address   |  | Tel No.                                    |  |
| Are you serving on Team this weekend? Yes / No                              |  | Have you sponsored anyone before? Yes / No |  |
| Signature   |  | Date                                       |  |

**CO-SPIRITUAL SPONSOR DETAILS – IF APPLICABLE**

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|---|--|--|--|
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| Full Name   |  | Church                                     |  |
| Email address   |  | Tel No.                                    |  |
| Are you serving on Team this weekend? Yes / No                              |  | Have you sponsored anyone before? Yes / No |  |
| Signature   |  | Date                                       |  |

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