



WMC Grand Rapids Area Emmaus Community Registration Form (To be completed by the Applicant)

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY (please PRINT in blue or black ink)

Give the **Date** of Emmaus Walk for which you are registering _____

Applicant name _____

First name preferred on name tag _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____ Home phone (_____) _____

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

Sex M / F Birth date _____ Age _____ Occupation _____

Church now attending _____

Pastor _____

Church Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church/Community organizations in which you are or have been active _____

Specify any health problems, special diet, medications or physical handicaps that we should know about to make your weekend more comfortable

Do you need a smoking area? Y / N

The Walk To Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders.

Has the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you? _____

Are you fully aware that you are being asked to commit to the **ENTIRE** weekend (72 hours)? _____

Has the follow-up program of Emmaus groups/gatherings been explained to you? _____

Briefly state why you wish to be involved in the Emmaus Walk and what you expect from it? _____

Emergency contact person _____ Phone (_____) _____

Your cost for the Emmaus weekend is \$70.00. Pre-registration deposit of \$30.00 is required to reserve a place for you. The deposit will be applied toward your cost. Make checks payable to: **Grand Rapids Area Emmaus Community**. Please return completed application and check to your sponsor.

Applicant signature: _____ Date _____

WMC Grand Rapids Area Emmaus Community
Sponsor Information and Contract
(To be completed by Sponsor – submit with Pilgrim application)

Sponsor name _____ Pilgrim name _____

Sponsor Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email Address _____

Home phone (_____) _____ Work phone (_____) _____

Church Attending _____

When did you make your Walk to Emmaus _____ Are you part of a 4th Day group? _____

How long have you known your pilgrim? _____ Why do you feel this person would make a good candidate? _____

Any special needs not already mentioned by the Pilgrim _____

Is your Pilgrim under any temporary emotional strain that might indicate that his/her weekend should be postponed? _____

If your Pilgrim is married, have you discussed the Walk to Emmaus with his/her spouse? **THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!** _____

Have you stressed the importance of committing to the **ENTIRE** weekend, noting that Pilgrims will not be allowed to leave or make telephone calls except in the case of an emergency? _____

Have you explained the follow-up program of Emmaus groups/gatherings? _____

Will you assist your Pilgrim in joining an Emmaus group? _____

Will you bring your Pilgrim to the Emmaus site? _____

Can you care for the needs of your Pilgrim's family over the weekend? _____

Are you aware of the importance of minimal contact with your candidate during the weekend, especially if the candidate is your spouse? _____

Name the person who will attend the sponsor's hour after fellowship time on Thursday evening to pray for your Pilgrim _____

I have completely read the "Information On Sponsoring" and the "Sponsor Contract" and agree to abide by the responsibilities I have as a sponsor.

Sponsor signature _____ Date _____

Return this page and the Applicant's page to:

Helen McAvinchey
17501 Reitsma Lane
Spring Lake, MI 49456

If there are any questions, you may contact me at (616) 844-7010 or mcavinchey@sbcglobal.net

Sponsor Contract

(Keep this page for your file)

"It is NOT enough to make a good selection of candidates, but this brings with it the need for giving them individual and very special care . . . before, during and after the Walk."

Before the Application is signed:

1. Understand that sponsorship requires a commitment in time and effort.
2. Pray for God to show you the candidate for you to sponsor.
3. Sit down with your candidate in an informal setting and discuss further the *Emmaus Walk* - discussing fears, helping to overcome REAL OBSTACLES. It is important that you discuss the weekend with the CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE, if applicable. You should make every effort to encourage BOTH husband and wife to attend a Walk.

Before the Walk:

1. PRAY for your candidate and family.
2. PRAY for the spiritual growth of the candidate and for the success of the Walk.
3. Collect "Agape" letters. Make/buy "agape" to share on the weekend.

During the Walk:

1. PRAY.
2. Take your candidate to the Walk site and help to register him/her. If your candidate wants to drive alone, be at the site to welcome him/her.
3. Attend Sponsor's Hour, which occurs immediately after the Fellowship Time on Thursday night. If you cannot attend, please see that you have someone at Sponsor's Hour to pray for your candidate, or give a brief, written prayer to the person responsible for the Sponsor's Hour to read in your absence. Sponsor's Hour is the time that each pilgrim and the crosses are prayed over individually.
4. Have as many letters as possible from family and friends to walk site before candlelight.
5. Assist the spouse at home, e.g. babysitting, companionship for a meal, etc.
6. ATTEND CANDLELIGHT - Saturday at 8:30 PM.
7. ATTEND CLOSING - Sunday at 4:30 PM.
8. Take candidate home. He/she will appreciate someone who understands their excitement or silence.

After the Walk:

1. PRAY for your candidate and allow them time to digest as well as discuss what they discovered on the weekend.
2. Attend the first Gathering after the Walk with the new Pilgrim.
3. Find a reunion group for your Pilgrim and encourage him/her to attend.
4. Help your Pilgrim understand how they now can participate in the next Walk as sponsor or team/auxiliary member by going over the information/sign up sheet that the Pilgrim receives in their packet. Talk to them about what they need to do to work on other walks by filling out this **information sheet** and mailing it.

Information On Sponsoring

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Good Sponsorship is Vital to Emmaus

While most church related functions take a "ya'all come" approach to participation, Emmaus is different ... here is why...

The KEY to sponsorship underlines the personal care and commitment of God to each pilgrim. The fact that the experience is passed on from person to person reflects the relational nature of God and the manner in which God reaches out to people through people. Sponsors help make Emmaus an act of SACRIFICIAL LOVE from beginning to end...something more than the usual retreat or religious function.

We are faced with the ongoing challenge of understanding and teaching the importance of good sponsorship. We will briefly touch on some areas of the subject, but we are encouraged to have workshops for more insight.

Sponsorship: The Most Important Job of All

Sponsorship is taken for granted in most communities. It is assumed that everyone knows how and why. Unfortunately, this is not the case. It is more than "signing people up." The quality of sponsorship influences the Pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus movement, and the Church being affected by the movement. Sponsorship is first an act of agape; second, a sponsor needs to use discernment in recruiting Pilgrims and commit to provide personal acts of agape which include prayers, agape letters, presence at candlelight and closing and follow-up; and third, sponsorship is the foundation for fulfilling the true purpose of Emmaus... the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry.

The Aim of the Sponsor

The aim of the sponsor should not be "to get all my friends to go" or fix people's problems or reproduce our experience on others. Rather, the aim is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who will, in turn, bring new life and vision to the congregation, home, workplace, and community.

We need to be aware of wise and unwise sponsorship. Wise sponsorship is purposeful and prayerful eventually producing a balanced, theologically centered movement of the Holy Spirit which is integrated into the church to convey God's grace, the call to committed discipleship, and our unity in Christ. Unwise sponsorship will eventually produce a harvest that is more a burden for the church than a blessing, a movement that becomes a "religious fringe group" or a parachurch apart from the established church in the community, or one that breeds division instead of unity and intolerance instead of tolerance among Christians of different religious expression.

Another aspect of wise sponsorship is the use of the Equal Commitment Rule. It states that "husbands and wives should make an equal commitment to participate." This does not imply that Emmaus is primarily for married persons. Single persons are very welcome to participate. It does mean that a concern and hope for marriages and families be safeguarded. First, the rule guards against the Emmaus experience becoming a separating influence in a marriage; second, that Emmaus can indirectly strengthen the spiritual bond in a marriage and family; and third, that it will result in increased participation of many grateful husbands and wives (usually husbands) who probably would not have attended an Emmaus Walk otherwise, but did so in order to make it possible for their spouse to participate. The rule is Wisdom, not Law.