



El Shaddai Emmaus Community
of
San Bernardino and Riverside Counties
P.O. Box 12081, San Bernardino, Ca 92423

TO BE FILLED OUT BY SPONSOR:

Please fill in all blanks and print

Sponsor's name _____ Church _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ ZipCode _____ Email _____

Relationship to Candidate? _____ How Long? _____

Where did you attend Emmaus/Cursillo? _____ When? _____

Why do you want this person to attend a Walk to Emmaus? _____

What is the candidates religious background? _____

Any physical or emotional limitations? _____

Are you willing to bring the candidate to the weekend and home afterward? _____ Initiate candidate in a group reunion? _____ Attend other meetings and functions of the weekend? _____ Bring the candidate to the Post-Emmaus meetings? _____ Have you discussed the weekend with their spouse? _____

Comments: _____

I have prayed about this candidate and understand the responsibilities of a sponsor. I understand that my sponsorship includes 60\$ per candidate mailed to the Registrar with this application at least 2 weeks before the intended Walk. I pledge, with Christ's help, to do my best to meet these responsibilities.

Signature _____ Date _____

The Gospel of St. Luke relates the story of the risen Christ appearing to two who were walking along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). This story provides the image for Emmaus, an Upper Room program that calls for and renews Christian Discipleship.

Two friends were walking together. They were sharing their deepest heart's concerns. The risen Christ joined them and explained in the scriptures as they walked, how it was ordained that Christ should suffer and so enter his glory. This experience on the road was a heart warming experience as the risen Christ walked and talked with them. The illuminating climax of the experience was when Christ took the bread and said the blessing, then broke it and gave it to them. The two had their eyes opened and they recognized him as the risen Christ.

Emmaus is centered in the weekend experience. This "Walk To Emmaus" is with friends, the scriptures are explained in such a way to bring light and understanding to our needs. For many, it will be a heart warming experience. Many will share so deeply in worship and Holy Communion that their eyes will be opened and see the risen Christ. Participants will study, discuss and experience God's grace in community. The context will be in 15 presentations led by lay and clergy around the theme of God's grace and how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and expresses itself in the world. This grace will become personal in small communities through a unique approach to table group discussions. Those attending the weekend personally experience God's grace through prayers and acts of service of a living support community. One of the primary strengths of Emmaus is the follow-up activities:

There are two expectations of a person following their "Walk to Emmaus":

1. Expand their own inner spiritual life.
2. Become a more active disciple of Christ in the world through their church.

To nurture this process of discipleship, the Emmaus Movement offers specific opportunities. First, there is a follow-up meeting during the week after one's Walk to Emmaus. At this meeting each person is given an opportunity to become part of a reunion group. Four to six persons form a reunion group and meet weekly to reflect and share their disciple opportunities and responsibilities. Second, there will be bi-monthly meetings. All persons of a particular community or area are invited for fellowship, worship and informal instruction. Third, through a newsletter, members become aware of support needs for upcoming events. Opportunity is given to work in the kitchen, pray in the chapel, or participate on a team.

The real focus of the Emmaus Community is not on itself, but on the local church. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action, in their homes, churches, places of work, and communities.

The weekend is a 3-day (72 hour) experience that begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Weekends are usually held in retreat centers which enhance the reflective atmosphere of the experience.

APPLICATION FOR WALK TO EMMAUS

TO BE FILLED OUT BY CANDIDATE:

Please fill in all blanks and print

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZipCode _____ Night Phone _____

Name for Name Tag _____ Day Phone _____

Church _____ Denomination _____ Pastor _____

Your Age _____ Spouse's Name _____ No. of Children _____

Circle One: Single ___ Married ___ Divorced ___ Widowed ___ Separated ___ How long? _____

Occupation _____ Company _____

How are you involved in your church? _____

Do you have any special diet needs? _____

State briefly why you wish to be involved in the Walk to Emmaus? _____

Indicate the date of preferred Emmaus _____ Circle one: I CAN / CANNOT attend on short notice.

Signature _____ Date _____