

Heartland Faithful Walk to Emmaus

Candidate Walk Application

Walk Location Camp Kitaki

2011 Scheduled Walks

Men's Walk Date: 9/22 - 9/25/11

Women's Walk Date: 9/29 - 10/2/11

Applicant Information

Please Print Clearly

This is only an application. You will be notified by mail that you are assigned to a weekend. All information will be kept confidential.

At times there is a waiting list of people wanting to attend a walk. Tell your sponsor as soon as possible if a conflict would prevent you from attending.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Preferred First Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Publication Release

By submitting this application, I agree that Heartland Faithful Walk to Emmaus may publish the information above in a community newsletter, the weekend brochure, and other Heartland Faithful Emmaus publications.

OR I prefer my information **not** be published _____ initial here to not publish info. Ask your sponsor why we would like to publish.

Occupation _____ Business Phone _____

Age _____ Single Divorced Widowed Married Spouse Name _____

If married, has your spouse attended a Walk? _____ If yes, location and year of Walk _____

Health Information (Please provide additional information on separate sheet.)

Special needs (Dietary, medications taken, medical problems, food allergies, other concerns) Yes No

If yes please explain: _____

Physical impairments such as hearing, vision, climbing stairs? Yes No

If yes please list: _____

Please list any other special needs _____

Emergency Contact Person (not sponsor or spouse) _____ Phone # _____

Preparation and Costs

Has the Walk to Emmaus been fully explained to you? _____ Ask your sponsor to help you get this information.

Have the post-Walk 4th Day activities been explained to you? _____

The weekend begins on Thursday at 7:00 PM and ends Sunday evening. You will live and study with other *Pilgrims on the road to Emmaus*. You will also sing, worship and pray. You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion to understand more fully the presence of Christ and to experience God's grace personally through the acts of a loving community.

Explain briefly why you wish to attend the Walk to Emmaus _____

Walk Fees: Please enclose a **\$20.00 deposit** with this application. Checks should be payable to **Heartland Faithful Walk to Emmaus**. The deposit will be applied to the **\$100** fee which partially covers the cost of the walk. You may use the deposit for any Heartland Faithful Walk within 24 months. **The remaining \$80 is due no later than two weeks before the Men's Walk.** Talk to your sponsor if you will need a scholarship to reduce the fee for your walk.

Candidate and Candidate's Pastor Signatures

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

Pastor's Signature _____ Church _____

Pastor's Mailing Address _____ Phone _____

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The Walk to Emmaus

A Journey with Christ

The Gospel of St. Luke relates the story of the risen Christ appearing to two who were going along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Two friends were walking together, sharing their hearts' deepest concerns. The risen Christ joined them and explained 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 heartwarming experience as the risen Christ walked and talked with them. The two had their eyes opened and they recognized him as the risen Christ and they rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the others. (Luke 24:13-35)

What is The Walk to Emmaus?

The above story provides the image for Emmaus, an Upper Room program that calls forth and renews Christian discipleship. Like its predecessor, Cursillo de Cristiandad (Spanish for "short course in Christianity"), the Walk to Emmaus is a three day experience that takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, and through them their families, congregations and the whole world in which they live. Emmaus is a combined effort of laity and clergy toward the renewal of the Church.

What Happens At Emmaus?

The **Walk to Emmaus** is a 72 hour experience. The weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. At Emmaus you will spend three busy, but very enjoyable days, usually at a retreat center. You will live and study together in singing, prayer, worship, and discussion. You will discover how grace is real in your life, and how you can live in the life of grace, bringing grace to others. You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion, and to begin to understand more fully the presence of Christ in his body of believers. You will experience God's grace personally through the prayers and acts of service of a loving support community.

What Happens After Emmaus?

One of the primary strengths of Emmaus is the follow up. Your weekend lasts only three days, but you are invited to build on it for the rest of your life. Those who attend a "Walk to Emmaus" are encouraged to do two things following their weekend:

- 1) Expand your spiritual life through study and congregational participation.
- 2) Become more active Disciples of Christ in the world through their churches.

To nurture this process of discipleship, the Emmaus movement offers specific opportunities. First, group reunions of four to six people meet to reflect on their quest for spiritual growth and encourage one another in discipleship. Second, there will be Emmaus community gatherings. All people in a particular Emmaus community or area are invited for fellowship, worship, and informal instruction. Third, through a newsletter, members become aware of support needs for upcoming Walks to Emmaus and there are opportunities to work during future weekends in a variety of ways.

History of Emmaus

Originating in Spain in the late 1940's, Cursillo moved to America in the late 1950's. It was primarily a Roman Catholic movement until the 1970's. As Catholic centers started accepting applications from Protestants, efforts began among some groups to make the Cursillo experience available to all Protestants. In the late 1970's the Upper Room (a unit of the Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church) formed The Upper Room Cursillo Community in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1981, by mutual agreement between the National Secretariat of the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement and The Upper Room, the name of the Nashville Protestant community was changed to Emmaus. The Emmaus movement is ecumenical.

Purpose of Emmaus

The focus of Emmaus is God as known in Jesus Christ and how that finds expression in the local church. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace filled life to be lived and shared with others.

Who Should Attend an Emmaus Walk?

Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who...

- ...have accepted Jesus Christ as their savior and desire a closer relationship with him;
- ...wish to strengthen their spiritual lives;
- ...may have unanswered questions about prayer, study and sharing their faith;
- ...understand that being a Christian involves responsibility;
- ...are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner.

Emmaus is open to Christians of any denomination.

Are You Interested?

We invite you to join in a refreshing weekend spent meeting Jesus as he comes to you through other Christians. Fill out the application form on the other side and give it to your sponsor. Your Walk with Jesus will take on a whole new meaning!

For more information on Walk to Emmaus: www.upperroom.org/emmaus