

Letter to the Community:

Chrysalis Agape Letter Procedure



Several years ago, changes were presented to our Community from Nashville in regards to the way Agape Letters are to be done and presented on a weekend. The Chrysalis Board has had several discussions to determine the best way to implement those changes. Should we request the same method to the Community that Emmaus choose to pursue (At one point, placing a "G" on all letters that were general Agape and a "P" on all letters that were personal Agape. At another, to limit when and how to collect letters.) We observed these method for a few sets of weekends, but the Chrysalis Board continued to consider other possible methods to handle the question of Agape letters.

The answer to this question was resolved by a suggestion by one of the at-large members of our Community.

Our Board member for National Agape (letters that come from different Communities around the United States and the world) at the time was Steve Basson. When Steve started his position on the Board, he came up with the idea of putting all the Agape he had received for a weekend in a binder, instead of having the letters loose and laying all over the place. During the weekend the binder is passed around at the tables so the youth can take a look at the letters.

Bingo - two solutions in one. When writing those "general" type letters to the Caterpillars on a weekend, instead of making twenty-five copies, just write one "general" Agape letter that could speak to any individual on the weekend. Then get it to the Agape person so it can be included in the binder created for each weekend. Yes, a new binder is created for each weekend! Once a weekend is over, the binder is 'cleaned out' and is set up for the next weekend.

Personal Agape will still be placed in bags and will be given to the Caterpillars on Sunday afternoon. ***We will continue the Chrysalis custom of having the Caterpillars' Agape bags available at the Candlelight service*** for the Community to put letters in, but those letters should be of a more specific personal nature.

The Board has previously reviewed this idea and given their approval. We began to implement this method of doing letters in December 2007. We have not had any issues or problems and foresee continuing this way of doing letters.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the community and (more importantly) of the Caterpillars in this process. We encourage you to contact any board member with questions. Please visit the Board Page on the website for their information.

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The Board of Delmarva Chrysalis