

The purpose of Emmaus is for the development of committed Christians who wish to strengthen their spiritual lives, grow in their faith, and become leaders in the Church

-----

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination

De Colores!

## ***Frequently asked questions:***

### ***Who can sponsor?***

It should be at least 6 months since your weekend before you sponsor without assistance. For your first sponsorship, or if you are sponsoring more than one applicant, it is recommended that you have a co-sponsor. Also, if you are a Chrysalis youth under the age of 18, a co-sponsor is required.

### ***Why is a co-sponsor important?***

The responsibilities of sponsoring require a great deal of commitment. The first priority should be the pilgrim. A seasoned co-sponsor helps make sure that all the needs of the pilgrim are met prior to and throughout the weekend.

### ***Who should pay the fee and when?***

We encourage sponsors to assist in payment of the fee as part of their personal palanca. Other individuals, Reunion Groups or churches may contribute, but it is the sponsor's responsibility to assure the fee is paid before the weekend. A check made out to Delmarva Walk to Emmaus should be sent to the Registrar prior to the weekend (preferably with the application). No check will be cashed until the weekend.

### ***What if funds are not available?***

No one is denied the opportunity to attend a weekend for financial reasons. Scholarship assistance is available. Please contact the community Lay Director for assistance.

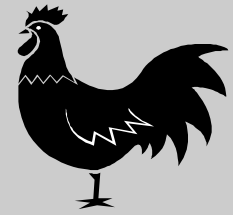
### ***What if they accept, then cannot attend?***

If something comes up to prevent attendance, notify the Registrar, and ask them to hold the request for the following weekend.

### ***How do I avoid questions about the weekend?***

You don't! Answer all questions truthfully. There are no secrets in the Emmaus community. You may not want to volunteer information on many of the fun surprises that occur throughout the weekend, but never hold back information and never lie. Also, don't tease and make your pilgrim feel uneasy. Although the weekends are a lot of fun, we are dealing with serious issues. Unnecessary anxiety distracts from our focus: the complete and total surrender to the Grace of God.

# SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES *for the* DELMARVA WALK TO EMMAUS



## HOW TO BEGIN

First, pray with an open heart, and then follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Next, carefully review all the items in the Sponsors Packet which includes:

1. Sponsors Guideline
2. Emmaus Brochure
3. Two "Request for Reservation" forms
4. Envelope addressed to the Registrar

And finally, follow the guidelines for sponsorship laid out for you in this brochure.

Remember, the pilgrim you sponsor today will follow the example you set when they begin to sponsor, so help them to do it right!

# T E N S T E P S F O R S P O N S O R I N G

## 1. Pray and Wait

Pray for your friend, then wait for direction. Let it be *God's choice on God's timing!* Only move to Step 2 when you are sure of God's direction.

## 2. Appointment

Make a special appointment to discuss participation in Emmaus. You are asking someone to make a serious commitment of time and resources. Make this a priority and allow adequate time to discuss the Emmaus method and to answer any questions.

## 3. Invitation

Make the invitation as personal and informative as possible. Avoid phrases such as "you need to go!" But, present it as it is: a fresh vision of God's love and grace that can change every aspect of our lives for the better. Be sure to review the Emmaus brochure with your friend and be prepared to answer any and all questions. Share your weekend experience with them. You don't need to go into detail about Candlelight or palanca, and they probably won't ask. But there are no secrets in the Emmaus community and all questions should be answered truthfully.

## 4. Decision

If your friend's decision is to participate, have them fill in the "Request for Reservation" forms, preferably with you present to assist as needed. Married couples should each complete a form. Review the applicant's section making sure all questions are answered and boxes checked. Next, you will complete the sponsor's/co-sponsor's section. After you review the form, mail it in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope to the Registrar.

If no decision is made immediately, allow them time to pray about it, but make sure to follow-up after a few days. Be sure you have a definite answer!

## 5. Invitations and In-Between

The Registrar will send invitation letters about four (4) weeks before a weekend. The applicant's letter includes instructions for acceptance and information to assist in preparing for the weekend. The applicant should contact the Registrar to accept or decline within 3 days of receiving their letter. The sponsor will receive a letter informing them that an invitation was made, and will include a checklist of important sponsoring activities and instructions for follow-up. When a husband and wife have applied, they are invited as a couple prior to the Men's Weekend.

After acceptance has been confirmed, the sponsor should inform other community members in your church and your pastor that your friend is participating in a weekend. Encourage their prayers, palanca and agape letters.

## 6. The Weekend

Some of the sponsor responsibilities during the weekend are:

- Provide Transportation to Send-off on Thursday evening and after Closing on Sunday night.
- Plan to stay for the Sponsor's Hour prayer time following Send-off.
- Attend the Candlelight service Saturday night and the Closing on Sunday.
- Write agape letter to your pilgrim encouraging them in their faith.

- Be sensitive to the needs of their household during their absence. This could include anything from child care, providing a meal, feeding pets or just checking with a spouse to see if they need any help.
- Be sure you are on the Butterfly Prayer Wheel.

## 7. Fourth Day

After your friend has returned, they will need continued support, encouragement, and possibly some direction with their new-found enthusiasm! Help them find a Reunion Group and attend Monthly Gatherings and Community Gatherings with them. Be sure they attend the next Leadership Training session which will be held in the weeks following the Women's Weekend.

## 8. Local Church

Active involvement in the local church should have a central role in our lives. Emmaus is not to be a substitute church. Help your friend return to his or her church with an enthusiastic and positive attitude!

## 9. Involvement in Emmaus

Help your friend understand the Emmaus method and how they can participate in future weekends by providing table gifts and snacks, signing up for an hour of prayer (Butterfly Prayer Wheel), and serving on a team.

## 10. Assist in Sponsoring

The friend you sponsored will probably sponsor others by the example you set. Help them discern the people who would respond to a weekend of love and become a more vitally alive disciple in their homes, communities, and churches.