

Conference Room Q&A

1. Why is the Chapel we've always used no longer available?

The Chapel across the road from camp we have used as a Conference Room does not belong to Camp Lakeview. We have leased it separately for each Walk. We have lost access to the building because the owners are no longer offering it for lease to external organizations.

2. What is the proposal to provide a Conference Room space for future Emmaus Walks?

Renovate the Camp Lakeview shelter house across from the horse barn into a conference space. We propose to enclose and finish the space and build restrooms on the side. This provides a dedicated space for our Walks and other retreat groups to meet.

3. What alternatives have been explored?

- a. Using some other space at Camp for a conference room. We have not found a workable long-term solution at this time.
- b. Set up a tent in the parking lot with heaters and temporary power.
- c. Scheduling two consecutive weekends at another camp in the area.
- d. This proposal, converting the Shelter House to a Conference space.

4. How much will the renovation cost?

The estimated cost for the renovation and enclosure of the shelter house is \$150,000 for material and labor. An additional \$25,000 would be used for kitchen upgrades if the funds were committed.

5. How will this project be funded?

Lakeview Ministries may be able to provide funding for the project through an upcoming campaign, but the timeline for completion of this project is unknown at this time. This does not support our Walk schedule. To make use of the renovated building in our immediate future, new contributions are needed from the retreat community. At this time, our community is the only organization bringing the need to camp leaders. To make this space available for our Walks in the immediate future, funding will have to come from Emmaus.

6. What is needed to move forward?

The project budget is estimated at \$150,000. We are praying for God's guidance and seeking His answer in the form of pledges. Lakeview Ministries and Emmaus agree that if we can secure \$150,000 in pledges by the week following our Fall walks (week of Nov 4), we will move on to collect donations and start the project with the goal to have an enclosed space capable of supporting our Spring '25 Walks.

We ask that you join us in praying for clear direction and a beneficial solution.

7. When will the renovation begin?

The renovation will commence immediately upon securing pledges for necessary funding from new contributions.

8. Could the space be available for our spring flights in April?

If we have sufficient pledges to get the go ahead from Emmaus and Lakeview Ministries, we believe it possible to have a space capable of supporting our spring Walks, but construction would likely not be fully completed.

9. How can I contribute to the project?

You can contribute by making a pledge of a donation to our facility project, and fulfilling your pledge.

10. Is my donation tax-deductible?

Yes, as a non-profit organization, donations made to Emmaus and Lakeview Ministries are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult with your tax advisor for specific details.

11. How will my donation be used?

Your donation will be used exclusively for the renovation and enclosure of the shelter house. Any excess funds will be allocated to further enhance the facility and support our ongoing programs.

12. Can I volunteer to help with the renovation?

We appreciate the offer! Yes, you can volunteer.

13. Can I pledge materials and my time and talents for construction?

Yes, we appreciate the offer! Any materials or labor pledged will reduce the cost of the project. Lakeview routinely does projects with “in kind” donations of labor and materials. There will be a coordinator assigned to the project to take advantage of these valuable gifts. While we will be working with professionals to carry out the work, we can also make use of volunteers in many ways during the project. There is a place on the pledge form to offer your time and talents. Please contact us so that we can have a conversation about your skills and abilities that can be useful in the completion of the renovations.

14. Is there an opportunity to reduce the cost of our Walks through our close partnership on this project?

Lakeview Ministries have agreed to assure Emmaus continues to have access to the camp going forward as we have in the past for our spring and fall Walks. Emmaus will use the Conference Room rent free. (This saves Emmaus \$500 per Walk over what we have paid in the past for the Chapel). In addition, Lakeview Ministries has agreed to share revenue from future rentals of this building. As these renovations will allow Lakeview to rent this building to additional groups, 10% of the rental income Lakeview receives for the shelter house will be paid to Emmaus at the end of each year.

15. I want to give a gift in 2024, and potentially another gift in the 2025 tax year. Can I be sure that can happen?

We plan to accept pledges through the fall flights, closing the pledge drive the week of November 4th. If we have sufficient support for the project, we will start to accept donations in November to assure gifts can be accepted in 2024.

16. Am I giving my pledge and then gift to Columbus Area Emmaus or Lakeview Ministries?

- a. We want all pledges to come to Columbus Area Emmaus per the pledge cards and online form so we can total them for the Go / No Go decision.
- b. If the project is a Go, we prefer financial gifts to be given directly to Lakeview Ministries. There are three important benefits:
 - i. Lakeview Ministries have all the infrastructure in place to accept all kinds of gifts, track them and provide tax documents for your records.
 - ii. Camp Lakeview will be using the gifts to pay for materials and labor. It's simpler.
 - iii. If you give your gift to Camp Lakeview in excess of \$100, you will become part owner of Lakeview Ministries for the year.
- c. If it is important to you that your gift is given to Emmaus, we are happy to accept and manage them.

17. Who can I contact for more information? Please contact:

Dave Goodner, Emmaus Community Lay Director [email: dgoodner@columbusinemmaus.org or Phone: 812-343-3726] or visit our website at [<https://columbusinEmmaus.org>]

or **David Vandercar**, Lakeview Ministries Executive Director [email: david@lakeview.camp or Phone: 812-342-4815] or visit our website at [<https://lakeview.camp/>].

We appreciate your support and commitment to our joint mission. Together, we can ensure that our Walks have a facility that continues to be a place of growth, reflection, and connection. Thank you!