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Letter to the Community:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope everyone had a wonderful time celebrating our Lord and Saviors birth! It is such a wonderful time of the year.

I want to thank you for all of the kind words of encouragement and support as I served as your Community Lay Director this past year. I enjoyed serving in that capacity and was blessed by so many acts of agape you gave this year's pilgrims and butterflies.

I am looking forward to another great year as I have been asked to serve in this position for 2012. God is so good and I know He has a plan. I will do my best to be obedient to His direction. If there is anything I can do to help in any way to make this Emmaus/Chrysalis Community the best it can be, please let me know.

We have a lot to look forward to this year. Let's be in prayer to FILL the flights and walks with the persons God wants to have this great, life changing experience. Let's start early to get the applications in to the registrar.

Hope to see you all at the January Gathering. Remember it is EARLY-January 6th at 7pm at The Rock. Let's support the Chrysalis team as we dedicate them in prayer for the flight, which is on January 14- 16th.

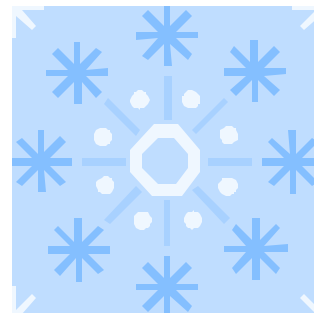
Also, remember the Chrysalis candlelight will be at CCC (Community Church of Columbus) on Sunday, January 15th at 7:45pm. Please help to communicate this to others in the community so we have a great turnout for our first candlelight at CCC. The closing for the flight (a new location) will be at Garden City Church of Christ on January 16th.

So let's all come together and be active participants in this great Emmaus/Chrysalis Community in order to serve Him well. See you soon and Happy New Year!!!!

Cindy Massey

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights #43 & #44	January 14-16 2012
Men's Walk #83	April 12-15, 2012
Women's Walk #84	April 19-22, 2012
Men's Walk #85	October 18-21, 2012
Women's Walk #86	October 25-28, 2012





Important Announcement!

In 2012, the location of Columbus Area Emmaus/Chrysalis Community's candlelight services will change. Future candlelights will be held at

Community Church of Columbus
3850 N Marr Road
Columbus, IN 47203.

Also, in 2012, the location of the Chrysalis Community's closing service will change. Future Chrysalis closings will be held at

Garden City Church of Christ
3245 Jonesville Road
Columbus, IN 47201.

Please note that the Emmaus Community's closing services will continue to be held at Camp Lakeview.

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE FIRST CHRYSALIS CANDLELIGHT AT
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF COLUMBUS AT
7:45 PM ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012.**

Weather Alerts



If an Emmaus event is cancelled due to severe weather, the community will be notified through the following sources:

1. Community News updates on the home page www.columbusinemmaus.org.
2. Those who have an email subscription to the newsletter will receive an email when a decision for cancellation has been made. *If you do not have a subscription, you can subscribe by going to the website home page.*
3. Local radio stations QMIX 107.3, WCSI AM 1010, WKKG 101.5, and WJCP 92.7.

CHALLENGES OF PROPER SPONSORSHIP

Our Community signs an agreement annually with the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus. This agreement is called a **“Covenant”**. This Covenant contains the following statements:

“The Emmaus/Chrysalis Office fully expects that all current Community Board of Directors members and all Weekend Conference Room members are active participants in a Group Reunion or accountability group.”

“The local governing body will maintain Emmaus’ focus on sponsoring pilgrims who are actively participating in a local church.”

“The local governing body will maintain Emmaus’ policy that, in support of marriage, the husband and wife are encouraged to make an equal commitment to participate in The Walk to Emmaus, as described in *The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus*. Men and women attend separate walks.”

As a Board and a Community, we are faced with the challenge that the focus of Walks is not to see how many Pilgrims we can get on applications in order to conduct a Walk. The purpose of Emmaus is to stimulate spiritual renewal to strengthen disciples within the ministry of individual congregations. Educating our Community on proper Sponsorship is a continuing challenge.

As our Covenant with the Upper Room states, “married couples are encouraged to make an equal commitment to participate in the Walk to Emmaus. This is stated by the Upper Room to “...reflect the concern for and the desire about the effect of Emmaus participation on the marriage and the family. Emmaus does not want to become a wedge in any marriage. The Walk to Emmaus can be a launching pad for new commitments and directions in the marriage. The Equal Commitment Rule is provided to assist Emmaus in strengthening the marriage and the family bonds and to avoid those practices that are known to potentially adversely affect a marriage.” Thus, the Upper Room’s stand is that both members of the couple should be approached at the same time when the Walk to Emmaus is being presented and applications are being offered. Equal involvement of couples will strengthen the Emmaus movement and will help strengthen the local church.

The challenge for the Board is stated in *The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus*:

“It is important that the wisdom of the rule be honored in Emmaus Communities. The Equal Commitment Rule represents a practical ideal to which Emmaus Communities should be committed and toward which sponsors should work in all cases. It is important to remember, however, that the Equal Commitment Rule represents wisdom, not law. There is a place for reasonable exceptions. Exceptions can be made by Boards of Directors when there is no possibility of the participation of both spouses and there is reason for assurance that the marriage will not be adversely affected by the participation of only one spouse.”

Excerpts from *Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus* and *The Board of Directors* booklet.

Team Service Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

D.O.B.: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

What Church do you attend? _____

Emmaus Walk you went on (Community and #): _____

In what ways are you active in the community: Reunion Group Sponsorship
 Attend Gatherings Attend Candlelight Other

In what area(s) are you interested in serving? _____

Experience: Please list the positions in which you have served as a Team Member:

	Walk # / Location	Talk (s) Given	Date
Lay Director			
Asst. Lay Director			
Table Leader			
Asst. Table Leader			
Spiritual Director			
Asst. Spiritual Director			
Music			
Agape			
Kitchen			
Board Rep			

Please list any health concerns or special dietary needs you may have (use an additional sheet of paper if necessary).

Please consider me for the: Fall Walk Spring Walk

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ONE GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IDEA!

Along with making all of those New Year's resolutions about your own health, may we suggest a resolution about sponsoring someone to attend an Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight!

First, resolve to concentrate your efforts on the one person God keeps bringing to your mind. Pray for God to prepare the way, open the door of opportunity, and lead you to invite that person (or couple) at just the right time.

Second, resolve to be a great sponsor for that person, as you take seriously the many responsibilities of a sponsor. Help them to send in their application as soon as they can.

Third, resolve to pray in support of the one you're sponsoring. Pray for God to remove all barriers and obstacles that will crop up to try to prevent your pilgrim or caterpillar from attending that weekend.

While so many New Year's resolutions don't have much lasting impact on our lives, this resolution can have an eternal impact on the lives of others, and in their churches. So let 2012 not just be a blessed year for yourself, but let God work through you to incredibly bless another!

NEWSLETTER DONATIONS

As we look forward to the New Year, the Columbus Area Emmaus Board requests that you prayerfully consider making a donation to cover the expense of printing and mailing of the monthly newsletter.

If you receive the Emmaus newsletter by means of the United States Postal Service, the actual cost is just over \$9.00 per year. Your donation of any amount would help the community's financial standing. If you receive your newsletter by email, a donation would help cover the expense for someone not able to make a donation.

Please consider making a "Newsletter Donation" this year. You can make a donation via PayPal on the website (columbusinemmaus.org) or by mailing a check to: Columbus IN Area Emmaus Community, Inc., c/o Treasurer, PO Box 2184, Columbus, IN 47202-2184



[Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org)

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www.columbusinemmaus.org

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January Chrysalis Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2012—6pm
The Rock
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

January Emmaus Board Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2012—9 am
The Rock
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

January Gathering—NOTE EARLY DATE

Friday, January 6, 2012— 7pm
Community Church of Columbus
3850 N Marr Rd., Columbus, IN
M-Z bring snacks and drinks

**Chrysalis Flights
Hilltop Camp
Brown County, IN
January 14-16, 2012**