



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

## Letter to the Community:

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Dear Community,

I would like to share with you some of my concerns with our future Emmaus Walks.

First, I would like to thank all of those who have served on the Emmaus board throughout the years. There has been a lot of hard work and many prayers that have gone into the decisions that have been made throughout the years of our Emmaus Community. One of those decisions was selecting the criteria and guidelines for Columbus IN Emmaus Walks. I would like to share some of these guidelines with you.

Walks are most beneficial and efficient when they can be conducted with the maximum number of Pilgrims. Currently, at Camp Lakeview, we can accommodate approximately 36 Pilgrims comfortably. The Upper Room stipulations are that a minimum number of Pilgrims for a walk to be affective should be no fewer than 20. The Upper Room also states guidelines for cut-off dates for Walks. (4 weeks prior to the walk date) With that in mind, our board in 2010 came up with the guidelines for our community and I would like to share that with you.

Beginning no later than six (6) weeks prior to a walk date, the Registrar, Community Lay Director and the Community Spiritual Director shall review the applications being received. Those parties would determine the number of applications already accepted, the rate at which applications are continuing to arrive, or are not arriving, and likelihood of those with applications attending the walk. At four (4) weeks, if the numbers are indicating there may not be a minimum of 20 Pilgrims, the Registrar, LD, and SD shall come to a consensus as to canceling that walk. This timing can allow the community and affected Pilgrims and Sponsors to be notified in a timely manner of the need to cancel a walk. Applications may contain the statement that any application may not be accepted after four (4) weeks prior to the walk date.

### Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis  
Flights  
#53 & #54

August 30  
thru  
September 1  
2014

Men's  
Walk  
#93

October  
16-19  
2014

Women's  
Walk  
#94

October  
23-26  
2014



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With the intent of doing everything possible to avoid retiring a Walk, we (the board) have extended the cut-off dates as late as one week prior to the Walk date. Waiting to the last minute has caused several problems, e.g. deterioration of good sponsorship practices, scheduling and then rescheduling vacations, not enough time for the Registrar and Lay Director to fulfill their responsibilities in a timely manner, and not enough time for Camp Lakeview time to schedule another group for their facility if we have to cancel a walk.

We as the board don't think extending the cut-off dates is the answer. The board has decided to follow the guidelines for all our future walks. My prayer is that we as a community will be more pro-active when it comes to sponsorship. We should begin now asking God to direct us when it comes to sponsorship. Please pray for those who God has laid on your heart to sponsor. Be willing to share your Emmaus Walk experience with those who you may sponsor.

I am so thankful that my sponsor took the time to share with me. I have received so many blessing by going on my Emmaus walk and being involved in our Emmaus Community. None of this would have happened if was not for my sponsor. Will you consider giving someone this gift we call *Emmaus*?

DeColores,

Mike Hien  
Community Lay Director

**Fall dates:** Men's Walk 93 is Oct 16-19, 2014  
Women's Walk 94 is Oct 23-26, 2014

### Change of Information

If your mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address has changed, then please let us know. Email your change to [addresschange@columbusinemmaus.org](mailto:addresschange@columbusinemmaus.org) or contact any Board member.



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

**Emmaus Information Page (for community members):**  
[www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members)  
**User name:** columbusemmaus      **password:** 4thday

## INFORMATION FOR NEW SPONSORS

Question - As a new member of the Emmaus community, how can I sponsor someone else to experience this fantastic weekend?

Answer - First, check the packet you received during your Walk. There should be some helpful information there. But as a summary, here are some highlights of how best to begin:

1. Keep in mind who can benefit from a Walk to Emmaus. The Walk is not for everyone. Its purpose is to strengthen the local Church by strengthening its leaders.
  2. It is usually best to sponsor only ONE person or couple for each Walk. You will have many responsibilities to your pilgrim & his/her family, so don't shortchange his/her experience by trying to sponsor several people at one time.
  3. When you are ready to talk to a potential pilgrim, explain the Walk's purpose to both spouses if s/he is married. Never allow this wonderful event to become a divisive wedge in a relationship!
  4. More suggestions and expectations of sponsors can be found on our website. Simply go to [www.columbusinemmaus.org](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org). Then do the following:
    - On the left side of the page, click on "Member Information Area",
    - Use the user name and password supplied in this newsletter (p. 2),
    - On the left side, click on "Help Documents",
    - Click on the "Sponsors Checklist" on the left side
- OR
- Click on "Suggestions for Sponsors" or "Emmaus Sponsorship" on the right side.

Some of the information from your Walk and the website is redundant. But that's an effective way of reinforcing what excellent sponsorship is all about. So do your homework, and then listen to God's leading as you consider sponsoring someone for this three-day adventure!

P.S. It's not too early to start thinking and praying about sponsorship for the Flights and Walks in the fall.

**Chrysalis Flights #53 & 54** is August 30-September 1

**Men's Walk #93** is October 16-19

**Women's Walk #94** is October 23-26

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**May Community Gathering - 7pm**

Friday, May 16, 2014

Seymour First Nazarene Church

311 Myers Street, Seymour, IN

(just off US 50, north of Burger King)

**A-L bring snacks and drinks**

**Board Meetings**

The Rock - 3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

**Chrysalis** - Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30 pm

- Tuesday, June 3 at 6:00 pm

**Emmaus** - Saturday, May 10 at 9 am

- Saturday, June 14 at 9 am