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"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him..." - Luke 24:31a (NIV)



**Heart of Ohio Emmaus
Pilgrim Application
2010.03.07**

The Heart of Ohio Emmaus and Chrysalis Community

Section 1 – To be completed by the candidate

Please PRINT all information CLEARLY

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Name for Name Tag: _____ Home Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____

Street Address _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

Age: _____ Number of Children: _____ Marital Status: Single ___ Married ___ Separated ___ Divorced ___ Widowed ___

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Are you on a special diet or medication? _____ if so, please specify: _____

Do you have a health problem or physical limitation that may affect your attendance at Emmaus? _____ if so, please specify: _____

Name and denomination of church you are now attending: _____ none: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Church Phone #: (____) _____

Close Friend: _____ Friend's Phone #: (____) _____

Has the Heart of Ohio Emmaus Walk been explained to you? _____ If married, has it been explained to your spouse? _____

State briefly why you want to be involved in the Emmaus community and what expect from it: _____

Section 2 – To be completed by Sponsor

Please PRINT all information CLEARLY

Sponsor's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone #: (____) _____ Cell #: (____) _____

Email: _____

Community, #, & Date of Sponsor's Emmaus/Chrysalis/Cursillo Weekend:

Comments: _____

Please review application and correct any personal information that is not printed CLEARLY. Applicants will receive a postcard indicating the application was received. **Specific weekend choices are subject to availability.** Applicants will be contacted by letter prior to the Walk weekend when an opening becomes available for that specific weekend. After confirmation is received, the sponsor will receive an information packet to share with the applicant to assist him/her in the decision to attend a weekend, to help him/her to enter fully into the Emmaus fellowship following the Walk, and to provide prayer, other support, and transportation to/from the weekend facility.

Women's Walks

Men's Walks

_____ Apr 8-11, 2010 – #52

_____ Mar 11-14, 2010 – #41

_____ Oct 14-17, 2010 – #53

_____ Sept 23-26, 2010 – #42

I affirm my responsibility to enroll my pilgrim in a share group and for transporting my pilgrim to the next community gathering.

Sponsor's signature: _____

Date: _____

Section 3: Mail Completed Form

Women's Registration

John & Joan Johnston – (419) 368-5223
2078 State Route 511
Perrysville, OH 44864
Email: johnjoanjohnston@verizon.net

STOP! Before mailing this application, please visit www.heartofohioemmaus.org and ensure you have the most current application. Registrars may change each January; avoid mail delays by using a current application.

Men's Registration

Dave and Kathy Powell – (740) 965-4645
13868 Perfect Road
Sunbury, OH 43074
Email: dkpowell68@gmail.com

Please attach a non-refundable \$25.00 deposit that will be applied toward the contribution of \$115.00*; the \$90.00 balance is due Thursday night of the Walk. Make checks payable to HEART OF OHIO EMMAUS. *Contribution is subject to change due to camp fee increases. Specific weekend choices are subject to availability. Each applicant will be personally confirmed for a particular weekend according to space.

(Registrar's Use Only) Date Received: ____/____/____ Check #: _____ Amount Paid: \$ _____ Acknowledgment Sent: ____/____/____

What is The Walk To Emmaus?

The *Walk to Emmaus* is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

The *Walk to Emmaus* experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The *Walk to Emmaus* typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

During and after the three days, Emmaus leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small groups. The members of the small groups challenge and support one another in faithful living. The three-day Emmaus experience and follow-up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world.

The Upper Room, a ministry unit of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, sponsors the *Walk to Emmaus* and offers it through local Emmaus groups around the world. Although connected through The Upper Room to The United Methodist Church, The Walk to Emmaus is ecumenical.

The Walk to Emmaus Model

The *Walk to Emmaus* gets its name from the story in Luke 24:13-35, which provides the central image for the three-day experience and follow-up. Luke tells the story of that first Easter afternoon when the risen Christ appeared to the two disciples who were walking together along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Like Christians and churches who are blinded by preoccupation with their own immediate difficulties, these two disciples' sadness and hopelessness seemed to prevent them from seeing God's redemptive purpose in things that had happened.

And yet, the risen Christ "came near and went with them," opening the disciples' eyes to his presence and lighting the fire of God's love in their hearts. As they walked to Emmaus, Jesus explained to them the meaning of all the scriptures concerning himself. When they arrived in Emmaus, Jesus "took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them," and their eyes were opened. They recognized him as Jesus, the risen Lord, and they remembered how their hearts had burned within them as they talked with him on the road. Within the hour, the two disciples left Emmaus and returned immediately to their friends in Jerusalem. As they told stories about their encounters with the risen Lord, Jesus visited them again with a fresh awareness of his living presence.

However, the story of Jesus' resurrection does not conclude with the disciples' personal spiritual experiences. Jesus ascended to the Father, and the disciples became the body of the risen Christ through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. The disciples were sent forth by the Spirit to bear witness to the good news of God in Jesus Christ. They learned to walk in the spirit of Jesus, to proclaim the gospel to a disbelieving world, and to persevere in grace through spiritual companionship with one another.

The *Walk to Emmaus* offers today's disciples a parallel opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and to form friendships that foster faith and support spiritual maturity. While Emmaus provides a pathway to the mountaintop of God's love, it also supports pilgrims' return to the world in the power of the Spirit to share the love they have received with a hurtful and hurting world.

The *Walk to Emmaus* is grounded theologically and institutionally in The Upper Room ministry unit of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church.

However, The *Walk to Emmaus* is ecumenical. The program invites and involves the participation of Christians of many denominations. Emmaus is ecumenical not only because members of many denominations participate, but because Emmaus seeks to foster Christian unity and to reinforce the whole Christian community. This is one of the great strengths and joys of the Emmaus movement. The fact that Emmaus is ecumenical does not mean it is theologically indifferent. On the contrary, The Walk to Emmaus is designed to communicate with confidence and depth the essentials of the Christian life, while accentuating those features that Christians have traditionally held in common.

The Upper Room *Walk to Emmaus* is a tightly designed event that is conducted with discipline according to a manual that is universally standard. Emmaus is offered only with the permission and under the guidelines of The Upper Room. This ensures a proven format and a common experience that should be trustworthy from weekend to weekend wherever Emmaus is being offered.

Who should go on a "Walk"?

Emmaus is for the development of Christians who:

- ✓ wish to gain a fuller understanding of God's love
- ✓ wish to strengthen their friendship with Christ
- ✓ may have unanswered questions about what it means to be a Christian
- ✓ understand that being Christ's friend, or Christian involves responsibility
- ✓ are open to dedicating their everyday lives to God.

To participate in a *Walk to Emmaus* fill out the registration form on the reverse side. To obtain more information about contact the Registrar listed on the reverse side.