



**REGISTRATION
For the Walk to Emmaus
The Wilmington Area Emmaus Community
In Wilmington, Ohio**

**Walk to
Emmaus**
THE UPPER ROOM

Walk to Emmaus Registration Forms

Dear Sponsor,

Here you will find the forms necessary to register someone for the Walk to Emmaus. Two forms must be completed – one by you, the Sponsor, which you will find on the back of this information sheet, and the other, should be detached and given to the Pilgrim to fill out. Please have the **Pilgrim return his/her registration form to you**, so that **YOU** can return the forms and the deposit together. **Please note:** both Sponsor & Pilgrim forms, PLUS a \$25 deposit, must be returned together for the application to be considered complete. Registration forms should be submitted **at least two weeks before the start of a Walk**. Responses from the Pilgrims should be received two weeks before a Walk and *may* not be accepted less than one week before a Walk.

Please return both registration forms and \$25 deposit to:

Wilmington Area Emmaus Community
Wilmington United Methodist Church
PO Box 191
Wilmington, OH 45177

UPCOMING WALKS:

**Men's Walk, February 23-26, 2012
Men's Walk, September 27-30, 2012**

**Women's Walk, June 21-24, 2012
Women's Walk, October 25-28, 2012**

The fee to attend a Wilmington Area Emmaus Walk Weekend is \$75.00
A deposit of \$25 is required with the application.
The total is due at registration on Thursday night of the Walk.
If you cannot afford the fee ask about our Scholarship Program.

Sponsorship: A Total Commitment

Probably the most personal way you can provide agape love is to sponsor someone on a walk. Not to be taken lightly, this probably requires about a yearlong commitment to that person. A sponsor is a person who has been through an Emmaus (or similar) experience, is willing to share that experience with a prospective Emmaus participant and is active in their Fourth Day by participating in a reunion or share group. It starts with explaining what Emmaus is about and answering their questions.

The candidate should already be on a pilgrimage, willing to grow and move forward in his/her journey of faith. They know that God has made a difference in their life and must be able to “clear their plate” to give full attention to the message and experience of the Walk during the weekend and its follow-up activities.

There are booklets available through the Upper Room’s Emmaus Library Series that are wonderful resources to help you through the process, two of which are, “*Sponsorship*” by Richard and Janine R. Gilmore and “*Day Four: The Pilgrims Continued Journey*” by Robert Wood and Marie Livingston Roy, and the “*Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus*” referenced below.

The Wilmington Area Emmaus Community is strengthened by committed sponsors. The following steps are from the “*Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus*” ten steps in sponsoring a prospective pilgrim.

1. Pray for the person’s openness to God’s call to discipleship, not for how to get him or her to go a Walk.
2. Make an appointment with the person or couple for the purpose of discussing participation in Emmaus.
3. Extend an invitation. Invite the prospective pilgrim to attend for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ, not just an event to go to. Share your faith; explain the basic elements of the Walk, its purpose, and follow-up dimensions. Take the attitude that you are giving the person a wonderful gift rather than that he or she needs to go.
4. Ask the person to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both.
5. Continue to pray for your prospective pilgrim, prepare agape letters, and enlist the support of their pastor. Collect at least 15 personal agape letters. Do not ask the team to deliver personal gifts during the three days.
6. Support the Walk through your prayers during the 72 hour prayer vigil and your presence at Send-Off, Sponsors’ Hour, Candlelight, and Closing. Support the pilgrim’s family by house-sitting, baby-sitting, watering plants, picking up mail, feeding pets, or just checking in with a spouse to see if any help is needed.
7. Encourage the pilgrim in his or her Fourth Day involvement. Give your friend an opportunity to talk through the experience. Help the pilgrim find a group, or be prepared to start a group with him or her for a period of time until others join the group. Take the pilgrim to Gatherings as your guest for a couple of months or more.
8. Help the pilgrim reenter his or her church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm.
9. Inform the pilgrim of ways to serve the Emmaus Community and future Walks.
10. Help the pilgrim sponsor others.

Enlarge your “Sponsorship Toolkit” by keeping these ten steps with your Fourth Day Book so that you can refer to them, Remember, Christ is Counting on Us.

Other considerations include:

- Only sponsoring persons who are active in a church
- Waiting to sponsor someone who is experiencing a time of emotional trial, such as a serious health problem, death or divorce until these issues are resolved
- Having a co-sponsor if you are sponsoring a pilgrim while you are serving on a team
- Waiting at least six weeks after your walk before sponsoring

Date Received _____

WILMINGTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY SPONSOR FORM

SPONSOR'S COVENANT AGREEMENT

I am making this covenant to volunteer to sign up with my pilgrim to be a *willing servant* on the walk following his/her pilgrim walk. We will serve in one or more of these areas: Kitchen, Logistics, Agape, or Prayer Vigil. I will also assist my pilgrim in seeking a share group.

Sponsor's Signature _____

Pilgrim's Name _____

Sponsor(s) Name(s) _____

Sponsor's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Sponsor's Email Address _____

Where did you attend Emmaus/Cursillo? _____

Do you get our newsletter? _____ Or read it on line? _____

Have you served as a Sponsor in this Community before? _____

How long have you known the Pilgrim? _____

Sponsorship requirements

- Bring your Pilgrim to registration Thursday night of the Walk Weekend
- Take the Pilgrim home when the Walk is completed
- See to the special needs of the Pilgrim's family during the Walk
- Attend Sponsor's hour on Thursday night of the Walk Weekend
- Attend Candlelight and Closing
- Explain Monthly Gatherings and Sharing Groups
- Be aware of the importance of no contact with the Pilgrim during the weekend especially if he/she is your spouse
- Assist your Pilgrim in finding a Sharing Group and emphasize its importance
- Collect at least 15 agape letters from close friends and relatives
- **If you are serving on the team please tell us who will fulfill your responsibilities** _____

Please make any additional comments that you believe may be helpful: _____

Please plan to arrive at the Church with your Pilgrim between 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. on the Thursday of the Walk for registration. A light meal will be served. The balance of his/her \$75 fee will be due at that time.

PLEASE NOTE!! Submitting a registration form and deposit does not guarantee a place on the next Walk; there may be a waiting list. Tell your Pilgrim to watch for his/her Walk invitation in the mail.