



Information & Application Form for Walks to Emmaus October 2010

Walk #47 (Men) 21 – 24 October 2010
Walk #48 (Ladies) 28 – 31 October 2010

Venue: **Sumcay, Port Elizabeth**

Port Elizabeth Emmaus Community

What is a Walk to Emmaus?

In Luke 24 we read the story of the Risen Christ appearing to two who were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. He explained the Scriptures and their hearts were warmed. Their eyes were only fully opened to recognize Him when Christ took bread, blessed and broke it, then gave it to them. Filled with joy they rushed back to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples.

This story provides the image for the Emmaus movement which came to South Africa in 1990 from the United Methodist Church in the USA, which, in turn developed it from the Spanish Roman Catholic Cursillo de Cristiandad (*a short course in Christianity*) which started in the late 1940's. The movement is true to Protestant theology and is ecumenical in practice. God is using Emmaus in Southern Africa to bring reconciliation between races and renewal to Christians and their church communities.

The purpose of Emmaus

Emmaus aims to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for CHRISTIAN ACTION in their homes, church communities and places of work. It provides a means by which we can grow together in love, grace and servanthood as members of the BODY OF CHRIST.

What happens at Emmaus?

The "Walk to Emmaus" is a 72-hour experience (Thursday evening to Sunday evening). This time is spent studying, discussing, worshipping and living together, beginning with a time of **silent preparation from bedtime on Thursday night until breakfast on Friday morning. 15 TALKS** delivered by clergy and laity, form the basis of discussions and projects. These present the themes of God's Grace and how **grace comes alive** in the Christian Community and expresses itself in the world. You will have the opportunity to celebrate **Holy Communion daily** and begin to understand more fully **the Presence of Christ in the Body of His Believers**. This is enhanced by the prayers and acts of love of a living support community, locally and around the world.

What else should I know?

Come to Emmaus with a spirit of charity and open-mindedness, ready to receive whatever God, through Jesus, has in store for you. Come and be soaked in the wonderful Agapé Love of Christ.

Time will not be an issue for you as a pilgrim – **for 72 hours TIME will be solely in the Hands of God and the leadership of the Walk**. You will be required to pack away your watch and clocks, radios, cameras and cell phones (or you may wish to leave these at home). Any necessary medication times can be supplied to the leadership who will ensure that you will take it on time, and any telephone calls (where absolutely necessary) coming in or going out will be done for you via the Assistant Lay Directors on the Walk. This is done so that you are not bound in any way by the 'world' while you enjoy a stress-free time of fellowship and fun interspersed with input and meeting times with your Lord.

Who should go to Emmaus?

Emmaus is for growing Christians who are open to experience the Grace and Love of God in new ways through the Christian community. More especially, it is for those who will be committed to make a difference as a result of this experience.

What happens after a "Walk"?

One of the primary strengths of Emmaus is the follow-up. Your weekend lasts 3 days (72 hours), but you are invited to build on it for the rest of your life, through:

- Expanding your spiritual life through study and congregational participation at your own church community;

- Becoming more active as a disciple of Christ in the world through your home church;

To nurture this discipleship, Emmaus also offers some specific opportunities (these are not compulsory):

- A small reunion group that meets regularly to maintain spiritual accountability;
- Monthly community gatherings for fellowship and worship;
- Opportunities and training to support and participate in leading (a) future Walk(s).

PORT ELIZABETH EMMAUS COMMUNITY

For further information about Emmaus, contact:

Community Spiritual Director:
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Community Lay Director:
ANTHONY VAN ECK Cell: 079 373 3527
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Total cost for Walk #45 & Walk #46: R450.00 Per Walk.

Please pay your non-refundable deposit of R100.00 cash/electronic transfers to:

Standard Bank,
P E Emmaus
Branch Code: 05 04 17
Account Number: 383 707 145
Reference: Your Initials and surname
Cheques payable to "P.E. Emmaus"

Please attach proof of payment with application form

How to apply to participate in Emmaus:

The attached application form needs to be completed by ALL of the following if it is to be considered:

- ✓ The **APPLICANT**.
- ✓ The **SPIRITUAL SPONSOR**. This is someone who has already attended a Walk to Emmaus and will undertake to explain the weekend, pray for the participant and assist in practical requirements.
- ✓ The **APPLICANT'S OWN MINISTER OR PASTOR** in order to be in submission to the home church. (If a minister or pastor requires more details, the Emmaus Spiritual Director can be contacted).

Limited numbers of men or women respectively can be accommodated on any one weekend and there is usually a waiting list. Your application will be considered prayerfully and you will be informed for which weekend you have been accepted. **Please note, therefore, that this document is purely an application and not a confirmation that you will be on the pending Walk.** In the event of cancellation or query, please contact the registrar.

EMMAUS WALK APPLICATION FORM

**** [This is merely an application, not a guarantee of being on this Walk]**

* [Complete and return together with your deposit or proof of payment to:]

EMMAUS REGISTRAR
P.O. Box 34556, Newton Park, 6045
Port Elizabeth

or fax application and proof of payment to 086 673 1889

To be completed by the Applicant:

**** NB – it is important that names are completed by the applicant, with correct spelling – as you would want it on your nametag.** [Please **PRINT** details in **ALL** the blanks]

SURNAME: _____ Title: _____

FIRST NAME/S: _____

NAME USUALLY CALLED: _____

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

_____ Code: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (H): _____ (W): _____

(CELL): _____ Email: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: Day: _____ Month: _____ AGE: _____ Gender: _____

Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Widowed

Please specify any special conditions that may affect your Walk: E.g. Health, special diet, handicap, medication:

Your home Church Name, Denomination and area: _____

State briefly why you wish to attend the Walk to Emmaus and what you expect from it:

While you are on the "Walk" it may be necessary to contact someone to see to your family and your home.

****NB.** Please supply the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three close family members or friends (important):

1. _____

Phone home () _____ Work () _____

2. _____

Phone home () _____ Work () _____

3. _____

Phone home () _____ Work () _____

To be completed by the applicant's Minister/Pastor

I support this application to attend a Walk to Emmaus

Minister's name: _____ Signature _____

Phone Cell () _____ Work () _____

Email _____

For further information on the Emmaus Walk' please phone
Rev. Terry Beadon at 046 648 1485 or Cell: 082 788 0437.

To be completed by the Spiritual Sponsor

I accept the commitment and I have attached the Sponsor's checklist.

Name of Sponsor: _____ Signature _____

Phone home () _____ Work () _____

Phone Cell () _____ Email _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

PAID: Cash / Cheque (No. _____) etc _____

AMOUNT: Full / R100 deposit / other: R _____ DATE RECEIVED: _____

For WALK # _____ DATE: _____

Letter mailed to candidate: _____ Letter mailed to sponsor: _____