



Requirements of Sponsorship

Port Elizabeth Emmaus Community

Only someone who has been on a Walk to Emmaus can fulfil this role. Sponsorship does not require paying for participants, but rather ensuring that they derive spiritual benefit from the Walk. It involves:

1. Prayerful selection of applicants in consultation with the sponsor's accountability group and the applicant's minister or pastor.
2. Submit the application forms and deposit, to the registrar for consideration by the PE Emmaus Board.
3. Support for the Walk before, during and after. This includes the following:
 - Praying for the applicant.
 - Explaining the Walk to the candidate and his/her spouse before submitting this application form.
 - Discuss the Walk with his/her family/friends for appropriate support and encouragement and care for them over the period of the Walk.
 - Arrange for transport to and from the Walk venue.
 - Participate in activities that make the Walk a special blessing.
 - Help the participant attend follow-up activities after the Walk.

Emmaus relies on sponsorship to bring other Christians from all walks of life, denominations and races, to share this experience. The personal character of sponsorship underlines the personal care and commitment of God to *each Pilgrim*. With the Emmaus experience being passed on from persons to person, this reflects the nature of God and the manner in which God reaches out to people through people.

Sponsorship is integral to some of the unique features and strengths of Emmaus – a discerning approach to recruitment, personal agape and prayer for the pilgrim, plus the sponsor's presence at sponsor's hour, send-off, candlelight, closing and getting the pilgrim involved in a reunion/accountability group.

Because of sponsorship, Emmaus Walks have never been cancelled due to lack of participants. As a pilgrim we all want to share the gift of those 3 days with others. Wise sponsorship assists Emmaus in making the three days an act of relevant and appropriate sacrificial love from the beginning to the end.

Appropriate sponsorship cannot be overemphasized. The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus movement and the church being affected by the Emmaus movement. Good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus movement that is fulfilling its true purpose – the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry.

Remember a Walk can only accommodate a maximum from any one congregation, the reasons being:

- Too many leaders away from the same church will place a strain on the congregation that there may also be people serving on team from the same congregation.

- More than 4 pilgrims' presents difficulties in placing them on tables – a pilgrim should not be on the same table as another member of the same congregation.

Why do we sponsor?

One should sponsor with the follow aims – to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians, who in turn will bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace and community and to build up the body of Christ. Sponsorship is not “to get all my friends to go”, to fill up the weekend, or to fix people’s problems.

Things to avoid in sponsorship

Do not sponsor a pilgrim because you believe they will have fun!

Do not sponsor if you are on team for the same weekend, because

- You cannot fulfil your sponsorship duties properly because you cannot be contacted by the pilgrim’s family if needed. In addition, you cannot effectively pray for your pilgrim.
- You cannot transport your pilgrim to and from the venue
- You cannot attend activities that make the weekend a special blessing.
- Do not sponsor just because you had a wonderful time and therefore you believe everyone will – this is not true
- Do not tell people they have to attend Emmaus. Emmaus is a ministry, it is not the ministry

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.

For further information about Emmaus, contact:

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Should you wish to deposit directly to our account, please post the deposit

slip/proof of payment to:

EMMAUS REGISTRAR

P.O. Box 34556, Newton Park, 6045 or fax to 086 673 1889

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”

Sponsor’s checklist for a Walk to Emmaus



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A pilgrim’s attendance at a Walk needs to be prayerfully considered and is dependent on you as a sponsor fulfilling your obligations.

Please read the following checklist carefully and initial next to each responsibility to indicate that this sponsorship has been approached appropriately.

This form MUST be returned with the pilgrim’s application form before the Registrar will consider the application.

Pilgrim’s Name: _____

1. I have prayerfully considered this pilgrim’s suitability and readiness for the Walk. _____
2. The pilgrim is currently committed to or involved in the church. _____
3. I have approached the pilgrim’s minister or pastor who indicates their support. _____
4. I have explained the Emmaus programme and the financial implication to the pilgrim _____
5. I have taken a prayer slot/s on the weekend 72-hour prayer schedule. _____
6. I have organised and will collect agape letters for the pilgrim. _____
(No presents, flowers or large items please)
7. I am aware of my commitment to my Pilgrim over the Walk.
 - ✓ I have arranged to take my pilgrim to the Walk venue _____
 - ✓ I will attend Sponsor’s Hour, pray for my pilgrim and be at the send-off. _____
 - ✓ I will attend Candlelight _____
 - ✓ I will attend the Closing Ceremony _____
 - ✓ I will collect my pilgrim at the end of the Walk _____
8. Which Accountability group will you encourage your pilgrim to join? _____
9. I will encourage my pilgrim to attend future gatherings with me. _____
10. I will encourage my Pilgrim to follow through on fresh hopes and new commitments _____
11. I will encourage my Pilgrim to serve the Emmaus Community (and future Walks) _____
12. I will help my Pilgrim sponsor others. _____
13. I will continue to pray for my Pilgrim _____
14. Is the applicant married? _____ Is the spouse also being sponsored? _____ / _____

Sponsor’s name: _____

Email address: _____ Cell: _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Signature _____

Date _____