



Superiorland Emmaus Community

The Walk to

Emmaus

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Welcome to the Community!

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Gathering...Come and get to know the community and let them get to know you!! November 7th, at Wesley UMC in Ishpeming at 5 pm. The gathering consists of a potluck and sharing, then afterwards there is a time of singing, a brief talk, and communion. All who have attended walks are welcome to come. There will be a board meeting prior to the gathering at 3 pm, and community is welcome to sit in. So bring a dish to pass and join us!!! We look forward to meeting you-all.

Future Walks Locations to be Discussed at Next Meeting.

. . . The Emmaus board of directors will be considering the location and dates of future Emmaus walks at its next board meeting on November 7th. They would like your feedback on the pluses and minuses of the walks at Camp Michigamme (both men and women) and whether to hold future walks there, other locations to hold walks on the in next couple of years, and when or how often to hold future walks (i.e., fall versus spring, once a year versus twice a year, etc.). Please contact any board member, or send your comments to Dave Poplawski (906-482-8819, pop@mtu.edu, 1002 Tenth Avenue, Houghton, MI 49931).

MEN - READ THIS!

Dates Selected for Spring Walks

Men's, April 15-18th, Women's, April 22-25th. Both will be held at Houghton Grace UMC. Be in prayer of who you should sponsor. Lay Director for the Women's Walk will be Judy Smith, Men's Lay Director will be Don Miller. Team selection committee: Kathy Jo Doney (chair), Rev. John Henry, Jill Paris, Trina Johnson, Judy Smith, and Don Miller.

Guys... It is very important that if you are able and willing to work the men's walk on April 15-18, 2010 in Houghton that you fill out and mail in the volunteer form. Last year the auxiliary directory had to make over 200 phone calls to put together a team of about 20 guys. Save this year's auxiliary director that time, effort and cost. Please, volunteer NOW! Thanks.

Dear Members of the Superiorland Emmaus Community,

As Registrar for the Fall Walks held at Camp Michigamme, I had the privilege to serve God in a mighty way. I was blessed with the opportunity to share in the experience of sponsoring candidates to the walk by phone and by mail. The one most incredible fact that occurred during this time as Registrar was the miracle, as I perceived it, that opened my eyes to the great need of sponsorship.

I received the first candidate applications for the Women's Walk in March and April for the Men's Walk. I was asked if this was too soon and replied, "the sooner the better". I had the opportunity to ask God in the name of His Son Jesus Christ to fill these walks to the fullest capacity, especially the Men's Walk and I know that I was joined by many of you in doing so! That is our first order of business, to pray without ceasing!

The thing that surprised me the most was that at least two or three men asked IF they could come on a walk and at least three or four women asked IF they could come on a Walk. They did not have a sponsor, but a sponsor was found for them because you cannot attend a walk without a sponsor.

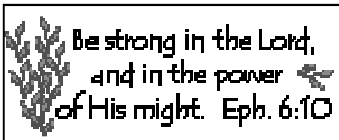
I believe from this experience that the want is great in all our communities and we are all responsible to the commitment we made at our own cross ceremonies when we were told "Christ is counting on you" and we responded "and I am counting on Christ". In doing so we should all be praying for the multitudes of people that we could sponsor by asking the Holy Spirit to soften and make right their hearts, then invite them and their spouse to a walk, pray some more and allow the Holy Spirit to do the work of getting them there.

I have been blessed by serving God in the capacity of Registrar and I know the Pilgrims, now the newest members of the Superiorland Community have also been blessed because someone took the time to sponsor them. What a way to serve God as our model Jesus Christ did for us!

He came to serve, not to be served.

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In His Name, Mickey Hakala



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SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS WALK - TEAM VOLUNTEER FORM

Team Selection Guidelines

Progressive Servanthood (Conference Room)

The purpose of an established progression of responsibilities for Emmaus community members is twofold: Leadership training and spiritual development. A person's readiness to carry out his or her particular assignment effectively often depends on and is always enhanced by prior experience in another position. The progression of responsibilities starts with support roles (Auxiliary area, set-up, kitchen, agape) and then moves into the conference room. Entry positions for the Conference Room Team are either Assistant Table Leader (and possibly speaker) or Table Leader (and possibly speaker). Experience in both positions is necessary before progressing to Assistant Lay Director. Having served in one position does not assure that the person will move to the next step in the progression.

Anonymous Positions of Servanthood (Auxiliary areas)

Emmaus leadership begins and ends with anonymous positions of servanthood, such as working in the kitchen, praying in the chapel, sorting letters in the mail room and cleaning bathrooms. This kind of sacrifice and servanthood is the heart of Emmaus and is where the development of Christian leadership begins. Those who seek "important jobs" probably need to be assigned more humble tasks for their own sake as well as for the good of the community. Those who first give of themselves wholeheartedly and joyfully to the humblest duties are probably the ones who eventually need to be with the pilgrims in the conference room, setting an example and sharing their spirit.

The following information is requested for Team Selection Committee Records
PLEASE, fill out to the best of your knowledge. Please Print.

Have you ever worked on an Emmaus Team before? _____ If yes, please check below all roles you have performed:

Conference Room:

Auxiliary Area:

Names of Talks:

Lay Director _____

Asst. Lay Director _____

Table Leader _____

Asst. Table Leader _____

Board Representative _____

Spiritual Director (clergy) Talk(s): _____

Music in conference room _____

Singing _____

Music for Candlelight _____

Entertainment _____

Played an instrument _____

Wednesday night set up _____ Bathroom _____

Sunday morning tear down _____ Courier (Gopher) _____

Receptions _____ Photographer _____

Kitchen _____ as head cook _____ Prayer Chapel _____

Dining Room _____ Book/Merchandise table _____

Dishwasher _____ Candlelight _____

Snacks _____

_____ Set-up the 72 hr Prayer Vigil _____

Mail Room _____

_____ I would be interested in being an active member of the Superiorland Emmaus Community Board

Volunteer Form for the Spring 2010 Walks
Men: April 15-18; Women: April 22-25
at Grace United Methodist Church in Houghton

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address : _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

Home Phone : _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

I will be able to **commit to all three days** (Thursday evening 7:00 p.m. through closing on Sunday evening around 7:00 p.m.)
I will only be able to commit to the following days and times: Day: _____ Times: _____

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Are you currently active in a 4th day group? _____ If so, where? _____ Day _____ Time _____

Check here if you are currently looking for a 4th day group.

I understand that the team cost for the Emmaus weekend will be \$65.00. If I am selected to be on the team, I understand that I will be required to make a pre-registration deposit of \$15, and that the remaining \$50.00 can be paid now or at the registration on Thursday evening. I understand that if I am only able to work part of the weekend the cost will be \$22.00/day or \$8.00/meal.

Use this form only to volunteer to work on the team. Do not assume you are on the team (conference room or auxiliary) until you are contacted.

Do not send any money until you have been notified that you have been selected to be on the team.

I give my hands and feet to God; let His will be done. Servant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE MAIL BOTH PAGES OF THIS FORM TO:

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Chair, 2010 Team Selection Committee

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SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS COMMUNITY

EMMAUS WALK RESERVATION REQUEST

Applicant's Personal Information: (Please provide all requested information)

Name _____ (first name, as preferred on name tag) _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home): _____ (work): _____ (cell): _____ Email: _____

Gender (circle one): Male Female Marital Status (circle one): Single Married Widowed Divorced Separated

If married, has your spouse completed a "Walk"? _____ Where and When? _____

Do you have children? _____ If so, how many _____ Ages _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Church you are now attending

Name _____ Denomination _____ Pastor _____

Address of church: _____

Religious or community organizations in which you are active: _____

Do you have a health condition or physical handicap that may affect your attendance at an Emmaus Walk? _____

Are you on a special diet or required medication: _____. If yes to either, please specify _____

Contact person in case of emergency (other than spouse)

Name, address, phone: _____

Name of your sponsor: _____

Have the following been explained to you? The Walk To Emmaus: _____ The activities of the Emmaus Community through Emmaus groups and Post-Emmaus meetings? _____ Have you participated in a similar 3-day encounter with Christ (Cursilo, Via de Christo, de Colores, etc.): _____ State briefly why you wish to be involved in the Emmaus Community and what you expect to get from your Emmaus experience? _____

Please accept this reservation for the Emmaus week-end at: _____ on (date) _____

I understand that the cost for the Emmaus weekend is **\$65.00**, and my pre-registration deposit of **\$15.00** is enclosed. If my reservation is accepted, I understand that the pre-registration deposit is not refundable, and that the balance of **\$50.00** can be paid now or during the week-end registration on Thursday evening.

Dated: _____ Applicant's Signature _____

Please give this completed reservation request and your deposit **to your sponsor**.

Make checks payable to: **Superiorland Emmaus Community**. (Please do not send cash.)

SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS COMMUNITY
SPRING 2010 WALKS AT HOUGHTON GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SPONSOR INFORMATION

(To be filled out by sponsor and returned with the candidate's application and deposit)

Candidate Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor's Mailing Address : _____
(City) (State) (Zip)

Sponsor's phone (home): _____ (work): _____ (cell): _____ E-Mail: _____

Sponsor's Place of Worship : _____

Where did you make your walk to Emmaus? _____

Are you praying for your candidate? _____

Why do you feel this person would be a good candidate? _____

Does your candidate have any special needs? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please contact the Lay Director. Thank You!

If your Candidate is married, have you discussed the Walk to Emmaus with his/her spouse? _____ Have you encouraged the spouse to attend the corresponding weekend? _____ Will you assist your Candidate in joining an Emmaus Group? _____ Will you bring your Candidate to the weekend site? _____ Can you care for the needs of the Candidate's family over the weekend? _____ Are you aware of the importance of minimal contact with your Candidate during the weekend, especially if the Candidate is your spouse? _____

Sponsor: Please make sure that you have fully completed this form and all questions are answered before mailing it, along with the completed candidate application and deposit, to the registrar.

As a sponsor, I understand ALL of MY responsibilities and will prayerfully work to comply with them prior to, during and following the Walk.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE WALK

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PRAY FOR YOUR CANDIDATE!

SUGGESTIONS FOR SPONSORS

Here are a few suggestions for recruitment that should increase your effectiveness, help you properly interpret Emmaus, and effectualize your responsibility in sharing God's grace as a sponsor.

1. When you are talking to a married person, we suggest you talk with both husband and wife. We want both husband and wife to make the decision together. Their applications should be turned in together.
2. Remember, the Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. These three days cannot rectify every problem marriage, entuse every disenchanted church member, cure disturbed persons, or make saints of sinners. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to change environments through Christian leaders. Pilgrims should at least know where the path is, if they are not already walking it. We don't need just any candidates, we need the best.
3. Feel free to share with a potential applicant what Emmaus meant for you as fully as will help, realizing that all explanations will fall short. It's not that we are not allowed to tell what went on, but that it is difficult to explain. We want their experience to be fresh, especially for Candlelight and agape letters which will hopefully be surprises.
4. Don't assume the person you are sponsoring will experience the same things you did. Each of us is at a different place on our spiritual journey. For some, the Emmaus experience will be a mountaintop, a new beginning. For others, it will be strengthening for the journey they are already on. We must not pre-judge our candidates or set them up with unhelpful expectations.
5. To assure the applicant you are personally interested in their attending, make plans to bring them to the Emmaus site for Send-Off. Your bringing them, helping them with suitcases and registrations, and sharing in the Send-Off and Sponsor's Hour is a form of prayer and sacrifice.
6. During the weekend, you and your family become a substitute for the pilgrim. Leave your phone number with their spouse. Do something special for them during the weekend like giving them a few hours during the day for personal time. Share a meal with them. Let the pilgrim's spouse know that you love and care for them.
7. You have responsibilities to the pilgrim. Pray for him/her during the weekend. Write him/her letters of prayers and sacrifice and make sure others do likewise, especially those closest to them. Support your pilgrim with your presence at Candlelight and Closing.
8. After the Walk, stay in contact and support the pilgrim you sponsor during their Fourth Day. Be responsible for getting them to the Fourth Day meeting following their Walk. Take them to at least their first gathering. Help them become involved in a Group Reunion as soon as possible.