

Superiorland Emmaus Guidelines

Technology and Electronics equipment:

"Electronics are not allowed in the conference room except for a speaker presentation, and discrete texting between team members to coordinate Emmaus activities.

Emmaus Manual Compliance:

Conference Team Sleeping Arrangements: Pilgrims sleep with their table members. Table Leaders and Assistant Table Leaders sleep with their table pilgrims NOT with other conference team or auxiliary team.

Registration Fees:

All team registration money to be paid no later than second team meeting; late team registrations may be approved by the Board Chairperson or Registrar.

Emmaus food budget:

Motion to encourage food purchases for each walk not to exceed \$2,000.00. Kitchen and snack people will be encouraged to ask 4th day/church groups to donate food items.

Group Photo:

It was agreed that there will be one all-inclusive group picture per walk. It is our desire to provide a high quality photograph to each member at the lowest possible cost without sacrificing quality.

Closing Reception:

Food Service at the closing reception on Sunday evening may be eliminated to aid in clean-up of the facility in a timely manner.

Pilgrim Packets Information:

Pilgrim packet information was reviewed and accepted. Only the following items are to be in the pilgrim packets: roster of pilgrim/team names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, table assignment list of pilgrims/leaders, group photo with names, Emmaus suggested reading list, things you should know sheet, points to remember sheet, sample of letter requesting agape letters, fourth day book and a colored sheet of paper with web site information.

Mailroom Agape Letters:

A manila envelope will be included in the sponsor letter for placement of candidate agape letters. Envelope is to be turned into mailroom on Thursday evening. The Auxiliary Manual will be update with new guidelines. A board member with knowledge will go over the details with auxiliary directors and mailroom personnel at the first overnight.

Keryx Experience:

A discussion about Keryx experience being acceptable for Emmaus progression followed. Wayne explained that anyone working in the prison ministry is basically working as a conference room person. After much discussion it was decided to allow prison ministry workers to enter the Emmaus Conference Room at any level.

Emmaus Mailing List:

We will remove from the Emmaus newsletter mailing list, all Emmaus personal who have not been active in Superiorland Emmaus activities within the last five (5) years, with this five (5) year removal being ongoing each year hereafter. All Emmaus newsletters, shall be by e-mail, and posted on the Superiorland web-site, unless a member does not have email access.

Special Chair Donation:

Gwinn United Methodist Church donated the "Lord's" chair used for our Emmaus Sunday dinners at each walk. Special care should be given to protect the chair while in our possession and should the Superiorland Emmaus Community ever dissolve the chair will be returned to GUMC.

\$10 Deposit on Emmaus Handbooks:

A \$10 deposit will be charged for all Emmaus handbooks which will be refunded when the book is turned back in to the Emmaus Board. This handbook is a mandatory guide for all board members.

Prerequisite for Emmaus Participation:

I. All persons who wish to work an Emmaus weekend, whether in the Conference Room or the Auxiliary shall embrace a lifestyle compatible with biblical teaching. Since the Christian community is made up entirely of sinners saved by grace, all Emmaus team members will be able to point to past sinful lifestyles, but we have been called to "put off" the practice of the old life and "put on" the new life offered by Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:17-24). We also celebrate the God who offers forgiving and restoring grace to Christian believers even when they've fallen into open sin. Full restoration to participation/leadership teams may require a period of discipline/spiritual formation as determined by the Superiorland Board.

II. Superiorland Emmaus understands that some pilgrims arrive for a weekend without having ever encountered Jesus. Consequently, the expectations of pilgrims are very different than the expectations for team members. There are no pre-conditions for pilgrims except to treat others with respect and to cooperate with team leaders. We pray the Holy Spirit will use each weekend to help pilgrims experience God's love in deeper ways and to hear God's call to repentance and faith through Holy Scripture, the talks of lay people and clergy people and through the relationships pilgrims develop with team members and each other.

Walk Cancellation & Pilgrim Count:

The board realizes the ideal minimum number of pilgrims for a walk is twelve (12). If 12 pilgrims are not signed up two weeks prior to the start of a walk the board will convene (in person or electronically) to decide how to proceed. Only upon considering all factors may the board cancel a walk with a majority vote.