

Agape Chair

Specific to Upper Room SVEC- 2020

1. The Agape Committee Chair is a member of the Board of Directors. In addition to general Board participation for Emmaus policy, this individual oversees and mobilizes community efforts to express Agape Love.
2. The Agape Chair will build a committee that can work together to complete the many different aspects for expressing Agape, including:
 - **Interpreting Agape Love and ways to express it** to the community (Gatherings, newsletters, eBlasts, website, etc.)
 - Lead Agape making workshops at Gatherings and other appropriate settings
 - Staff the Agape room during Walks
3. The Agape Chair should work towards scheduling with the Assistant Community Lay Director to hold one or two Gatherings that would emphasize the theme of Agape Love.
4. *Traditionally, the Agape Chair in Emmaus Communities is the representative for Agape exchanges with other Emmaus Communities. That involves communications/invitations for acquiring Community Agape letters from other communities and providing SVEC letters on request. In Shenandoah Valley Emmaus, the role of exchanging Agape Letters with various communities is conducted by the Prayer Coordinator who will use the Upper Room's Online Agape connections for these exchanges.*
5. A-Team notebook is prepared for Fourth Day Packet originals -Agape Room supplies.

Items needed before the walks: An online sign-up has been established to assist in recruiting Agape: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080545aaae22a1f58-agape>

- Placemats needs to be colored -- 3 different placemats for each walk- different designs for each meal, and different designs for the men's and women's walk.
- Colorful Fabric Agape Bags -- 60 bags for each walk, but the number does depend on how many are returned by team members and the current registrations.
- Community Letters -- Copies of the "other communities" letters need to be provided for the Justifying Grace Talk which is on Friday.
- Tissues ...
- Bathroom Items for baskets (toothbrushes/toothpaste/deodorant/ powders)
Bathrooms need to be stocked before pilgrims arrive on Thursday
- Napkins and Table Cloths for Saturday Dinner
- Candles for Altars: A candle supply box is maintained and stored with Agape Supplies. A list of needed candle replacements held in reserve for the worship boxes is appended in the A team notebook

THURSDAY of the Walk:

Receive the Agape from the community

FRIDAY of the Walk:

1. Counting of each item and putting them in stacks for 14 different distributions
(Breakfast: Conference and Dining Room/Lunch: Conference and Dining Room/
Dinner: Conference and Dining Room/Bed)

The amount of Agape is gradually increased as the weekend progresses.

2. Print Fourth Day Packet copies and other community copies at the camp Overlook Office. Originals and quantities are in the A Team Notebook.

3. Purchase needed Agape Supplies including: toiletries, tablecloths/napkins, candles

Letters for the team and pilgrims needs to be sorted and put in the appropriate mailbox slot during the weekend.

SATURDAY of the Walk:

Continue to distribute Agape when they are in the other areas. Clean off the tables as soon as they are finished eating.

Flags go out right before pilgrims go for dying moments. Windsocks, whirligigs, etc. can go out during dying moments.

Setting up for Saturday dinner is done during the long break right after lunch.

SUNDAY of the Walk:

Continue to distribute Agape.

Prepare 4th Day Packets to be given out on Walks Sunday prior to commissioning.
See the A Team Resource Book for complete packet information.

Letter bags:

Make sure that the totes are ready to be taken to the conference rooms Sunday, after lunch.
(Letters, Fourth Day packets)