



Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Community

“Therefore, go and make disciples...” Matt. 28:19

Having begun a new journey in faith through the Walk to Emmaus you know how powerful these 3 day weekends can be for calling one to new discipleship and deepening faith. Your gift of sponsorship may be the start of a life transforming event for a friend or family member. As a sponsor it is important that you be fully aware of your responsibilities and opportunities.

1. As you consider a person for Emmaus, remember that Emmaus is a method of Christian renewal in the church. *Individuals recommended for Emmaus should be those with an active desire to deepen their faith and understanding of God's love and to become closer to Christ in their daily lives and their discipleship.* Individuals struggling through crisis or mental health issues are generally not in a good position to benefit from Emmaus until circumstances have resolved. Mobility, housing issues, and special needs should also be carefully considered.

2. A sponsor provides information about Emmaus to the applicant and to the applicant's family, and provides transportation to and from the Emmaus weekend. It should be clear they are committed to the entire 72 hour experience.

3. A sponsor provides for the applicant's fees. The applicant should submit \$35.00 with the completed application form to the sponsor. The sponsor provides the \$125 balance of the fee, payable when the registration is submitted.

A sponsor is welcome to invite others to help out with the financial support.

4. A sponsor contacts friends and family of the *Pilgrim* to write letters of love and affirmation for the Pilgrim to be presented on Sunday afternoon before returning home. Letters may be dropped off on Thursday during Sponsor's Hour, or Saturday during Candlelight. Samples of letters requesting such support are available.

5. A sponsor transports their Pilgrim to camp on Thursday night arriving about 6:15. It is customary to take the pilgrim out for dinner on the way.

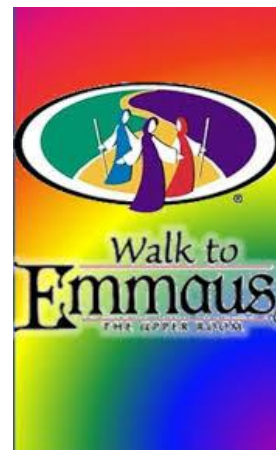
6. The sponsor accompanies their Pilgrim to Send-off and then prays over their neck cross at the following Sponsors' Hour.

7. Sponsors attend Candlelight and encourage others from the 3 Day Communities to come out and share the light and love of Christ for all the Pilgrims

8. Sponsors attend Closing and assist their Pilgrim in packing up and returning home.

9. A sponsor prays for their pilgrim before, during and after the Emmaus Weekend.

10. A sponsor assists and encourages the pilgrim to participate in Fourth Day activities, (Gatherings, Reunions, Special Events, future Candlelights, etc.)



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