



Passing on the Gift

As I sat waiting my turn to speak during the closing of TW-74, I knew exactly what I wanted to say, "I WANT TO TEAM!" I knew I wanted to come back and help others have the same experience I had just had. I was sure that I had never felt as close to the love of God as I did during my Walk. Since the Walk was a once in a lifetime event, I thought teaming was the only way for me to again walk the Holy Ground of Wakefield.

However, the few people at my church that had Walked did not talk about it nor invite others to go. My sponsor agreed to sponsor me because he was a member of a bible study I was leading and I told the class that I wanted to go. Therefore, I stood up at closing and said that my response to the weekend would be to go back to my church and Pass It On.

God blessed me that the first four people I asked, Walked the next walks. Over the past 5 years, several people from my church have taken the walk. Once I saw that they had a heart for sponsoring, I did eventually Team. The blessings have continued and now I realize why they say that Sponsoring is the most important job in the Emmaus Community. As a Board member, I see that every job is important, but we cannot continue to have walks unless Spirit filled people invite and sponsor others as a way of passing on the great gift given to us by our sponsors.

To support those blessings, I have the responsibility to the sponsors to ensure they fully understand all aspects of sponsoring. Although I do training at the DODU, I know some could not attend, therefore I will be holding another sponsorship training session at 5 pm on August 20, at Charity UMC. If you attend, we will be finished in time for Gathering. One must attend a training session to sponsor others on the walk but many may want a refresher course on sponsorship.

This training is to correspond to the pilgrim application deadlines for the next walks. The deadline for the men is September 22 and for the women is October 6. The pilgrim's application along with the check for \$50 and the sponsor's part of the application must be postmarked by these dates. The reason for these deadlines is to ensure everyone involved in the walk for the pilgrim has time to make this the "Best Walk Ever." It is a form of agape to the pilgrim and those involved in the walk.

Since the mission of this movement is to build leaders in the church, we should redouble our efforts to encourage others to take this walk with the Lord. Just think how much better the kingdom will be when the person God has placed on your heart, walks and responds by passing on this gift to even more people because their "hearts burn" for the Lord.

De Colores,

Stan Best, TW-74

Director of Sponsorship

Luke 24:32



From the Community Lay Director

At the February gathering this year, the Tidewater Emmaus Board stood in front of the community and publicly signed a covenant on behalf of the Tidewater Emmaus Community with the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus. By signing that covenant, like all covenant in scripture, we made a promise to uphold a set of standards. Some of the items we promised to uphold included following the Walk to Emmaus program, belong to a Reunion Group or Accountability Group on a regularly basis, as well as we agreed to attend a regional training program through the Upper Room at least once during our three year term on the board.

On Saturday, June 25th several members of the board, including clergy and laity, attended the Northeast Walk to Emmaus Training held at Foundry United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach. This was a wonderful opportunity to hear from the Northeast leadership team of the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus about this long standing program. The day's training event also provided a wonderful opportunity to meet leaders from other communities around the state and the country. It was a forum for us to share ways we can support activities that will lead to an on-going thriving and healthy community. It also offered us opportunities to discuss issues impacting our communities and to learn from each other about how we can better fulfill our job responsibilities on the board and our covenant with the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus.

We also heard what the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus International program is currently doing around the world. It amazes me that no matter where you find the Walk to Emmaus, you find a program design to build leaders to serve Christ on their 4th Day.

Happy 4th Day and DeColores,

Carolyn Robertson TW 49
Community Lay Director TWE

Dates to



Remember

- 5 August 2011 - Sponsorship Training starting 5pm at Charity UMC
 - 22 September 2011 - Deadline for pilgrim applications for TW-96
 - 06 October 2011 - Deadline for pilgrim applications for TW-97
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Giftng to Tidewater Emmaus:



Tidewater Emmaus currently has an easy way to support this community with financial gifts beyond the tithing we offer to our local churches. *Donate Now using Just Give* is located on our community home page at www.tidewateremmaus.org.

Donate Now using Just Give is designed to make it easy for community members to point, click and financially support the local mission of the Tidewater Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis movement. Also on the web page, just below the green button, you can easily access detailed information on the financial donation program, how to give to Tidewater Emmaus, and how your gifts support your local Tidewater Emmaus and Chrysalis Community.

Mark Your Calendars



Gathering

Saturday, July 16th
Commencing at 6:30pm

Miles Memorial United Methodist Church
9450 Granby St., Norfolk

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