



From the Community Lay Director.....



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I can feel it. Spring is just around the corner. Already the sun is rising earlier in the morning and setting later in the afternoon. The days will start to get slightly warmer; Spring flowers will start to appear; birds will start singing; insects will flutter from flower to flower; nests will be filled with young chicks. We will start to see new buds on trees and the grass in the front lawn will begin to grow.....wait a minute.....that means cutting grass. Okay, forget that picture. How about this one: It's also a reminder that the Spring TW Emmaus Walks are just around the corner.

It's time to be sure that your calendars are set for **April 18-22** and **May 2-5** so that you can support the new Pilgrims at send-off, Candlelight, and closing. Think back and remember what your Emmaus experience meant to you, and how the Body of Christ was there to buoy you up. We should all likewise consider how we can do the same for the Pilgrims of TW 100 and 101.

For the Lay Directors of TW 100 and 101, Tim Lee and Laurie Shertzer, their teams, and the Pilgrims that will be attending these Walks – I ask you to join me in praying for them. **Pray** that the teams would work as one body in ministry to the Pilgrims, and that the Lord would provide His wisdom and strength. **Pray** they build a spiritual cohesiveness as the teams find unity in and through Jesus Christ, and by the presence of the Holy Spirit at all team meetings. **Pray** that the Pilgrims who will attend would come with open hearts, ready to receive what God has for them on their weekend.

DeColores!

Larry Taylor, TW 53



From the Team Selection Director.....



What a great joy to know the teams for the Spring Walks are in full swing as they prepare for the upcoming weekends. For the Spring Walks, we were blessed and challenged to have many more applications for teaming than we had positions on the team. So I thought I would take a moment and briefly share the team selection process.

Based on our covenant with The Upper Room, each team should be representative of a varied experience level. Each team has 23 positions for laity and possibly 5 positions for clergy. The Tidewater Emmaus Board selects the Weekend Lay Director and Board Representative for each walk. The Team Selection committee fills the balance of the team. Our goal is to have the team balanced with experience and progressive servant hood. Of the 21 positions, approximately one-third should be folks that have not previously served on a conference room team. In addition, approximately one-third should be folks that have served on 1-3 teams. The final third should consist of folks that have served 4 or more times.

As I mentioned earlier, for each Spring Walk, we had approximately 30 applications for the teams. Many of those applications were received after the December deadline. The Fall Walks will be here before you know it. Now is the time to submit your application. The deadline for team applications for the Fall Walks will be the June Gathering (6/15). The Team Selection Committee will meet on 07/13 to select the team members for those walks. Don't wait to submit that application!!!

DeColores,

Robert Smith, TW-64



From the Directors of Registration and Sponsorship.....

Registration & Sponsorship News

TW-100 Men's Walk:

27 confirmed pilgrims

5 additional applications

TW-101 Women's Walk:

29 confirmed pilgrims

4 additional applications

Tidewater Emmaus Community,

As this newsletter goes out, celebrate in wonders of the Father. Today and every day until we come together at closing in Wakefield, pray for those He has called to the teams and those He has called to the weekends.

It takes my breath away to witness what He has done in the midst of our anxiety, concern, and YES Prayer. His grace is truly enough and His plan for the future is amazing.

Keep the applications coming Community and these too shall be full walks. The Final Deadline for Men's applications is March 28th OR until the Walk is full! The Final Deadline for Women's applications is April 11th OR until the Walk is full!

Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

DeColores,

Karla Barron – Director of Registration (the5barrons@yahoo.com)

Clif Boyce – Director of Sponsorship (3cboyces@cox.net)

From the Director of Agape.....



Hello, my name is Joyce Thompson, I walked on TW-54 and sat at the table of God's Green Gardner's and I am the Director of Agape for the Tidewater Community. It is nothing less than an honor to serve on the Tidewater Emmaus board.

What exactly is Agape? Agape is a gift that we as a community provide to the Pilgrims attending each walk. Do you recall when you were a Pilgrim and all the gifts you received each day? They just magically appeared and each one was given to us with love and prayers. Agape comes to us in many ways...from shiny first stones or warm fuzzies to other items our Pilgrims are able to wear or carry on their fourth day journey.

Another way to give is thru prayer. Consider signing up for the Prayer Vigil, we ask for the community to sign up to pray for ½ hour or more for the entire weekend. I will have the signup sheets for the Spring Walks at the Gathering or you can sign up on the website.

If you have any questions please let me know. Agape can be brought to the Gatherings and I will ensure it gets to the walks.

DeColores!!

Joyce Thompson, TW-54



P.S.

Needed - ***Bottled water for the ladies and the men for chapels, bedroom hallways and closing. If you have any questions please let me know. Thanks so much and God bless your week. Laurie Shertzer 418-2419***

From the Director of Gatherings....



March Gathering coming up on 3/16/2013

Come on out to our March Gathering on Saturday evening, 3/16/2013 with our Potluck Supper starting at 5:30 PM. Gathering follows at 6:30 PM. Childcare will be provided.

Baylake United Methodist Church

4300 Shore Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Directions: from I-64 take the Northampton Boulevard East exit. Drive East on Northampton Blvd passing Diamond Springs intersection as well as Independence Blvd intersection. Turn right on Shore Drive. Church is just ahead on the left. Use the side and rear entrances if the front parking lot is still under construction.

From I-264 take Independence Blvd North exit 17B. Drive to Northampton Blvd, turning right. Continue to Shore Drive, turn right. Church is on the left.

Many thanks to our hosts at **Foundry UMC** for their radical hospitality at our February gathering.

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Barbara Edwards

P.S....

And don't forget to wear your colors!



Spring Walks

Spring Walk Dates

- ***TW 100 Men's Walk: April 18th - 21st***
- ***TW 101 Women's Walk: May 2nd - 5th***

Spring Walk Application Deadlines

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