

Responsibilities

Sponsorship is the most important service in Emmaus. It is a serious commitment, which should be prayerfully considered. When agreeing to sponsor a pilgrim on an Emmaus walk, you accept certain responsibilities:

- Spend concentrated time in prayer to discern whom God wants you to sponsor
- Continue to spend time in prayer
- Make an appointment to meet the potential pilgrim
 - The Equal Commitment Rule requests that you present The Walk to Emmaus to both husband and wife at the same time
- Answer ALL questions openly and honestly
- Give your prospect an application
- Obtain the application, complete the sponsor's section, mail with the fees
- Begin preparations to request personal agape letters
- Contact your pilgrim when you have received a letter from the Lay Director
- Take your pilgrim to The Walk site and assist with check-in
- Attend Sponsor's Hour to hang cross
- Spend as much time as possible in prayer for your pilgrim
- Check on your pilgrim's family
- Attend the Candlelight service
- Attend Closing and bring pilgrim home
- Take the new member to a 4th Day Group meeting and assist them in joining a reunion group
- Encourage the new member to attend gatherings and other Community events
- Teach them how to be a good sponsor

Questions

How many should I sponsor on a Walk?

- One (1)

Can I work on a team and sponsor someone on the same weekend?

- Not easily
- You must have help from others to handle those responsibilities outside The Walk environment
- Be sure that the pilgrim knows that you have a job to do on the weekend
- CTC Emmaus and The Upper Room strongly discourage being a sponsor and a team member at the same time

How soon should I sponsor?

- Give your prospect an application
- First learn about the complete Emmaus movement and how to participate in Emmaus functions



What is Sponsorship?

Sponsorship is the act of your revisiting The Walk to Emmaus experience with the person whom God has laid on your heart and is one of the most important aspects of The Walk to Emmaus.

The strength of any Emmaus community is a direct result of that community's recruiting practices which include:

- Commit to recruiting strong church leaders in order to strengthen the local church
- Be certain that the individual you invite is right for Emmaus, and that Emmaus is right for that individual

Other considerations include:

Prayer:

- The first step of sponsorship
- Commit the process to God
- Release to God our control, our desires, our expectations
- Allow God to work through us
- Empty ourselves of self to be filled with God's instruction, God's timing, God's person for us to sponsor

Whom to sponsor:

- A Christian who is actively participating in the ongoing work of their church home
- A dependable church member who is the quiet backbone of the church
- One who will bring renewed vision, grace and commitment back to their congregation
- A less active member who needs the awareness of grace rekindled and their commitment renewed
- A Christian who wishes to strengthen their spiritual life
- A church member or leader who will help the Emmaus Community remain theologically sound, centered on the core Christian beliefs of our common faith

- One who is strong enough medically, physically, and emotionally to withstand the often demanding and taxing weekend

Whom not to sponsor:

- Anyone who would find The Walk a discomforting experience
 - Non-Christians
 - Beliefs about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit that differ from the traditional Christian belief of the Holy Trinity
 - Christians who have specific dietary restrictions and Sabbath celebrations that the Emmaus experience cannot provide
 - Members of groups who will feel a need to defend the uniqueness of their beliefs throughout the Walk
- Anyone who is not a member of a church
- Anyone currently involved in emotional distress
 - Severe grief
 - Family breakup
 - Job loss
 - Psychologically unstable
- Anyone with protracted health problems
 - With conditions that won't allow them to sit for long periods of time
 - Recovering from serious illnesses
 - Taking medications which would make the Walk week end too demanding physically
- Anyone who is a church-hopper
- Anyone who is a soap boxer
- Anyone who differs doctrinally from the basic doctrine espoused in The Walk to Emmaus
 - Controversy over doctrine leads to divisiveness
 - The Walk is designed to bring the body of Christ together
- Persons who have been presented with the opportunity to attend a Walk but do not wish to do so. They may feel the timing is not right. God will renew the person in another way.



**Remember:
The Walk to
Emmaus is not the
way to renewal for
every Christian.**

