## APPLICATION TO ATTEND NCA EMMAUS WEEKEND

The Gospel of St. Luke relates the story of the risen Christ appearing to two who were going along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Two friends were walking together, sharing their hearts' deepest concerns. The risen Christ joined them and explained the scriptures as they walked, how it was ordained that Christ should suffer and so enter his glory. This experience on the road was a heart-warming one as the risen Christ walked and talked with them. The illuminating climax of the experience was when Christ took bread and said the blessing, then broke it and gave it to them. The two had their eyes opened and they recognized him as the risen Christ and they rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the others. [Luke 24:13-35]

The above story provides the image for the NCA Emmaus weekend, a program that calls forth and renews Christian discipleship. Individuals recommended for the NCA Emmaus weekend should be currently active in a local church and have a desire to deepen their faith and to become closer to Christ in their discipleship. The NCA Emmaus weekend is a three-day experience which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, and through them their families, congregations, and the world in which they live. NCA Emmaus is a combined effort of laity and clergy toward the renewal of the church. The focus of the NCA Emmaus is God as known in Jesus Christ and how that finds expression in the local church. The objective of NCA Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. NCA Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

The NCA Emmaus weekend is a 72-hour experience. The weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. At an NCA Emmaus weekend, participants will spend three busy but very enjoyable days at a retreat center. Participants will live and study together in singing, prayer, worship, and discussion. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy that present the theme of God's grace, and how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and expresses itself in the world. Participants in an NCA Emmaus weekend also discover how grace is real in their lives, and how they can live in the life of grace, bringing grace to others. Attendees have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion, and to begin to understand more fully the presence of Christ in his body of believers. Participants experience God's grace personally through the prayers and acts of service of a living support community.

Those who attend an NCA Emmaus weekend are encouraged to expand their own spiritual lives through study and congregational participation and become more active disciples of Jesus Christ in the world through their local churches. Emmaus activities are meant to supplement, never to replace, activities in the local church.

## **SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsors will provide information to the applicant to assist him/her in their decision to attend a weekend, to help the applicant enter fully into the NCA Emmaus fellowship after the weekend, to provide prayer, other support, and transportation to and from the weekend.

To submit an application, download this document, complete all fields, save a copy to your PC and email a copy to your Sponsor. Your Sponsor submits form to "Pilgrim Application Coordinator" and you will be contacted when the next available weekend is Planned. Paper copies are no longer required; however, if necessary they can be submitted "From your Sponsor" to:

> NCA Emmaus - Pilgrim Application P.O. Box 1596 Woodbridge, VA 22195

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