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Walk to Emmaus Application

ALL 3 pages must be filled out and turned in to your sponsor

_____ Men's _____ Women's (Please indicate date if applying for a specific walk:) _____

~ Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis, according to postmark date ~

~ Incomplete applications are not accepted and will be returned to the sponsor

~ A **non-refundable** application fee of \$40 must accompany your application

~ Cost of the weekend is \$125, application fee will be deducted from total cost

~ Balance to be paid upon receipt of confirmation

~ Please make checks payable to: Dayspring Emmaus Community

(PLEASE PRINT!!!)

Name (First, M.I., Last): _____

Name preference (First): _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Circle one: Single Married Divorced Widowed Separated

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior? Please circle one: Yes No

How long have you been a Christian? _____ When were you baptized? _____

Home Church: _____ Denomination: _____

Location: _____ Pastor's Name: _____

Are you actively involved in this church? _____ If so, in what way? _____

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The Emmaus weekend is 3 days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups (and yes, sometimes crying as well.) You will hear a series of 15 talks given by laity and clergy, which present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed in the world. You will also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace and how you bring that grace to others.

You will have the opportunity to participate in daily chapel and prayer times, and the celebration of Holy Communion. You will experience God's grace through the many, many prayers and acts of anonymous service offered by the Emmaus community. You will leave with an experience of Christian love in action that will equip you for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership.

This 3 day weekend is experienced in a cloistered environment, with minimal/no contact with the "outside world." Your sponsor has committed to being responsible for your family during this weekend. This is so that you can be free of worry and focus on your relationship with God. At no time will anything be forced on you, however, we ask for your willing participation in all parts of the weekend. This is a carefully designed format, and every part of the weekend builds upon what has happened to that point; we ask that you trust us and be open to what God is going to show you.

While there is nothing in Emmaus that is a secret, there are many aspects of the weekend that can be experienced more fully if you are not anticipating what is coming. That said, your sponsor should have fully explained the weekend to you and answered any and all questions you may have.

~ Has your sponsor explained the Walk to Emmaus weekend to you, addressed any questions or concerns you may have and are you comfortable with what has been explained to you? YES NO

~ Has your sponsor explained that they will be watching over your family while you are away, and that they WILL be able to contact you in the unlikely event of an emergency situation? YES NO

~ Has your sponsor explained Gatherings/Reunion Groups to you? YES NO

~ Do you have any special dietetic requirements (diabetic, food allergies, vegetarian, etc.?) YES NO

If yes, please explain: _____

~ Do you have any physical limitations or health problems requiring accommodation? YES NO

If yes, please explain: _____

Your Signature: _____

Date: _____

**RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, INDEMNITY, AND
OTHER AGREEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

(for Pilgrim to complete)

- A. RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY: For and in consideration of my attendance in the Dayspring Emmaus Walk from _____ to _____, in _____ County, Indiana, (hereinafter, "the Emmaus Walk"), I, _____, for myself, my heirs, my next of kin, personal representatives and assigns, hereby forever relieve, waive and discharge, DAYSPRING EMMAUS COMMUNITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA, INC., its successors, agents, officers, directors, employees, volunteers and assigns, (hereinafter, "Releasees"), from all liability, losses, claims, demands, possible causes of actions, court costs, attorney's fees, and other expenses arising from any loss, damage or injury, including death, to my person or property, resulting from, or arising out of the Negligence of Releasees or any other person in connection with or related to, my attendance and participation in the Emmaus Walk.
- B. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I know and understand that there is risk and danger to myself and property, both from known risk and unanticipated risk, while attending or participating in the Emmaus Walk, and I do so willingly, voluntarily, and in reliance on my own judgment, assume all risk of loss, damage and injury, including death, to myself and my property, whether or not attributable to the negligence of Releasees or any other person.
- C. INDEMNITY AGREEMENT: I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees and each of them from loss, liability, damage or cost they incur due to my attendance or participation in the Emmaus Walk, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or any other person.
- D. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the foregoing document and I enter into this agreement freely and voluntarily.

Sign here: _____

Print name: _____

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF _____)

This is to witness that I, a Notary Public, witnessed the execution of the foregoing by _____, who thereupon also acknowledged such execution before me and in my presence.

Witness my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public
Printed: _____

My Commission Expires _____

County of Residence: _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION - PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SPONSOR

~ Completed applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis, according to postmark date ~

Sponsor's Name: _____

Relationship to Pilgrim: _____ Financial Assistance Needed? _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's City/State/ZIP: _____

Sponsor's Home Phone: _____ Sponsor's Cell: _____ Sponsor's Work: _____

Sponsor's Email: _____

About YOUR Walk: When: _____ Where: _____

Name of Pilgrim: _____

Why are you sponsoring this person? _____

Have you explained the Walk to Emmaus & addressed any questions/concerns that they have? YES NO

If married, have YOU PERSONALLY invited their spouse to attend? Not Married YES NO

Is spouse attending? If not, please explain why: _____

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ~ Pray, pray, pray. And then pray some more.
- ~ Make sure the pilgrim is fed prior to sendoff (there is no meal Thursday evening)
- ~ Take your pilgrim to and from the Emmaus walk (please arrive no earlier than 6:30 pm & no later than 7 pm)
- ~ Attend sendoff, sponsor's hour, candlelight and closing
- ~ Accompany your pilgrim to follow-up
- ~ Keep in contact with your pilgrim during their Fourth Days, make sure they are aware of community Gatherings and events, and encourage them to be involved in the Emmaus Community
- ~ Assist your pilgrim in finding a reunion group

PLEASE REVIEW & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

- I have attended the DaySpring Emmaus Sponsorship Training class
date or place: _____ (yes) (no)
- I understand the purpose of Emmaus is for people who are active in their church
and to build leaders _____ (yes) (no)
- I understand it is very important that, if married, BOTH husband and wife attend
on consecutive weekends _____ (yes) (no)
- I understand the Walk to Emmaus is designed to provide the attendees with a deeper
understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ _____ (yes) (no)
- I acknowledge the Walk to Emmaus is not meant to help people solve deep-seated problems _____ (yes) (no)
- I understand that the intention is neither to convert nor place a pilgrim in a defensive position _____ (yes) (no)
- I will be in prayer for the entire team and all the pilgrims from this point forward _____ (yes) (no)
- I have carefully read the sponsor's covenant and understand my obligations _____ (yes) (no)

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

***Please send all (5) pages, fully completed, along with check for the application fee to:
Dayspring Emmaus Community, PO Box 681, New Albany, IN 47151-0681***

SPONSOR'S COVENANT

I wish to sponsor _____, as a pilgrim on the DaySpring Walk to Emmaus. As a sponsor, I hereby agree to enter into a covenant relationship with the DaySpring Emmaus Community.

1. As part of this covenant, I hereby believe the following to be true about this pilgrim:

- a. **This pilgrim is a member of a church and an active Christian** whose own renewal will mean renewed energy, commitment and vision in the church and everyday environments for Christ.
- b. This pilgrim is committed to living a life that is pleasing to God, and wants to grow and increase his or her knowledge and understanding of God and God's will.
- c. This pilgrim's theology and/or practices are compatible with the traditional theology and practices represented by the Walk to Emmaus.
- d. This pilgrim is physically able and **is not involved or has not recently been involved in any situation of emotional distress** which could interfere with the pilgrim giving his or her full attention to the message and experience of the Walk to Emmaus.

2. As part of this covenant, I make the following assurances about myself as a sponsor:

- a. My decision to sponsor this pilgrim comes from a concentrated time in prayer to discern who God wants me to sponsor.
- b. I understand the ultimate reason for sponsoring someone to attend the Walk is to deepen that person's **existing** relationship with Christ and to create an enthusiastic disciple to work in God's kingdom. I understand that looking upon Emmaus as a hospital where every human ill can be cured will have a weakening effect upon the entire community.
- c. My motivation in sponsoring this pilgrim is not: "to get all my friends to go," to "fix this pilgrim," to change this person, or to make a new Christian.
- d. I have attended the Dayspring Emmaus Sponsorship Training class.

3. In fulfilling my duties as a sponsor, I pledge the following:

- a. To not work the walk this pilgrim is attending, so I can be available to fulfill my duties as a sponsor. If I am asked to work a walk, I will decline, or find an alternate sponsor for the pilgrim.
- b. To agree that I may only sponsor this (1) pilgrim on the walk, so that I can give 100% of my attention to this pilgrim's needs.
- c. To attend all key events, including Send-off, Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight, Closing and Follow-up
- d. To give my **personal** attention to the pilgrim's needs, including making sure the pilgrim is fed on Thursday night; transporting the pilgrim to and from the weekend; and making sure that they have all necessary personal items packed for the weekend.
- e. To collect **at least** twelve (12) personal agape letters from spouse, family members, close friends and the pilgrim's pastor. While I am aware that many pilgrims know about agape letters beforehand, I will work quietly behind the scenes to obtain these letters, to maintain as much of a level of surprise as possible.
- f. To fully support the pilgrim's family and/or meet other needs in the pilgrim's home and personal life, such as feeding pets or watering plants, during the 3 days.
- g. To not bring the pilgrim's children, or my own children to the weekend events or follow-up.
- h. To not give, or ask any team members to give, personal gifts to the pilgrim during the 3 days.
- i. **To continue in prayer for this pilgrim and their family; before, during and after the weekend.**

If I have any questions about the above points, I will contact a current member of the Emmaus Board.

To these beliefs, assurances and pledges, I offer my covenant as sponsor.

Name: _____ Date: _____