



The Walk Way

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A Message from the Community Lay Director

Thoughts on Team Leadership

One of my goals as Community Lay Director has been to organize and “write down” the specifics for many of the procedures we “have always” used to run Emmaus. Currently, the board is in the process of putting these procedures (which have to be dug out of National regulations, old board meeting minutes, and a hundred other places) into a “Standard Operating Procedure” notebook.

After being selected as one of the Weekend Lay Directors for the upcoming Fall Walks, I needed to know how to select my Team Leadership Committee. Since this is a new experience for me, I thought I might share with you some of the criteria for selecting a Leadership team. There really are written guidelines as well as thoughtful suggestions for this process. ***First and foremost, each of us must remember, this is God’s Leadership team.*** We’ve all heard stories of times when this wasn’t quite true. Prayer must be the order of the day! After you are chosen by the Emmaus Board and accept the invitation to serve as Weekend Lay Director (WLD), you have a month of silence, to pray and seek God’s wisdom. You are asked not to share or approach anyone to serve on your Leadership team during this month. No one should even know that you have been selected as WLD.

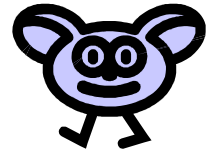


After much prayer and meditation, I began to focus on the guidelines, which are much like those used to select the rest of your team. The exception being: **to serve on a Leadership team, you must have previously teamed at least twice.** Ideally the Leadership team would have two serving that have not teamed on a Leadership team in the past, and two that have served on one previous Leadership team. This will allow them to be considered as a Weekend Lay Director in the future (a prerequisite for WLD is to have served on two Leadership teams). Finally, you need to include someone who has teamed more than twice on a Leadership team to add additional experience. There are also a few disqualifiers. You may have only one past Weekend Lay Director to serve on the Leadership team (with the possible exception of Music Director). It is best not to make your selection from “friends.” Where you might justify this as being “the people you can count on,” Emmaus emphasizes that God is counting on you! You should not base your choice solely on those who team regularly, while this is admirable, it should not be the sole criteria, Team Leadership is not earned, it’s God’s way of selecting the right person for a very specific moment in time. ***I would like to again remind you that this is God’s Team, He should always be our #1 priority and we must allow Him to be involved in this process.*** I’ve had many former WLD’s tell me that the list they started with or those they



always thought would be part of their Leadership team, in the end, weren't. God has a way of "reworking" our first selections and we must have ears to hear His voice.

As a final note, please understand that although no WLD is a perfect vessel, the majority seek God's Will.



De Colores,
Pat Krukowski
Community Lay Directors

Community Spiritual Director

Jesus loved to tell simple stories to illustrate a good point. So do I! Well I found one that goes right along with what we all experience on our first walk; that of nailing our sins to the cross and having Jesus take care of them. I found this story by reading through some old "Prairie Overcomer" stories of yesteryear.



It seems like a girl was sent to a finishing school by her wealthy parents. There she learned science, art, dancing and languages. One night she went to a revival meeting and at the close of the service she gave her heart to Christ, yielded to Him, and decided she would dedicate her life to missionary service. She wrote home to her father and told him of her decision. He went in a rage and ordered her to come home immediately. On arrival, her father met her at the door and greeted her angrily. "I did not send you to school to get religion. That is all right for poor folk and half-wits but not for you. You will have to get this religious notion out of your head. If by tomorrow morning you have not decided to give up this foolish notion you will pack your suitcase and leave this home. She went to her room with a heavy heart. It would mean loss of love, culture, money, prestige. On her knees she fought it out. The next morning she packed her suitcase. Before leaving, she stepped over to the piano and started to play and sing:

*Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow thee:
Destitute, despised forsaken,
Thou, from hence, my all shalt be:
Perish every found ambition,
All I've sought and hoped and known;
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own!*



She arose, and with tears streaming down her face, turned toward the door. Before she could open it her father stepped out from behind the curtain where he had been listening to her playing, and said with deep emotion; "Wait! I did not know that Jesus Christ meant as much to you as that. I did not know you were willing to give up father, mother, home and prestige just for Jesus.

Daughter, forgive me. I must be beside myself. If such a great love can take hold of your heart, there must be something in it. Sit down here and tell me how I may become a Christian.

My prayer for the upcoming team as they minister to the pilgrims...take time and listen for the music. May our Lord grant you the best teaming experience you have ever had, because as I have learned it only gets better.

DeColores
Pastor Charlie Peterson
Spiritual Director



Chrysalis News



"Deep call unto deep at the noise of your waterfalls. All your waves and billows have gone over me. The Lord will command His loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me. A prayer to the God of my life. (Psalm 42:7-8 ISB).

In the Summer months I love to walk on the beach. It's a time of meditation and relaxation. It's a time to listen to the waves, to my soul and to the Lord speak to me. It's a time for me to slow down, pray and evaluate my past with its victories, failures, weaknesses and strengths. Maybe you too like the beach or lying in a hammock or a swing on a moon filled night with a gentle warm breeze. I pray that you will take time this summer to find your quiet place and pray and listen to the Lord speak to you.

Lord help me to slow down and take "One Day at a Time". Help me to listen to what You are saying to me.

Fly With Christ
Chrysalis Community Lay Director
James Armentrout

Chrysalis Flight #20

Remember the Chrysalis Flight #20 scheduled for November 5th - 8th!
Please consider sending in your application to team! The deadline for teaming applications is August 15th.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a Caterpillar! (Of course the sooner we have them the better!) Caterpillar applications are welcome anytime from now until the **final** deadline of October 22nd. The fees have increased for the upcoming flight but don't let that be cause for hesitation in sponsorship...there are some scholarship funds available!



AGAPE Outreach
Connie Conway

There are no walks being held this month as far as I know but keep all
Emmaus Communities in your prayers.
DeColores!!!

ATTENTION!!

All Community Members

We need to begin thinking about this year's upcoming Emmaus Board elections. It's not too early to consider who we would like to nominate in the fall for our November election. Prayerfully consider who you would want on the board serving you. Check with them about their willingness to serve. Then submit their nomination on or before September 20th, 2009.

Send nomination applications to:

Jim Petro
972 Deep Creek Ave
Arnold, MD 21012
jasupetro@juno.com

The nominees names must be printed in the October and November Newsletters and be announced at the October and November Gatherings prior to the elections! You may find the nomination forms on the Eastern Shore Emmaus website. www.esemmaus.org. Thank you!

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- † The August Emmaus Board meeting will be at Woodberry United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, August 24, 2009.**
- † **Deadline for Pilgrim applications** is 6 weeks prior to the Walk! August 20th for ES 72 – the men's walk and September 3rd for ES 73 - the women's walk. Applications can be accepted up to two weeks prior to the walks! Pray about who God would like you to sponsor! Let's get the Pilgrim list full for **BOTH** walks!!!
- † **"Northern Shore" Emmaus Gathering** – Third Saturday of the month: **Saturday, August 15, 2009**, 6:00 p.m. Covered Dish and 7:00 Praise and Worship @ College Parkway Baptist Church, 301 College Parkway, Arnold MD 21012
- † If you have noticed errors in the current **roster**, please contact Mary Grace Woodburn, send an e-mail to: easternshoreemmaus@yahoo.com, or send a note to P.O. Box 91, Franktown, VA 23354. Please send ANY updated information you may have such as addresses, marriages, or deaths. It is important to the community to keep the information as up to date as possible. Thank you!!!!

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Some thoughts to ponder...

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday....

Life is full of shadows but the sunshine makes them all...

Bibles that are coming apart, usually belong to people who are not...



Eastern Shore Emmaus
P.O. Box 91
Franktown, Virginia 23354

Gatherings

August 8, 2009 – Guilford UMC
24450 Guilford Rd., Guilford, VA

September 12, 2009 – Painter-Garrison UMC
17300 Main Street, Painter, VA 23420

5:30 p.m. – Covered Dish Supper



6:30 p.m. – Music and Worship

