



Northern California Nevada

WALK TO  
**EMMAUS**  
THE UPPER ROOM®

## Northern California Nevada Emmaus Community is Back!

After a year-long hiatus, NCNEC has scheduled both Men's and Women's Walks! The Men's Walk will be July 25-28 and the Women's Walk is going to be August 1-4. Both Walks will be at the South Reno UMC. You read it right! It says "will be" not "scheduled for". This is because your Board has decided that Walks will no longer be canceled for lack of Pilgrims! Whether there are 5 or 25 Pilgrims,

### **Walks will go on!**

This is very exciting news! Get your Pilgrims lined up and applications in. The Team would really like to be able to plan for the weekends, so please get the applications in by July 1st. We expect there to be a great demand for these Walks and only 25 Pilgrims can be accommodated for each the Men's and Women's Walks. Teams are being formed, so get your background applications in, too! These will be the best Walks ever!

**Men's Walk - July 25-28, 2019 in South Reno**

**Women's Walk - August 1-4, 2019 in South Reno**

**DID  
YOU  
KNOW**

The Emmaus and Chrysalis Community counts on members' giving through annual dues to cover the costs of Walks and Flights. These are even more vital now that Walks and Flights will not be canceled, because NCNEC will pay the additional costs lost if there are fewer than 25 Pilgrims. Suggested Annual Dues are \$25 per person and can be paid via our web page at <http://www.ncnec.org/contribution/> Instructions for paying online via PayPal or credit card can be found there. You may also snail mail contributions by mailing a check to our Treasurer,

Rob Dunning, at

1910 G Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Thank you for your continued support!





Do you remember your Walk? Remember how eager you were at closing? What was your answer to the two questions: *What has this weekend meant to you?* And *What are you going to do about it?* One thing you might do is sponsor a Pilgrim!

The purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to raise up Christian leaders and renew the Church as the Body of Christ in action. Please think and pray about that before you choose someone to sponsor on a Walk. The book on Sponsorship says, "Sponsorship is one of the most important aspects of the Walk to Emmaus and must be taken seriously. Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, careful planning, and follow-through. The strength of Emmaus is a direct result of its sponsorship practices." Emmaus is not meant to be a fix-it or fix-all. Emmaus is not for everyone.

Be sure to read the sponsorship information in your 4th Day Packet or on our website. When you do sponsor someone, explain everything he or she needs to know. Keep in contact with them as a lot can happen in a person's life in a few months. If the timing for the Walk is no longer appropriate, remember God is in charge and He will set the proper time for your Pilgrim to attend a Walk.

Be sure to help the Pilgrim with his or her application, following all the directions for you, them, and their clergy. Besides being one of the most important jobs in Emmaus, sponsorship can also be a hard job. You must be prepared to attend to their family for the entire weekend if necessary.

Sponsorship responsibilities also include:

- Letters
- Delivering your Pilgrim to the Walk site and staying until they leave with the Walk Lay Director
- Attending Sponsor's Hour and praying for your Pilgrim.
- Attending Candlelight
- Attending Closing
- Transporting your Pilgrim home after the Walk

And, you are not done! Take them to Gatherings as well as get them involved in a Reunion Group. If there isn't a Reunion Group in your area, start one! This is one of the real powers of Emmaus and the 4th Day. If you are unable to do all of this, reconsider being a sponsor, or, consider a co-sponsor. Sponsorship is a serious spiritual responsibility, and each Pilgrim deserves a full-time, committed sponsor working on God's behalf.

And lastly, bask in the spiritual joy that comes from sponsoring someone on a Walk – a gift of Christian action to them and to our risen Lord.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: You can use Upper Room's "Introduction to Emmaus" video for your possible pilgrims. Go to [Upperroom.org/Community/Emmaus/Resources](http://Upperroom.org/Community/Emmaus/Resources)**



# From your Community Lay Director

Greetings Northern California Nevada Emmaus/Chrysalis Community!

Can I tell you how excited I am about the upcoming year?!

We are very excited to have our scheduled Men's and Women's Walks this Summer.

The date for the Men's Walk is July 25-28<sup>th</sup> and the Women's Walk is August 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup>. Both walks will be at South Reno United Methodist Church. Teams are prayerfully being assembled. Please get your applications in for Pilgrims and to work the background teams.

Also, be in prayer for a combined Chrysalis Flight. This is still in the planning stages as to location and date but as soon as it is decided, it will be announced.

Recently some of the board members were able to visit two churches in the Sacramento area for possible locations for upcoming Walks and Flights. Stay tuned to hear more about the churches.

I want to thank each of you for all you do for our Emmaus/Chrysalis Communities. As they say: Many hands make light work! Thank you!

Your Community Lay Director,  
Helen Sturtevant

## Volunteers Needed!

Calling all volunteers! Both Men's and Women's Walks are looking for background help. Working in the background is every bit as important as working in the conference room. You get to fellowship with other Christians from different churches around Northern California and Nevada; You get to eat the same amazing food as the conference room teams; You get to use your gifts to further God's Kingdom by serving others. What better way to spend three days than that?! This is yet another way to support your Emmaus Community. Plus, it's fun! Be sure to fill out the Background Team application found at <http://www.ncnec.org/applications/emmaus-application/>



## **COMMITTEE is Not a Four-letter Word!**

The purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to develop leaders for the church. In the Emmaus community, committees are the only place where leadership development is actually put into practice. A good example of this is the fact that Jesus Christ used a small group of twelve as the primary training group.

Committees provide the opportunity for people to get involved in what is going on rather than just attending events. Without this involvement, the members of the Emmaus community will gradually fade away.

Committees provide the opportunity to spread the work among more people. This reduces the workload for any one person and helps many people learn about the various facets of the Walk to Emmaus.

Committees also provide a unique opportunity for a variety of people to share supportively with each other the enhancing of the Christian walk, both for the Emmaus pilgrims and for the individual committee members.

Each board member chairs a committee. The assignments are made by the board chair. The board member selects the remaining committee members from the community at large. These committees carry out the functions assigned, which allows the board to concentrate the efforts on governing the local community and overseeing the quality of the program.

The areas that we need volunteers for the committees that assist the board are:

Agape, Literature, Registrar, 4<sup>th</sup> Day/Gatherings, Newsletter, Background Team, Chrysalis Support, and Site Selection.

Would you like to come on the board and join a committee? Let a Board member know or simply reply to this email!

Submitted by Dianne Moody, Literature Chair