

Emmaus: for the renewal of the church of Jesus Christ through the development and renewal of Christian leaders

Lansing Area Emmaus Community
Annual Sponsorship Agreement

I understand that every year the Community Lay Director and the Spiritual Director of the Lansing Area Emmaus Community sign a Letter of Agreement with The Upper Room Emmaus Office in which they agree to carry out the three phase method of Emmaus in accordance with and as interpreted by The Upper Room manuals and the Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus.

The three phase method includes:

- Pre-event phase – a plan for sound recruitment, interpretation, and proper preparation of participants and team for their three-day Emmaus experience;
- Event phase – separate three-day events for men and women, using The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus Lay Director's manual, The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus Spiritual Director's manual, and The Upper Room outlines for the 15 talks (10 lay and 5 clergy).
- Post-event phase – a follow-up plan which includes encouragement of church involvement, group reunions, monthly gatherings, and leadership training for increasing the Emmaus community's knowledge of the method and its effectiveness of providing spiritual renewal for the local church _____(Initial)

I also understand that The Walk to Emmaus is for both single and married Pilgrims and that it is Emmaus's policy that, in support of the sanctity of marriage, married couples are encouraged to make an equal commitment to participate in The Walk to Emmaus, as described in The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus. _____(Initial)

I also understand that responsible sponsorship is vital to every Emmaus Community and that wise sponsorship should be purposeful and prayerful. I agree with the Lansing Area Emmaus Community's Sponsorship Policy and their commitment to promise high quality sponsorship in accordance with The Upper Room Emmaus Model and the sponsorship guidelines contained in Chapter 3 of The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus. _____(Initial)

I also understand The Walk to Emmaus is designed for the development of Christian servant leaders who are active in church and: wish to strengthen their spiritual lives; may have unanswered questions about prayer, study and sharing their faith; understand that being a Christian involves responsibility; are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner, or have positions of responsibility in their church and their community. _____(Initial)

Therefore, I agree to be responsible, purposeful, prayerful, wise, and spiritually discerning in my recruitment of the Pilgrims I sponsor for an Emmaus Walk. _____(Initial)

I also agree to support the three phase methods of Emmaus as an active member of my Emmaus Community and when I sponsor a Pilgrim for The Walk to Emmaus I will follow the Emmaus sponsorship guidelines including the follow-up for each Pilgrim I sponsor. _____(Initial)

Name (Please Print):

Date:

Signature:

Please Note: An up-to-date Annual Sponsorship Agreement must be on file before we can process your Pilgrim's Reservation Request. Send a signed copy of this Annual Sponsorship Agreement with your first Pilgrim's Reservation Request for the year to the Registrar: **Andria Lyster** phone: (616) 902-3589
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