



## The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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### Greetings to my Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

When I received my cross on Walk #1344 (Table of John) I was told "Christ is counting on you" and I replied "And I'm counting on Christ". Now I find I'm also counting on all of you as I enter my service to this community as your Lay Director.

First, let me say that I'm humbled to be the new Lay Director of the Greater Austin Emmaus Community. This will be a year of transition with the changes taking place with Rio Texas Emmaus. The first change taking place is that we are now our own separate 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation. In addition to this change in our name we have also grown with the addition of the members from the ABC (All Bastrop County, which included Bastrop, Cedar Creek, and Hayne Chapel) Emmaus Community. Mel Chambers and I attended their final Gathering on June 7<sup>th</sup> to welcome them into our community, and I can truly say that these members are Spirit-filled and will be a welcome addition.

Speaking of Spirit-filled, our most recent Walk, Women's Walk #1839, held over Mother's Day weekend, was filled to capacity and had a waiting list. This is how I would like to see all our future Walks; filled, with a waiting list of potential pilgrims thirsting to have their eyes opened in order to see Jesus more clearly.

This is an exciting time for our community as we move forward in this year with the guidance of the Holy Spirit leading us, pilgrims answering the call to go on the Walk to Emmaus, and our community responding by filling Prayer Vigils, serving on teams, making Agape, and attending Candlelight, Closing, and the Welcome Back.

I would also like to remind everyone that July 24<sup>th</sup> is Emmaus Sunday. We would like everyone in the community to wear your lanyard to church and help promote the upcoming Men's Walk #1847, August 25-28, in our churches. If you would like to go with one of our Board members to a different church to promote Emmaus, please attend the July Gathering on July 7<sup>th</sup> at Westlake UMC, and let us know. Also, remember to wear your crosses to church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

May God continue to bless you and remember, Christ is counting on you!

**De Colores!**  
**Harold Sundbeck**  
**Lay Director**



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## Financial Statement as of 5/31/16

**Bank Balance**  
**\$1,821.56**

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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus  
Community Website at

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

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**DeColores**



## The *WalkTalk* deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please send your articles, information, community  
opportunities, 4th Day experiences/reflections to:

[WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org](mailto:WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org)

Approximately 80 attended the June Gathering  
at First UMC Pflugerville on June 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
and Tricia Lutfak gave a great 4th Day Talk!

Check out the Gathering schedule on the last page!  
They are normally the first Thursday of the month  
unless otherwise noted. Childcare available.

## 2016 Austin Community Sponsored Emmaus Walk

### Men's Walk #1847

Rob Turk, Lay Director

Audrey Spencer, Spiritual Director

Melvin Chambers, Board Rep.

Gene McConnell, ST Coordinator

**August 25 — 28, 2016**    **Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley**

Contact: [Rob@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Rob@austinemmaus.org)

Contact: [Mel@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Mel@austinemmaus.org)

Contact: [Gene@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Gene@austinemmaus.org)

*To help provide agape, please go to <http://www.mysignup.com/walk1847agape>*

Also, the fee for this Walk has been reduced to \$210.00.



There are NEW downloadable forms on the GAEC website, including:

Pilgrim Application Form Instructions  
Pilgrim Application Form — Pilgrim  
Pilgrim Application Form — Sponsor  
Pilgrim Application Form — Church  
Scholarship Application Form  
Sponsor Packet  
Team Application Form

Please go to <http://austinemmaus.org/reg.php> to access these new forms,  
and discard any old forms you may have.





## Walk Reunions

The GAEC sponsors Walk reunions at each Gathering. At the July 7<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Westlake UMC, the following Walks will be recognized:

**Women's Walk #1035 11/14/2002, Highland Lakes**  
**(Lay Director, Marilyn Milligan)**

**Women's Walk #1775, 11/13/2014, Camp Young Judaea**  
**(Lay Director, Ronee Gilbert)**

Below are the original pilgrim/team photos of these Walks. See anyone you recognize? If you were a pilgrim or team member on one of these Walks, come to the July 7<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Westlake UMC to be reunited!



**Women's Walk #1035**  
**November 14, 2002**  
**Highland Lakes**

**LD, Marilyn Milligan**  
**SD, Ann Beaty**  
**BR, Jan Kennebeck**



**Women's Walk #1775**  
**November 13, 2014**  
**Camp Young Judaea**

**LD, Ronee Gilbert**  
**SD, Sue Abold**  
**BR, Lynn McGee**



## Men's Walk #1847 Needs Pilgrims!

Men's Walk to Emmaus #1847 is quickly approaching and needs pilgrims. If you know of any men who have expressed interest in attending, please go on-line and get them registered.

<http://austinemmaus.org>

Just click on "Downloads." The forms can be filled out and submitted online.

**Christ is counting on you!**

## Did you know..... ?

.....that a Walk has to have a minimum of 20 pilgrims for it to make?

.....that the GAEC has had to cancel Walks because they didn't meet this minimum?

.....that the deadline for a Walk to make is two weeks before the Walk is to begin?

### What you can do to help.....

Sponsor pilgrims! Meet the deadline!

## Emmaus Sunday is July 24<sup>th</sup>

July 24<sup>th</sup> is Emmaus Sunday! We would like everyone in the community to wear your lanyard to church and help promote the upcoming Men's Walk #1847, August 25-28.

There is a new version of the Walk to Emmaus posters. If you would like one to display in your church, contact Silvia at [BM4GatheringSupport@austinemmaus.org](mailto:BM4GatheringSupport@austinemmaus.org).

Also, don't forget to wear your crosses on the first Sunday of each month!



## Upcoming Walk!

**Men's Walk #1847  
August 25 — 28, 2016  
Camp Young Judaea**

**Please keep these team members in your prayers  
as they prepare for THE BEST WALK EVER!**

Rev. Charlie Baskin

Kent Baxley

Keith Bible

Jeff Border

Bill Bratton

Rev. J. Paul Bruhn

Mel Chambers – *Board Rep.*

Charles Christopher

Rev. Tom Deviney

Ivan Dominguez

Bob Duplantis

Rev. Kim Ethridge

Scott Foster

Coe Groce

Frank Heffern

Gary Johnson

Marshall Kwait

Tim Martin

Gene McConnell – *STC*

Charles Murphy

Christian Nelson

Rev. Audrey Spencer – *Spiritual Director*

Rob Turk – *Lay Director*

Arnie Waden

John Wester

Greg Young



### and these Servant Team Members...

Shana Pate Dudley

Debby Duplantis

Jack Foreman

Elizabeth Gray

Ed LaBelle

Tricia Lutfak

Willy Maletta

Gene McConnell – *STC*

Chris McKemie

Myles McKemie

Linda Miles

Darla Nicholson

Michael Pavlu

Bill Randell





## Music Coordinator Needed!



*Do you love singing music at Gatherings?*

*Do you enjoy coordinating with host churches and Emmaus points-of-contact to ensure that there is singing at each Gathering?*

If so, we need a new Music Coordinator for the Greater Austin Emmaus Community, since our current Music Coordinator, Rob Turk, has joined the Board of Directors and is also going to be the Lay Director for Men's Walk #1847 in August.

Please contact Rob at [BM4MemberServices@austinemmaus.org](mailto:BM4MemberServices@austinemmaus.org) for more information or if you would like to take on this role for our community.

## Emmaus Scholarships 101

All persons wishing to receive a Scholarship for a Walk to Emmaus from the GAEC must submit a Scholarship Application to the GAEC (go to [www.austinemmaus.org](http://www.austinemmaus.org) then "Downloads" then "Scholarship Application"). If a Scholarship is requested, the GAEC recommends 1/3 of the costs be paid by the Pilgrim, 1/3 by the Sponsor/Church/Reunion Group, and 1/3 by Scholarship.

The GAEC Treasurer is authorized by the bylaws (go to [www.austinemmaus.org](http://www.austinemmaus.org) then "Board of Directors" then in the bottom left "Bylaws") in Article V, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 6. Duties of Officers, H. Treasurer. "Upon application, automatically give a 1/3 scholarship for any Pilgrim from a GAEC church going on a GAEC-sponsored Walk to Emmaus as long as there is a positive balance in the Scholarship Fund."

The GAEC Board of Directors must vote on all other Scholarship Applications including requests for more than 1/3 of the costs. Scholarships are available for Pilgrims, Conference Room Team members, and Servant Team members. The following is a matrix for Pilgrim Scholarships.

		Pilgrim Church	
		GAEC	non-GAEC
Pilgrim Walk	GAEC sponsored	1/3 automatic; other BOD vote	BOD vote
	non-GAEC sponsored	BOD vote	BOD vote; traditionally no



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## Greater Austin Emmaus Community Board of Directors Minutes

### Thursday, June 2, 2016 ~ First UMC, Pflugerville

In attendance: Harold Sundbeck, Lay Director; Rev. Sylvester Chase, Spiritual Director; LeeLeen Sundbeck, ALD; Nicki Carstarphen, Treasurer; Jeanne Randall, Secretary; Mel Chambers, Upper Room Support; Chris McKemie, Immediate Past LD; Silvia Villarreal-Rocco, Gathering Support; Rob Turk, Member Support; guests: Craig Adams and Miles McKemie. The meeting was called to order by Lay Director Harold Sundbeck. We were led in prayer by Rev Sylvester Chase, followed by opening remarks from Harold. The May Minutes were submitted to the BOD by e-mail from Harold, and were approved by e-mail.

We are in the transition from a RTECC FDG to an Emmaus Community directly under the guidance of the Upper Room. Minutes from the May meeting were faxed to RTECC confirming the merging of the ABC FDG with GAEC FDG, completing the process.

The GAEC Board of Directors approved Nickie Carstarphen as the incoming Treasurer, with the authority to write checks and have access to Quicken. Nickie will have a financial report ready in two weeks.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Opening Balance	\$6,983.88
Deposits	\$2,069.38
Withdrawals	\$7,859.70
Balance	\$1,821.56

**RTECC Report:** The transition from a Fourth Day Group to a Fourth Day Community is progressing smoothly. Phase 1 is complete. We are currently in Phase 2. Emmaus Ministries will send GAEC the new Covenant to be signed and returned. Emmaus Ministries will process the paperwork and assign a Community account number and send the information to complete the online set-up. The final meeting of RTECC and the disbursement of remaining assets will take place on July 31. RTECC Board Rep. position will be renamed to Upper Room Liaison.

**Gathering Support:** All Gatherings have been scheduled through September. Silvia will work on October and November within the next couple of weeks. It was recommended that she also seek out churches that are no longer in the rotation.

**Walk Support:** Report given by Chris McKemie for Carl Fisher. Checks have been received with two Pilgrim Applications and two Team Applications. The Upper Room requires 20 Pilgrims for a Walk to make, but the "break-even" number is 26. Prayer Vigil options for Walk #1847 and for our responsibilities to other Walks were discussed. One of the possibilities is to use 3Dayonline.org in addition to the current system. This would open up the Prayer Vigils to the entire world.

**Member Support:** Three members of the Community have passed away. Rob stated that it would be a good use of the Yahoo Group to share information regarding funeral times, location, etc. Reunion Group information is listed on the website. It is necessary to search for a Music Coordinator.

**Immediate Past LD Report:** July 24 is Emmaus Sunday. There are posters, Emmaus brochures, upcoming Walk dates, and contact information available to be used by participating churches. If each church has a table with information, Pilgrim applications, etc., it will help with the push for Pilgrims.

**Spiritual Directors Report:** Spiritual Director Training can only be done by the Upper Room (Carl Westbrook). It needs to be scheduled, ideally, after the quarterly professional meeting of the UMC clergy, with clergy from other denominations also invited.

**Old Business:** 501c3 Status Report – Craig Adams reported that all the necessary paperwork has been filed with the State of Texas for GAEC to be a non-profit corporation. The IRS filing for an EIN has been completed and the number has been assigned. The DBA will be GAEC. With the DBA, it isn't necessary to spell out the entire name on each document. The Organizational Action form will be signed and executed. Once that is completed a list of the current voting members will be attached.

The next step is for the Bylaws to be drafted. Craig requested a committee be formed to assist with the drafting so historical information is not excluded. Rob made the motion that Chris McKemie, LeeLeen Sundbeck, Myles McKemie, and Mel Chambers will be the committee. Mel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A corporate notebook must be maintained. Once the minutes from each meeting are approved, they must be embossed with the corporate seal and included in the corporate notebook.

Craig recommended that GAEC consider changing banks so that the new entity has a new bank account. Rob moved that GAEC change banks, seconded by LeeLeen. The motion passed. A discussion of the various banks followed. Chris made the motion to go to Prosperity Bank. LeeLeen seconded it and the motion passed.

Craig is working pro bono but needs to be reimbursed for the filing fees. Rob made a motion that Craig be issued a reimbursement check. Harold seconded it motion and the motion passed.

**New Business:** Dropbox as a means of communicating between Board members was discussed. Nickie Carstarphen will get it set up.

**Walk #1847 Report from Rob Turk:** The first team meeting will be this next Saturday. There are already two pilgrims. We need 20 for the Walk to make, 26 to break even.

*Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Randall*

## Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

Singing at 7:00 p.m., Worship at 7:30 p.m., Agape Feast Following

### 2016 Gatherings

#### July 7, 2016

Thursday, July 7, 2016  
Westlake UMC  
1460 Red Bull Trail, Austin, 78746  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #1035, #1775*

#### August 4, 2016

Thursday, August 4, 2016  
Covenant UMC  
4410 Duval Road, Austin, 78727  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #397, #1042, #1778*  
*Team Commissioning for Walk #1847*

#### September 1, 2016

Thursday, September 1, 2016  
Cedar Park UMC  
600 W. Park St., Cedar Park, 78613  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #408, #1057, #1789*

#### \*\* October 13, 2016 \*\*

Thursday, October 13, 2016  
Lake Travis UMC  
1502 RR 620 North, Austin, 78734  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #432A, #444A, #1073*

#### November 3, 2016

Thursday, November 3, 2016  
Location TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #449, #458, #1080, #1094*

#### December 1, 2016

Thursday, December 1, 2016  
Location TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #468, #474, #1112, #1122*

*\*\* Gatherings are on the 1st Thursday  
of the month unless otherwise noted.\*\**

**Childcare provided.**

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