



## The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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

*"As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him." Luke 24:30-31.*

It is in these few words that sums up our experience of seeing Christ through the acts of Agape and the sharing of communion that is the Walk to Emmaus. It is also through our monthly Gatherings that we continue our Walk experience. But there is also more that we can do.

This week my wife and I received a letter from a woman in Conroe, Texas. Before we had even opened it, we both asked each other if this was someone the other knew. Nope. So we opened it and immediately recognized it as a sponsor letter asking for letters for a pilgrim. It was for my cousin Karen, and the thrill of knowing she was going on a Walk to Emmaus was enormous. I've always known she was well grounded in her Christianity, but she and her husband had moved away from Austin last year and so we don't see each other very much, except at funerals. We immediately called her sponsor to get details as to where Candlelight would be held and who else from the family had been contacted. We also offered to ask several other family members to provide letters. And we plan to attend Candlelight on October 1<sup>st</sup> in Tomball.

It is my hope and prayer that the excitement that LeeLeen and I felt just by being asked to provide letters will also be felt in our community for the Pilgrims on Men's Walk #141 and Women's Walk #142 next year. By having only one Men's and one Women's Walk this next year it is our hope that both will be filled to capacity. After all, Christ is counting on you and we need sponsors for the pilgrim's being called to attend. Our Lay Director's for next year are Rob Turk and Kristin Hampsten. We will also have Team Selection for Women's Walk #142 on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Covenant UMC. If you are interested in serving on this team please make sure you are registered in our database. Go to [www.austinemmaus.org](http://www.austinemmaus.org) and follow the directions to register.

I would also like to remind everyone that our next Gathering is October 6, 2016 at Lake Travis UMC. Music begins at 7:00 p.m. and I hope to see each of you there. Come and reconnect with old friends, make some new friends, and bring a friend since visitors are always welcome. Join with us as we continue the journey we all began on our Pilgrim Walk. Also, be sure to wear your crosses on the first Sunday of each month to bring awareness to Emmaus.

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

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Community Website at

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

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**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 63 attended the September  
Gathering at Cedar Park UMC on September 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Speaker name unavailable.**

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

## 2017 Austin Community Sponsored Emmaus Walks

### Men's Walk #141

Rob Turk, Lay Director  
Audrey Spencer, Spiritual Director  
Melvin Chambers, Board Rep.  
Gene McConnell, ST Coordinator

March 30 — April 2, 2017

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CYJ, Wimberley

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### Women's Walk #142

Kristin Riggs Hampsten, Lay Director  
Dick West, Spiritual Director  
LeeLeen Sundbeck, Board Rep.  
ST Coordinator TBD

October 12 — 15, 2017

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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 Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Lake Travis UMC, these Walks will be recognized:

**Men's Walk #432A, 5/11/1995, Omega Center (Lay Director, Ray West)**  
**Men's Walk #444A, 10/10/1995, Omega Center (Lay Director, Glen Campbell)**  
**Men's Walk #1073, 5/5/2003, Mt. Wesley (Lay Director, Tim Paine)**

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 October 6<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Lake Travis UMC to be reunited!

### Men's Walk #432A May 11, 1995 Omega Center

*LD, Ray West*  
*SD, Freddie Dixon*  
*BR, Tom Ausley*



### Men's Walk #444A October 10, 1995 Omega Center

*LD, Glen Campbell*  
*SD, John R. Gibbs*  
*BR, Kevin Gourley*



### Men's Walk #1073 May 5, 2003 Mt. Wesley

*LD, Tim Payne*  
*SD, Dick West*  
*BR, Charlie Lancaster*



## Team Selection for Women's Walk #142

We, as a new community, need to take stock in all events that it sponsors. So, you are invited to the Greater Austin Emmaus Community Team Selection event for Women Walk #142 on Thursday October 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Covenant UMC (*upstairs in the library*).

If you would like to serve on this team or any other team, please make sure you have an application filled out and submitted before October 16, 2016. Applications can be filled out and submitted here:

[http://www.austinemmaus.org/team\\_app.php](http://www.austinemmaus.org/team_app.php)

**Come out and be a part of the gallery as we select the GREATEST TEAM EVER!**



## The *WalkTalk* Needs YOU!

The *WalkTalk* needs your help to keep it informative, interesting and enjoyable to read. Please send your . . .

- ⇒ Emmaus information
- ⇒ Chrysalis information
- ⇒ Kairos information
- ⇒ any upcoming events
- ⇒ articles
- ⇒ personal reflections
- ⇒ 4<sup>th</sup> Day experiences
- ⇒ GAEC service opportunities/needs
- ⇒ Walk info
- ⇒ team info
- ⇒ Gathering info



. . . you get the idea! Anything you think the community needs to know, would be helpful to know, or would enjoy reading.

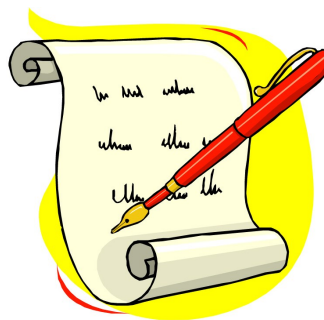
Send your news to [WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org](mailto:WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org)

## Clergy Corner!

Community clergy, would you like to write a paragraph, or two or three, for the Greater Austin Emmaus Community? It can be as long or as short as you would like, and on any topic of your choice. Just send your musings to:

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

We will all be blessed by your sharing!



## A Note From the Editor...

Do you have 4th Day experiences you would like to share? Perhaps a reflection on your spiritual journey or a short devotional? Or maybe you would like to share your answers to the two questions asked at Closing: What has this weekend meant to you? What are you going to do with it?

Please share with us by sending your submissions to [WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org](mailto:WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org). We will be blessed by your sharing!





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**Greater Austin Emmaus Community  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 1, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Harold Sundbeck, who opened the meeting with prayer and presided over the meeting. The following directors were present: Lay Director, Harold Sundbeck; Assistant Lay Director, LeeLeen Sundbeck; Secretary, Jeanne Randall; Treasurer, Nickie Carstarphen; Upper Room Representative, Mel Chambers; Member Services Coordinator, Rob Turk; Gathering Support Coordinator, Silvia Villarreal-Rocco; Walk Support Coordinator, Carl Fisher; Past Lay Director (non-voting), Chris McKemie. It was determined that 8 directors were present, which did constitute a quorum. Also present were Craig Adams, Tom Rioux, Myles McKemie, and Kristin Hampsten.

The meeting began with a review of the proposed changes to the Bylaws of the GAEC. Attorney Craig Adams presented a copy of the attached Bylaws to the Board of Directors for approval. Also discussed was the Conflict of Interest document, making a final decision of the new name, and obtaining a rider on the insurance policy to cover the Board of Directors.

After discussion on the items as noted above, a motion was made by Rob and seconded by Nickie that the Bylaws be approved and adopted and that the Secretary of the Corporation be authorized and ordered to place the Seal of the Corporation upon such Bylaws and place them in the corporate record book of the Corporation. The motion passed. Craig will email a copy to members of the Board for an email approval.

Nickie made the motion that the name be the Greater Austin Emmaus Community. Mel seconded and the motion passed.

**MINUTES:** The Board of Directors Meeting Minutes were sent by email for the August 4, 2016 meeting. Corrections that had been submitted were made and a final draft was emailed and approved by the Board. Copies of the approvals are filed with the Minutes.

**REPORTS:** The following officers, directors, or other persons presented reports to the Board of Directors, with any items discussed or actions taken as noted below. The following items were discussed:

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nickie had not received the first bank statement from Frost Bank but did provide a transaction summary from the website and a balance sheet as of 9/1/2016. She reported that the Wells Fargo account is now closed and she will be closing out the records for the old organization. She will meet with Bob and Debbie DuPlantis to go over the Quicken recordkeeping to make sure that all entries are going where they should. She will also draft a policies and procedures manual so that the next Treasurer will have the necessary information to complete the duties. Discussion followed the report. It was recommended that the records be reviewed once a year. This should be called a Financial Review not an Audit. GAEC will continue to have its Fiscal Year be the same as the calendar year. The question was asked about the Gathering offering – whether the money went into the General Fund or into a separate account for scholarships. Scholarship money is or should be a separate line item in Quicken.

**UPPER ROOM REPORT:** Mel told us there is a set of Team Manuals missing. Mel is waiting for CYJ to set its rates so that the Pilgrim rates for future Walks can be established. He also stated he is waiting for the contract from CYJ.

**GATHERING SUPPORT:** Silvia will check the Leander and UT football schedule for possible schedule conflict for the November Gathering. If there is a conflict, it was suggested that the November Gathering be held on Saturday, with a potluck, childcare, and activities for the children.

**WALK SUPPORT AND PAST LD REPORT:** Carl Fisher & Chris McKemie – The Walk numbers have been reset to continue from the original number (before RioTexas). The Men's Walk will be Walk #141 and the Women's Walk is #142. Kristen Hampsten was introduced as the Lay Director for Walk #142.

**MEMBER SUPPORT:** Rob stated that no one has come forward to take over as the Music Coordinator.

**WALK #141 REPORT:** Rob reported that two slots on the Team have been filled and he has left one slot open in case there is someone from the Bastrop area that would like to be on the Team. Mel will talk to possible Sponsors.

**OLD BUSINESS:** *WalkTalk* editor Kellye Noret is having difficulty getting articles submitted for the Newsletter. It is an on-going problem. We were asked to think about writing something to submit.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Harold announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors would be held on October 6th at 6 p.m., at Lake Travis UMC. Also, Tom Rioux announced his retirement at the end of the year.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7 p.m., a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. It was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeanne Randall, Secretary*

## Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

### 2016/2017 Gatherings

#### October 6, 2016

Thursday, October 6, 2016  
Lake Travis UMC  
1502 RR 620 North, Austin, 78734  
4th Day Speaker Scott Foster  
*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*

#### January 5, 2017

Thursday, January 5, 2017  
Location TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #480, #491, #1140, #1152*

#### February 2, 2017

Thursday, February 2, 2017  
Location TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #504, #513, #1161*

#### March 2, 2017

Thursday, March 2, 2017  
Location TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #521 #1170, #1803*

#### April 6, 2017

Thursday, April 6, 2017  
Location TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #1189, #1821*

#### May 4, 2017

Thursday, May 4, 2017  
Location TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #1839*

Childcare provided.

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