



The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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ANOTHER TRIP AROUND THE SUN

Well, my year as your Lay Director for the Greater Austin Emmaus Community is now ending, and I pass the work we began a year ago on to my successor, LeeLeen. This past year saw us transition from being under the direction of the Rio Texas Conference into a stand-alone 501c3 tax exempt non-profit corporation. This past twelve months gave us our share of trials, beginning with having to cancel our Men's Walk in September due to a lack of pilgrims, and we had already made the decision not to have a Women's Walk since we didn't have a Lay Director ready. However, our Men's Walk #141 in March was a huge success, and we have a team in place for our Women's Walk #142 to be held on October 12-15 of this year. Our Lay Director is Kristin Hampsten. We already have five pilgrims on board, and since we didn't have a Women's Walk last Fall I expect this Walk to fill up. So, if you are interested in sponsoring a pilgrim, please go to www.austinemmaus.org and follow the directions to find the Sponsor forms.

At the May Gathering we introduced our new Board members: LeeLeen Sundbeck, Lay Director; Rob Turk, Assistant Lay Director; Patti Bizzell, Treasurer; Denise Noseworthy, Gathering Support; and Kristin Hampsten, Member Support. We still need volunteers for Walk Support, and for Music Coordinator for our Gatherings. If you would like to be more involved in assisting our Community, please contact any Board member for information on how you can serve.

Just another reminder that our June Gathering will be at St. Mark UMC, located at 601 W. Braker Lane. The potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 with the music starting at 7:15. Our 4th Day Speaker is Linda Elliott.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next Gathering. 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 Cross on the 1st Sunday of each month to bring awareness of the Walk to Emmaus to your church family.

May God continue to bless you, and remember, Christ is Counting on You.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and DeColores!

Harold Sundbeck
Lay Director



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as of 5/4/17

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\$20,635.59

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Community Website at

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

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**The WalkTalk deadline is
the 20th of each month.**

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

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

**Approximately 87 attended the May 4th
Gathering at Wesley UMC, and Dr. Susan
Johnson gave an inspiring Fourth Day talk.**

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

2017 Austin Community Sponsored Emmaus Walk

Women's Walk #142

October 12 — 15, 2017

CYJ, Wimberley

Kristin Riggs Hampsten, Lay Director

Contact: Kristin@austinemmaus.org

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Global Walks

The new Emmaus Community of Bolivia will hold its first walks from July 5th to 8th and July 10th to 13th. Bolivia is one of 8 countries launching a new community – all within five years – as part of the “8 in 5” initiative. Kenya and Bolivia hold their first walks this year, while leadership teams in Bulgaria, Peru, Poland, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Chile are in various stages of formation.

Bolivia is counting on you to:

PRAY. Add the Emmaus Community of Bolivia to your personal prayer list AND sign up for a prayer vigil by emailing lourdesmc@gmail.com.

SHARE. Write agape letters for the new pilgrims. Send your letters by June 23rd to irn_rodriguez@hotmail.com.

GIVE. Launching healthy communities requires training and resources. Donations to the **Emmaus Gift** helped Bolivian leaders travel to established communities in neighboring countries to experience their first walks. Click here to learn how you can give: <http://emmaus.upperroom.org/leaders/gift>



Women's Walk #142 Needs Your Help!

Walk #142, October 12 – 15 at Camp Young Judaea, needs someone to provide the Agape Feast on October 14th. This can be a Reunion Group, a church, sponsors, or just gather a few Emmaus friends! If you can help, contact Kristin at Kristin@austinemmaus.org. This is a great way to show God's love to our new pilgrims!



2018 Walks

Walks #143 and #144 are tentatively on the calendar for March (Men) and October (Women) 2018. We are waiting for CYJ to confirm the dates and Lay Directors to say yes.



On Thursday, May 4th, the Greater Austin Emmaus Community gathered at Wesley United Methodist Church. Dr. Susan Johnson was the speaker, and gave a great talk on how, just like our cars, we as Christians need to wash, rinse, and wax our hearts to keep our faith shined up. Just as the song lyric indicates, everyone in attendance was “one in the Spirit”.

Thanks to Shenea Edison for these great photos!





Greater Austin Emmaus Community Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes Bethany UMC, May 4, 2017

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: Harold Sundbeck, Lay Director; LeeLeen Sundbeck, Assistant Lay Director; Jeanne Randall, Secretary; Mel Chambers, Upper Room Representative; Rob Turk, Member Services Coordinator; Silvia Villarreal-Rocco, Gathering Support Coordinator; Rev. Sylvester E. Chase, Jr., Spiritual Director; Chris McKemie, Past Lay Director (non-voting). **QUORUM:** It was determined that eight directors were present, which did constitute a quorum.

MINUTES: The Board of Directors Meeting Minutes was sent by email for the meeting held on May 4, 2017. 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 Carstarphen was out of town, and the report was sent by email. A motion to accept the report was made by Mel Chambers and seconded by Rob Turk. The motion passed.

UPPER ROOM REPORT: Mel Chambers – The UR strongly suggests that at two weeks out, the Walk should be cancelled if the Walk has not “made”. But Mel recommended that if we had 16 confirmed Pilgrims at the two week mark, we should wait one more week for the last four. If we don’t have the last four by one week out, the Walk should be cancelled.

The break-even point for the first Walk as was 27 pilgrims. Because we only had 26 pilgrims we lost \$105.00. The consensus was that GAEC did very well for our first Walk as a self-standing Community.

Tentative dates for the 2018 Walks are March 23, 2018 for the Men’s Walk and October 18, 2018 for the Women’s Walk.

A Motion to accept the Report was made by Rob and seconded by Lee Sundbeck.

GATHERING SUPPORT: Sylvia Villarreal-Rocco reported that St Mark UMC will need both music and a speaker. Rob offered to locate a 4th Day speaker for the Gathering and will provide music if he is unable to locate someone to provide music.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Chase had issues with the Names List during the Candlelight Service. This situation must be corrected before the next Walk.

Rev Chase’s Mother passed away on Monday. Prayers for him and his family.

WOMEN’S WALK 142 – Kristin Hampsten, Lay Director. The final two team meetings will be on August 26th and September 9th. There is a tentative date of July 15th for an Agape Party. Location, time, and confirmation of the date will be determined later.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeanne Randall.



We Did It!

DeColores, All!

We as a community sponsored our first Walk. YES! Walk #141 was a success. After all the bills were paid, the Walk cost us \$105.00 dollars. The breakeven point for a Walk is 28 pilgrims. We as a community should strive for 30 pilgrims two weeks out. The system we are using has the Walk covering all expenditures as they come due. So, we need to get on future pilgrim calendars **NOW**. The Holy Spirit will move future pilgrims to go. I have faith that if we ask, the Holy Spirit will bring them to the Walk.

Walks #143 and #144 rare on the calendar for March (Men) and October (Women) 2018. We are waiting for CYJ to confirm the dates and Lay Directors to say yes. The ball is rolling for our future Walks. If every church in our District puts two pilgrims on every Walk, we can go back to 4 Walks a year. And, we are working on a Face to Face Walk in 2019. For more information about Face to Face, go to <http://facetoface.upperroom.org/>.

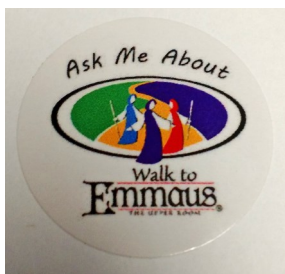
Hope to see everyone at the next Gathering!

Melvin Chambers
Upper Room Support



Emmaus Sunday!

Don't forget! The first Sunday of each month is Emmaus Sunday. Wear your cross and lanyards to worship! This is a wonderful opportunity to bring awareness to the Walk to Emmaus!



New Board Members!

LeeLeen Sundbeck – Lay Director
Rob Turk – Assistant Lay Director
Harold Sundbeck – Immediate Past Lay Director
Patti Bizzell – Treasurer
Denise Noseworthy – Gathering Support
Kristin Hampsten – Member Support

Next time you see them at a Gathering, be sure to tell them, “Thanks for serving!”

Also, a big thank you to these out-going, or moving to a new position, Board members, for YOUR service!

Nickie Carstarphen – Treasurer
Chris McKemie – Immediate Past Lay Director
Carl Fisher – Walk Support
Silvia Villarreal-Rocco – Gathering Support
LeeLeen Sundbeck – Assistant Lay Director
Harold Sundbeck – Lay Director



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Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Worship at 7:15 p.m.

2017 Gatherings

June 1, 2017

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p

St. Mark UMC

601 West Braker Lane, Austin, 78753

4th Day Speaker Linda Elliott

July 6, 2017

Thursday, July 6, 2017

Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p

Cedar Creek UMC

5630 FM 536, Cedar Creek, 78612

4th Day Speaker Shirley Ellis

August 3, 2017

Thursday, August 3, 2017

Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p

Northwest Hills UMC

7050 Village Center Drive, Austin, 78731

4th Day Speaker TBD

September 7, 2017

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p

Manor UMC

510 Burnet St. North, Manor, 78653

4th Day Speaker TBD

October 5, 2017

Thursday, October 5, 2017

Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p

Covenant UMC

4410 Duval Road, Austin, 78727

4th Day Speaker TBD

November 2, 2017

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p

Location TBD

4th Day Speaker TBD

December 7, 2017

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p

Location TBD

4th Day Speaker TBD

Childcare Provided

Contact Silvia Villarreal-Rocco

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