



The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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Service and Challenge

As I begin my service as your new Lay Director for the Greater Austin Emmaus Community, I want to thank all of you for entrusting me with this responsibility to serve all of you. This next year will be a continuation of the work we began last year becoming our own 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation. As we move forward this year with the Holy Spirit leading us, I am also counting on our community to respond by filling Prayer Vigils, serving on teams, making Agape, and attending Candlelight and the Welcome Back. After all, the words on our crosses say "Christ is Counting on You", so now I'm also counting on all of you.

One thing I would like to see this year is the interest and energy put back into the Emmaus movement. I would like to request the help of the Emmaus Community. If you could ask the pastor of your church for help in promoting the Walk by announcing on Sundays about the upcoming Walks, how to sponsor pilgrims, or put a blurb in the church bulletin about the Walks and the Emmaus website. Has your pastor been on a Walk? If not, how about offering to sponsor her or him? What a blessing that would be.

So far this year we had a very successful Men's Walk in March/April, and now we are in the team building process leading up to our Women's Walk #142, to be held October 12-15 at Camp Young Judaea. Our last Women's Walk was held over Mother's Day weekend last year and that Walk was filled to capacity. Since our upcoming Women's Walk will have been over a year since our last Women's Walk, I expect this Walk to also fill up quickly. As a matter of fact, we already have 9 pilgrims for this upcoming Walk.

As I mentioned at our last Gathering at St. Mark UMC, we need to find opportunities to promote the Walk to Emmaus. When you attend events at your church, wear your lanyard, and when someone asks you about your cross, share with them experiencing the joy of being surrounded by God's love during a Walk to Emmaus. Also, get your church to promote the Walk to Emmaus by asking everyone to wear their lanyards on the first Sunday of each month.

Our next monthly Gathering will be at Cedar Creek UMC, located at 5630 FM 535, Cedar Creek, 78612. The potluck dinner begins at 6:00 pm, music at 7:15 pm, and worship at 7:30 pm. I hope to see all of you there when we gather for fellowship and worship.

De Colores!
LeeLeen Sundbeck
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Emmaus Community
Website at

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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 47 attended the June 1st
Gathering at St. Mark UMC, and Linda Elliott
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

Dick West, Spiritual Director

LeeLeen Sundbeck, Board Rep.

Contact: LeeLeen@austinemmaus.org

Jeanne Randall, ST Coordinator

Contact: Jeanne@austinemmaus.org

Candlelight – October 14, 2017 @ 7:30pm at CYJ

Closing – October 15, 2017 @ 3:30pm at CYJ

Welcome Back – October 19, 2017 @ 7:00pm at Covenant UMC

4410 Duval Road, Austin, Texas, 78727, 512-346-3124



For a complete listing of Rio Texas Conference Emmaus Community Walks, or for directions to CYJ, click on the following links:

[Rio Texas Conference Emmaus Community Walk Schedule](#)

[Directions to Camp Young Judaea](#)

[Rio Texas Emmaus Communities Map](#)

Women's Walk #142 Needs Your Help!

Women's 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!



GAEC 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.

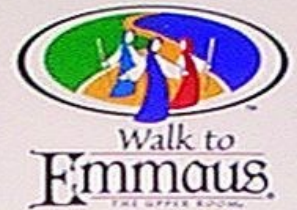


Global Walks

Earlier this year, the **Emmaus Community of Ghana** responded to the need to grow the ministry beyond the country's capital city.

On March 30th, 2017, the community sent a group of 23 men to the city of Ofoase Kokoben. One month later, 34 women representing a host of ministries from various denominations attended their retreat in the village of Santasi. The two events, the first to be held in the Ashanti Region of the country, were Ghana Emmaus' response to a question that arose during their 20th anniversary celebration. The challenge was to find ways to grow the ministry and to allow Ghanaians living outside of the capital city of Accra to experience God's grace in new ways. We rejoice with and give thanks for the community's vision and determination. *(See photos on the next page.)*

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.



“Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scripture to us?”
Luke 24:32 (NIV)

Upcoming Austin Community Sponsored Walk

Women's Walk to Emmaus #142

October 12-15, 2017, CYJ \$198.00

Lay Director [Kristin Riggs Hampsten](#)

Spiritual Director Dick West

Board Rep. [Leeleen Sundbeck](#)

Servant Team Coordinator [Jeanne Randall](#)

Candlelight – October 14, 2017 @ 7:30pm

Closing – October 15, 2017 @ 3:30pm

Welcome Back – Thursday October 19, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Covenant UMC, 4410 Duval Road, Austin, Texas, 78727, 512-346-3124

Please see [Downloads](#) for GAEC Sponsor Packet, Pilgrim Application Form, and Scholarship Application Form.

Contact the [GAEC Board Member for Walk Support](#) for more information.

Childcare is **NOT** provided for Candlelight, Closing, and Welcome Back unless noted.

The Welcome Back is open to the entire Emmaus community and guests.

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**Ghana Walk #50
Team Members
and Pilgrims**



God's Love God's Grace



**Ghana Walk #51
Team Members
and Pilgrims**

**Greater Austin Emmaus Community
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
St. Mark UMC, June 1, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by LeeLeen Sundbeck, who opened the meeting with prayer and presided over the meeting.

The following directors were present: LeeLeen Sundbeck, Lay Director; Rob Turk, Assistant Lay Director and Member Services Coordinator; Jeanne Randall, Secretary; Mel Chambers, Upper Room Representative; Carl Fisher, Walk Support Coordinator (*by phone*); Sylvester Chase, Spiritual Director; Harold Sundbeck, Immediate Past Lay Director. Additionally, Chris McKemie was present.

QUORUM: It was determined that 8 directors were present, which did constitute a quorum.

MINUTES: The Board of Directors Meeting Minutes were reviewed and corrections made. Mel Chambers made the motion that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Rob Turk seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

The following items were discussed:

UPPER ROOM REPORT – Mel will communicate with Ed to get the website Board Roster undated so that emails are going to the new Board Members. Jeanne indicated that there were Team Manuals, Emmaus brochures, and other miscellaneous materials on the “ABC” trailer that should be reviewed for publication dates and inventoried.

WALK SUPPORT – Harold and Carl will work together until someone can take over for Carl.

MEMBER SUPPORT – One new person signed up (for the emails?). Jeanne recommended that new pilgrims be automatically added to the email list. They can always opt out if they choose. More needs to be said about the email during the Walk, so the pilgrims understand that the email network is how we stay in touch between Gatherings, etc.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – We are missing the spiritual connection between the church pastor and the Community. If the pastor isn't on board with/for the Emmaus movement, the local congregation will lose it's momentum. We must brainstorm ideas for personal contact with the various pastors. We need a contact in each church. We need to talk to the Bishop. He “drives the ship”.

OLD BUSINESS – Merging of the two trailers. A discussion of whether to sell or donate the extra trailer to the Kairos Outside Ministry. Rob made the motion to donate the trailer, Mel seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Jeanne was given permission to donate any “extras and duplicate supplies” to facilitate the merging of the trailers. Chris will arrange to get the kneeler repaired when the trailer returns to her property.

NEW BUSINESS – None

WALK #142 REPORT – Kristin indicated that she has lost one team member and may possibly lose another one. A recommendation was made to contact Dot Files as a replacement.

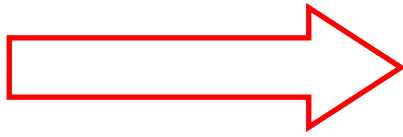
ADJOURNMENT: At 6:05 p.m., a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Jeanne Randall.



Very Important Note From Your Editor

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Thank you.



Emmaus Sunday!

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



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
- ⇒ 4th 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

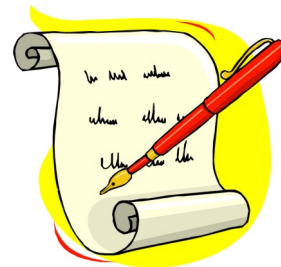
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Clergy Corner

Community clergy, would you like to write a paragraph, or two or three, to share with 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

We will all be blessed by your sharing!



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2017 Gatherings

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

November 2, 2017

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Lake Travis UMC
1502 North RM 620, Austin 78734
4th Day Speaker TBD

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

December 7, 2017

Thursday, December 7, 2017

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

To reserve childcare,
send an email to:

BM4GatheringSupport@austinemmaus.org

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



Emmaus Gatherings