



Walk to Emmaus Information & Application Form

Event	Dates
Walk 123 – Men's Walk	30 April 2020 – 03 May 2020
Walk 124 – Ladies' Walk	14 – 17 May 2020
Gathering	TBA
Fee	R 1200.00

WHAT IS A WALK TO EMMAUS? In Luke Chap 24 we read the story of the risen Christ appearing to two who were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. He explained the scriptures and their hearts were warmed. Their eyes were only fully opened to recognize Him when Christ took bread, blessed and broke it then gave it to them. Filled with joy, they rushed back to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples.

This story provides the image for Emmaus. The programme came to South Africa in 1990 from the United Methodist Church in the USA, which in turn developed it from the Spanish Roman Catholic *Cursillo de Christlandad* (a short course in Christianity) which started in the late 1940's. The Emmaus movement is ecumenical in practice and is seeking to find authentic expression in the cultures of Africa while retaining the wealth of Christian experience from other cultures. God is using Emmaus in Southern Africa to bring reconciliation between races and renewal to Christians and their churches.

On a *Walk to Emmaus* men and women attend separate weekends.

The purpose of Emmaus aims to inspire, challenge and equip local church members who are in leadership or who are prospective leaders, for Christian action in their homes, churches and places of work. It provides a means to grow together in love, grace and servant hood as members of the Body of Christ.

What happens on an Emmaus Walk? Each *Walk* is a 72-hour experience lasting over a weekend from Thursday evening to Sunday evening. This time is spent studying, discussing, worshipping and living together as a Christian community. Fifteen talks, (Emmaus), delivered by clergy and laity, form basis of discussions and projects. The themes of God's grace and how grace comes alive in the Christian Community and expresses itself in the world are presented and discussed. Participants have opportunities to celebrate Holy Communion daily and begin to understand more fully the presence of Christ in the body of His believers. The prayers and acts of love of a lively support community enhance this.

What happens after the weekend? One of the primary strengths of Emmaus is the follow-up. The weekend lasts 3 days, but the participants are invited to build on it for the rest of their lives by expanding their spiritual lives through study and congregational participation and becoming more active as disciples of Christ in the world through their home churches. To nurture this discipleship. Emmaus offers specific opportunities such as:

- ❖ A Reunion Gathering after the weekend, open to all *Walk* participants
- ❖ Small "accountability" groups that meet regularly to maintain spiritual accountability.
- ❖ Community gatherings for fellowship and worship.
- ❖ Opportunity and training to support and participate through serving on future *Walks*.

Who should experience Emmaus? Emmaus is for growing Christians in leadership roles who are open to experience the grace and love of God in new ways through the Christian community. More especially, it is for those who will be committed to make a difference in their church and community as a result of the experience.

How to apply to participate in Emmaus: The accompanying forms need to be completed by:

1. The Applicant.
2. **The Spiritual Sponsor.** This is someone who has already attended a *Walk to Emmaus* and who will undertake to explain the weekend, pray for the participant and assist in practical requirements.
3. **The Applicant's own Minister or Pastor,** so that the applicant is under submission to the home church. (If a Minister or Pastor requires more details, the Emmaus Spiritual Director can be contacted - see below).

A limited number of participants can be admitted on a *Walk* and there is usually a waiting list. Each application will be considered prayerfully and applicants will be informed for which *Walk* they have been accepted.

For more information, please contact the Registrar, Henk Potgieter on Home 031-705 1614 Cell 084 961 9574 Fax 086 471 6002

10 Jung Crescent Manors Pinetown 3610 or kznemmausregistrar@gmail.com

Kwa-Zulu Natal Emmaus Community Contact Information

For further information on Emmaus contact:

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Banking details are provided on the *Application Form*



This form to be sent with the fee or, at least a non-refundable deposit of R200, to Kwa-Zulu Natal Emmaus Community.

10 Jung Crescent, Manors, Pinetown, 3610 or fax 086 471 6002 or e-mail

kznemmausregistrar@gmail.com

Banking details: First National Bank – The Pavillion

Account Name: Kwa-Zulu Natal Emmaus Community

Account No: 62218561084 Branch Code: 22 43 26

Deposit reference: Your first initial and surname followed by P+ the walk number
e.g *A Smith P114*

Emmaus Walk application form for applicant to complete

Surname: Title:

Name by which you are called: Preferred Walk No:

Postal Address:

..... Postal Code:

E-mail address:

Phone: (H) (W) (C)

Date of birth: Male Female

Please specify any special conditions that might affect your participation: health, disability, medication and special diet:

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Your church's name, denomination and address:

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State briefly your involvement in your church:

State briefly why you wish to attend the weekend and what you expect from it:

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What musical instruments do you play (if any)?

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Has your sponsor explained the weekend? Yes No

While you are on the weekend it may be necessary to contact your family and home or a close friend.

Please give us the names and phone numbers of three close family members or friends:

1.

Phone (H) (W) (C)

2.

Phone (H) (W) (C)

3.

Phone (H) (W) (C)

Next of kin : Relationship : Telephone No:.....

To be completed by the applicant's Minister / Pastor

Minister's Name:

Mailing Address:

E-mail address:

Phone (H) (W) (C)

I support this application to attend a *Walk to Emmaus* signed:

To be completed by the Spiritual Sponsor

I accept the commitment detailed alongside and I have attached herewith the Sponsor's checklist and written letter of motivation.

Name:

Address:

..... Postal Code:

E-mail address:

Phone (H) (W) (C)