

## APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

### De Colores Friends ...

Once again, I greet you in the name of our Risen Lord.

I write to you to let you know that KwaZulu-Natal Emmaus Ministries Board, on advice from Emmaus Ministries South Africa and the Upper Room took the decision to postpone all upcoming proposed events scheduled for the first half of 2021. This decision was not made in haste but made in much prayer and in consultation with the event Leadership Team. While it is possible that things like social distancing, singing with masks, catered meals, conference room tables, etc. might be minimized and by the lifting of restrictions and increase in numbers attending an event, the consensus was that the “experience” that we all know, will not be fully appreciated by pilgrims, caterpillars and team.

Please continue to pray and talk with your friends, church members and family members about attending an event, planned for during the second half of 2021. The Spirit does not die because we are delayed, it only magnifies in time, and it will be spectacular when we get back to all our events!

The Board has discussed, is in the planning phase and will be hosting a Virtual Gathering in July – please stay tuned for more info on this event.

### 2021 Event Dates

Walk	Date
Men's Walk # 123	16 – 19 September
Ladies Walk #124	23 – 26 September
Men's Walk #125	30 September – 3 October
Ladies Walk #126	7 October – 10 October
Face to Face Encounter #127	16,18, 23 & 25 November

# SOMETHINGS TO THINK ABOUT AND ACT ON!

When last did you check your details on the webpage?

When last did you make contact with your past pilgrims, now community members?

We would love to be in contact with you and ask that you assist us in updating our webpage.

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## **SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsorship is the act of your revisiting your experience with a friend or offering someone the gift of experiencing an event. "Sponsorship is one of the most important aspects of **Emmaus Ministries** events and must be taken seriously. Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, careful planning, and follow-through. The strength of an Emmaus Ministries Community is a direct result of its sponsorship practices." Sponsorship training will be provided at each KwaZulu-Natal Emmaus Ministries Community Gathering by a Board member.

Pray about whom to sponsor and wait for God's leading. If you are a first-time sponsor, seek the counsel of a more experienced community person and then chat to the person's minister or pastor before contacting your prospective Pilgrim and follow your Sponsorship primer card.

Make sure your Pilgrim is a Christian who belongs to a church and wants to attend an Emmaus Ministries event weekend for the right reasons. Remember that the Emmaus Ministries event weekend is not a place to become a Christian but is a place to strengthen church leaders. It is not a fix-it shop or a place to send problem members.

Meet with your Pilgrim to affirm his/her journey with the Lord and to share your own **Emmaus Ministries** experience, explaining how your life has changed. Include your Pilgrim's spouse and caterpillar's parents in the discussion and encourage them to participate in an event.

Explain the event weekend or days to your Pilgrim or caterpillar, being open and non-secretive; providing a healthy understanding of what can be expected. Help them understand how the weekend works and what they should bring, as well as items they should not bring (cell phones, cameras, etc).

Be very careful not to create expectations, remembering that each Pilgrim's and caterpillars event experience is unique and personal, according to God's plan and not our own.

Help your pilgrim or caterpillar with the Application form, making sure that it is signed by his/her pastor. Send the application in along with your Sponsor's motivational letter, being careful to follow all the guidelines for Sponsors.

Please download all application forms from the webpage.

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or contact Tracy Rowland, 082 337 6554 or Danie Nothnagel, 083 395 0123 who will email you the documents.

This spirit of sponsoring increased our numbers and helped our numbers grow from year to year. Hopefully, our move and change of venue from Marian Hill to African Enterprise, will continue to grow our Emmaus Ministries Community and will spark the same type of excitement that we have experienced in previous years. We will be stepping into a "new venue" but nothing else has changed, our hearts and minds are still fixed on our Saviour.



## **BOARD VACANCIES**

Your 2021 KwaZulu-Natal Emmaus Ministries community Board are needing your assistance with filling vacant portfolio positions.

The vacant portfolios are:

- **Registrar** – The role of the Registrar is to represent the Community to the sponsors, pilgrims and caterpillars who submit applications for the Emmaus ministries programs. The Registrar corresponds with the potential pilgrims/caterpillars and their sponsors before a Walk, Flight or Encounter. The Registrar is the first point of contact for a Walk, Flight or Encounter. The Registrar keeps records of deposit payments made.
- **Gatherings** - The role of the Community Gatherings portfolio is to ensure that Gatherings are hosted for the reunion of all members of the community and their guests. The basic components of a Gathering include worship and prayer, small group sharing, Fourth Day witness, Clergy response, Holy Communion, and community education or making

agape. Most importantly, ensure that these events are full of opportunity for FELLOWSHIP and FUN!

- Books and literature – The role of the Books and literature portfolio holder is to order, stock take and store the books. As well as set up a book table and sell books at event weekends and at gatherings.
- Team Selection understudy – This position becomes vacant at the end of 2021 and is vital to events for progressive servanthood. The nominated understudy is to have a broad awareness of the Emmaus ministries community and a solid understanding of team needs.

Please prayerfully discern nominations relating to the above-mentioned portfolios and contact a Board member with your nominee's name before approaching the person concerned.

In closing, I would like to go to the writings of Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:4 which says,

**“I ALWAYS THANK MY GOD FOR YOU BECAUSE OF HIS  
GRACE GIVEN YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.”** (NCV)

Let us do all things because of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

I thank God for the KwaZulu-Natal Emmaus Ministries Community.

With my prayers,



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