

KWA-ZULU NATAL EMMAUS COMMUNITY

REQUIREMENTS OF SPONSORSHIP

Only someone who has been on a *Walk to Emmaus* can fulfill this role. Sponsorship does not require paying for participants, but rather ensuring that they derive spiritual benefit from the weekend experience. It involves:

1. Prayerful selection of applicants in consultation with the sponsor's accountability group and the applicant's minister or pastor.
2. Writing a short motivation on how the applicant fulfils the criteria for admission on the weekend and submitting it, together with the application forms and deposit, to the registrar for consideration by the Kwa-Zulu Natal Emmaus Community Board.
3. Support for the *Walk* before, during and after. This includes the following:
 - Praying for the applicant.
 - Explaining the *Walk* to the candidate and his/her spouse before submitting this application form.
 - Discuss the weekend with his/her family/friends for appropriate support and encouragement and care for them over the period of the weekend.
 - Arrange for transport to and from the weekend venue.
 - Participate in activities that make the weekend a special blessing.
 - Help the applicant attend follow-up activities after the *Walk*.

Emmaus relies on sponsorship to bring other Christians from all walks of life, denominations and races, to share this experience. The personal character of sponsorship underlines the personal care and commitment of God to *each Pilgrim*. With the Emmaus experience being passed on from person to person, this reflects the nature of God and the manner in which God reaches out to people through people.

Sponsorship is integral to some of the unique features and strengths of Emmaus - a discerning approach to recruitment, personal agape and prayer for the pilgrim, plus the sponsors' presence at sponsors' hour, send-off, candlelight, closing and getting the pilgrim involved in a reunion/accountability group.

Because of sponsorship, Emmaus weekends have never been cancelled due to lack of participants. As a pilgrim we all want to share the gift of those 3 days with others. Wise sponsorship assists Emmaus in making the three days an act of relevant and appropriate sacrificial love from the beginning to the end.

Appropriate sponsorship cannot be over emphasized. The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus movement and the church being affected by the Emmaus movement. Good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus movement that is fulfilling its true purpose - the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry.

Remember a *Walk* can only accommodate the maximum of 4 pilgrims from any one church, the reasons being:

- (i) too many leaders away from the same church will place a strain on that congregation considering that there may also be people serving on team from the same church.
- (ii) more than 4 pilgrims presents difficulties in placing them on tables - a pilgrim should not be on the same table as another member of their church.

Why do we sponsor?

One should sponsor with the follow aims - to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians, who in turn will bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace and community and to build up the body of Christ. Sponsorship is not "to get all my friends to go", to fill up the weekend, or to fix people's problems.

Things to avoid in sponsorship

Do not sponsor a pilgrim because you believe they will have fun!
Do not sponsor if you are on team for the same weekend, because:

- (i) you cannot fulfill your sponsorship duties fully since a pilgrim's family cannot contact you if necessary
- (ii) you cannot effectively pray for your pilgrim
- (iii) you cannot transport your pilgrim to and from the venue and attend the weekend activities.

Do not sponsor just because you had a wonderful time and therefore you believe everyone will - this not true.
Do not tell people they HAVE to attend Emmaus; Emmaus is a ministry, it is not THE ministry.



SPONSOR'S CHECKLIST for a WALK TO EMMAUS

A pilgrim's attendance on the weekend needs to be prayerfully considered and is dependent on you as a sponsor fulfilling your obligations.

Please carefully read the following checklist and initial next to each responsibility to indicate that this sponsorship has been approached appropriately.

This form MUST be returned with the pilgrim's application form before the Registrar will consider the application

Pilgrim's Name _____ Walk No. 114 115 (Please Tick)

1	I have prayerfully considered this pilgrim's suitability and readiness for the weekend.	
2	The pilgrim is currently committed to or involved in the church.	
3	I have approached the pilgrim's minister or pastor who indicates their support.	
4	I have explained the Emmaus programme and the financial implication to the pilgrim.	
5	I have taken a prayer slot/s on the weekend 72-hour prayer schedule.	
6	I have organized and will collect agape letters for the pilgrim. <i>(No presents, flowers or large items please).</i>	
7	I am aware of my commitment to my Pilgrim over the weekend.	
	I have arranged to take my pilgrim to the weekend venue	
	I will attend Sponsor's Hour, pray for my pilgrim and be at the send-off	
	I will attend Candlelight	
	I will collect my pilgrim at the end of the weekend	
8	Which Accountability group will you encourage your pilgrim to join?	
9	I will encourage my pilgrim to attend future gatherings with me.	
10	I will encourage my Pilgrim to follow through on fresh hopes and new commitments.	
11	I will encourage my Pilgrim to serve the Emmaus Community (and future <i>Walks</i>).	
12	I will help my Pilgrim sponsor others.	
13	I will continue to pray for my Pilgrim.	
14	Is the applicant married? Is the spouse also being sponsored?	
15	I have attached my letter of motivation in support of the Pilgrim's application.	

Sponsor's Name: Cell No:

Phone No: (H)(W)

E-mail address: Date:

Name of Accountability Group