

**Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



**Chrysalis Indaba 29 July @ 9:30 for 10am.**

I was sincerely hoping to finalise plans for this event before now but a couple of events have kept us rather busy lately, not least of all, attempting to secure a booking at the Wykeham Collegiate for 2018. I have made the decision to deal with this as a separate issue and get on with planning the actions required for us to hold flights next year.

We have recently incorporated the KZN Drak Chrysalis email address list into the KZN Emmaus list so, hopefully, we will be communicating with more of the “Chrysalis” community than before. That list did include a lot of school email addresses which are probably now out of date. We will also have included addresses of people who live in the Drak Emmaus geographical region – not that that is a problem per se because we don’t mind sharing our information about our aims regarding Chrysalis.

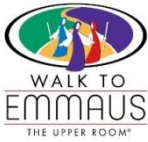
Our aim with this Indaba is to discuss the following and hopefully build a stronger combined community:

1. The decision by EMSA to amalgamate boards and communities so that we have one board/community per geographical region rather than one board/community per ministry per region.
2. The resulting split of KZN Drak Chrysalis on regional boundaries and that the fact that both KZN and Drak Emmaus can now hold flights in their own name.
3. Call for unity and to remove past prejudices.
4. Build support for Liz Botha (our ALD, Chrysalis) who will coordinate activities in the form of sub-committees. These include:
  - a. Getting the message out there that Flights will be held in 2018 through:
    - i. Facebook and other social media.
    - ii. Calling on youth groups.
    - iii. Communicating with schools/ churches/ etc.
    - iv. E-mail.
  - b. Identifying suitable Lay and Spiritual Directors for Flights.
  - c. Selecting teams according to Upper Room Handbook guidelines.
  - d. Ensuring we have adequate supplies.
  - e. Ensuring appropriateness of venue.

(All of these will include making use of the current members of the KZN Emmaus board and training where necessary, eg. Registration, Team Selection, Supplies, Training, Prayer and Agape, etc.).

This Indaba will be open to any interested members of the KZN Emmaus Community who have an interest in Chrysalis Flights and who believe they could assist in ensuring that the Flights happen

next year. The Indaba will be held at Westville Methodist Church starting at 9:30am for 10 on 29 July 2017 and we'd like to ask everyone attending to bring along contributions towards a "bring and share" tea. Tea, coffee and milk will be provided. Please pass this information on to people that you know would be interested in such an event in case they are not on our mailing list. We'll also try to get this information out via Facebook, etc.



### **The Cost of Walks.**

In the wake of our recent successful Walks to Emmaus, #110 and #111, I received some remarks from concerned members of the community regarding the costs incurred by team members and pilgrims. Peter Butterworth, our CSD, has addressed this same topic at a couple of 4<sup>th</sup> Day events since then but I thought it might be an idea to air some of the details of what happens to our money when volunteering to work on team or encourage our friends to participate as pilgrims on Walks.

According to the detailed budget for the last set of Walks the cost of accommodation was 88% of the total cost of the weekend. With team and pilgrim fees set at R1300.00 the cost of accommodation was R1140.00. The rest of the costs were taken up with things like, stationery, crosses, lanyards, song and service books, reunion cards, snacks, rental of the church for candlelight and closing, name tags, tissues, group photo, Upperroom devotionals, the "Day 4 – The Pilgrim's Continued Journey" book and so the list goes on.

I'm sure that many of the community have recently stayed at a B&B or other such accommodation and will know what sort of costs we are looking at there. So what do we get for the cost of R380.00 per day for comfortable, clean, en suite accommodation?

- A place to sleep. (Albeit with someone else in the room that we have probably never met before. I remain good friends today with my pilgrim roommate that I had never met before).
- Three nourishing meals a day. (No washing up required – all included).
- Tea/Coffee twice a day.
- The exclusive use of a Conference Room.
- The exclusive use of a Chapel.
- The exclusive use of a Prayer Chapel.
- The use of a dining room 3 times a day.
- The exclusive use of a Support Room and a place to store all our paraphernalia.
- For team members – free parking.

That R380.00 a day is being stretched to its limits.

I can only speak for Camp Jonathan but it has been confirmed by many others who have experienced places like AE in PMB and other venues used in the past, but the Mariannahill Retreat house has everything right there. No walking from building to building to get from accommodation to Chapel, to Conference Room, etc.

I hope that that explains the reasons for us having to pay the money we do for attending a Walk. Unfortunately inflation is a fact of life and it will have an effect on the cost of next year's Walks as well. But I promise you that your Board is making every effort to keep those increases to a minimum.



### **Face to Face Encounter #112**

Our Face to Face Encounter #112 is in an advanced stage of preparation. Training took place during the period 2-6 June and the Encounter is scheduled to start on 11 July 2017 at Trinity Methodist Church in La Lucia. There are a number of ways that you can contribute to the success of this wonderful event:

- Take a slot in the prayer vigil which is accessible through our website, [www.kznemmaus.co.za](http://www.kznemmaus.co.za).
- Make agape. There is a need for agape that can either be used or eaten. The people attending an Encounter have typically downsized their accommodation and usually don't have enough space to keep lots of odds and ends. We need 52 items for table and 80 for dining room – remember that Encounters are co-ed. I suggest contacting Maeve Dickens on 072 842 3256 or 031-566 1222 to find out how to get the gifts to the Encounter.
- Then there is an opportunity to experience a candle light ceremony during the day. Yes, believe it or not, candle light is held on the afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> July and we suggest getting there at about 1:15pm.
- Of course there's the closing ceremony on the 20<sup>th</sup> July which begins just after 2:00pm so we'd suggest getting there by 1:45pm to be sure to get a seat.



### **Special Prayers.**

This month we ask for your thoughts and prayers for Linda Till who had a back op a few weeks ago. I've just spoken to Linda and she said that she is recovering well and is so pleased to have been given the news that she can sit again. Up till now it has been either

lying down or standing up. She'd like to thank all of those who prayed for her during the op and for all the help she has received.

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