



2026 Emmaus Walk Information & Application Form

Events	Dates
Men's Walk #147	16 April to 19 April 2026
Ladies Walk #148	23 April to 26 April 2026
VENUE: AFRICAN ENTERPRISE, PIETERMARITZBURG	
GATHERING:	TBA
FEE:	R 2150.00

WHAT IS A WALK TO EMMAUS? In Luke Ch. 24 we read the story of the risen Christ appearing to two disciples who were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. He explained the scriptures and their hearts were warmed. Their eyes were 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 backdrop for Emmaus. The program 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 ministries 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 servanthood 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, delivered by clergy and laity, form the 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 ministries 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 ministries 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 or other events.

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 an *Emmaus Ministries event* 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 – for details please 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.

Please take note that we will now be using African Enterprise in Pietermaritzburg as our venue for these walks.

For more information, please contact the Registrar, via email at registrar@kwazulunatal.emsa.org.za

KWAZULU-NATAL Emmaus Community Contact Information

For further information on Emmaus Ministries please contact:

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Assistant Lay Director - Emmaus
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Banking details are provided on the *Application Form*

This form is to be sent with the fee/proof of payment or, at least a non-refundable deposit of R300,00 to KWAZULU-NATAL EMMAUS MINISTRIES.

e-Mail: registrar@kwazulunatal.emsa.org.za

Banking details: First National Bank – The Pavillion

Account Name: EMMAUS MINISTRIES SOUTH AFRICA - KZN

Account No: 622 185 610 84 Branch Code: 25 06 55

Deposit reference: Your first initial and surname followed by P+ the walk number
(e.g. A Smith P123)



Emmaus Walk application form for applicant to complete

Surname: _____ Title: _____

Full Name: _____

Name by which you are called: _____

Preferred Walk No: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

e-Mail address: _____

Phone: (Cell) _____

Date of birth: _____ (Confidential) Male _____ Female _____

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

Your church's name, denomination and address:

State briefly your involvement in your church:

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

What musical instruments do you play (if any)?

Has your sponsor explained the weekend to you? 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. Name: _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

2. Name: _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

3. Name: _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Next of kin: _____

Relationship: _____

Telephone No: _____

POPI Act:

As per the POPI act we require all KZN Emmaus Ministries Pilgrim's permission to send him/her community information and other communications. Our newsletter is not compulsory but would benefit you as it contains information about Emmaus ministry events and prayer requests. Emmaus Ministries declares that your information will not be distributed or used outside the Emmaus Ministries environment.

I hereby, agree that my information as registered can be used by Emmaus Ministries for the purpose of Emmaus communication and use.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

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) _____