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SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Galatians 6:10 Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to our Christian brothers and sisters.

Where and why are you led to serve God? I feel it is an honor and privilege to be asked to serve on a live-in team. But not everyone has the desire and/or skills needed to progress through all the positions in team leadership. A strength of Emmaus is that we have a place for everyone to serve. Not everyone is called to be a Lay Director but all of us are called to be disciples! Being on a live-in team is no more important than carrying luggage, working in the kitchen or any other agape love given. We are all part of the body of Christ.

If you are interested in serving on a live-in team, the following should be helpful information.

How is a Walk Lay Director (LD) selected?

- Served on a minimum of four live-in teams
- Given three different Talks
- Served as an Assistant Lay Director twice
- Follows Christ's standards of moral integrity and selfless servanthood
- Have the people and leadership skills needed
- Approved by the Board of Directors six months before the Walk

What is a Team Selection Committee (TSC)?

- Board Vice Chairperson is chair
- A Community Spiritual Director
- Five past Lay Directors or Assistant Lay Directors
- Members appointed by Board for two year term
- Provides a broad awareness of perspective team members and their gifts
- Provides continuity in the selection process from Walk to Walk
- Assures team selection guidelines established by Board are followed
- Facilitates concept of progressive servanthood to develop Christian leaders

Where do possible live-in team candidates come from?

- Names taken from Willing Servant Forms who indicated interest
- Names of past live-in team members with Willing Servant Form submitted
- Names of Pilgrims from past four eligible Walks

How are live-in team members selected?

- Lists of possible candidates given to TSC, LD, SD's 4 ½ months before Walk
- Names prayed over and considered for two weeks
- TSC, LD and SD's meet four months before Walk to discern names needed
- This list taken before Board for further spiritual discernment
- Final list given to LD to begin contacting

HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS 2004

Normandy UMC

Women's Walk #60 Sept. 23-26

Christ UMC

Women's Walk #59, July 22-25
Men's Walk #35, August 12-15

GATHERINGS & BOARD MEETING

Normandy UMC	2 nd Mon	7:15
Christ UMC	3 rd Fri	7:00
Dayton Board	4 th Tues	7:00

CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

Candlelight	8:30 PM	Saturday
Closing	4:30 PM	Sunday

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Pilgrims for WW# 59

Pilgrim	Sponsor
Linda Back	Bonnie McSwegin
Melissa Becker	Glenda Wilkins
Janet Benning	Betty Pickthorn
Elsie Biddle	Laura Whiting
Patricia Breig	Freeda Hutchinson
Karen Brush	Dwight Bruggeman
Samantha Burton	Paula Frazier
Lois Clark	Lisa Tonkin
Sandra Conn	Jane Simmons
Susan Cottrell	Marc Littman
Connie Crist	LeeAnn Knuebuehl
Kathleen Crombie	Betty Pickthorn
Jillian Custis	Alice Craig
Pamela DeHart	Nancy Walter
Nancy Donnelly-Ivy	Cristy Maddox
Jacque Fisher	Jane Simmons
Agnes Frazier	Adrienne Wadsworth
Wilma Fryman	Shelia Shade
Sherry Girard	Jeffrey Girard
Sharon Green	Herb Green
Wally Herald	Betsy Luallen
Norma Hopper	Janet Burkitt
Linda Levo	Donna McKenzie
Theresa Long	Freeda Hutchinson
Joan Lonsway	Gary Trice
Tisha Love	Perry Love
Jennifer Martin	Deanna Cox
Linda Sue Mefford	Roiann Ward
Harriet Merritt	Carol Carrico
Linda Metzler	Kim Howell
Marita Murphy	Ron Kline
Laura Nugent	Mary Rocquemore
Amber Robsion	Rev. R. Ted Grotsley
Ramona Sackett	Beverly Barrett
Richa Stevens	Sandy Pappenfus
Rachel Trevehan	Roseann Costantino
Debbie Trimborn	Kim Howell
Phyllis Waida	Jan Schneider
Melonie Warren	Tracy Broadwell
LuAnne Wiese	Jeanette Thompson
Bonnie Wright	Tracy Broadwell

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LD seeks to discern if they are following Christ's standards for moral integrity, and selfless servanthood and their willingness to serve on this Team.

This process serves as an avenue of corporate spiritual discernment for the community. It facilitates the concept of progressive servanthood as a way of developing Christian leaders.

Prayer: Out of our love for you, dear God, with a servant's heart and a humble spirit, we long to serve you in whatever ways you call us. Amen.


De Colores,

Bob Hewitt

Team for WW# 59

Janet Benkert	ATL	
Debbie Forward	ATL	
Kathy Hayes	ATL	
Char Hinkley	ATL	
Jean Peck	ATL	
Karen Roush	ATL	
Carole Smith	ATL	
Diana Applegate	TL	Body of Christ
Stacy Douglas	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Kelly Gallagher	TL	
Dot Vinson	TL	Discipleship
Mary Pat Peck	TL	Fourth Day
Tina Staroska	TL	Christian Action
Joyce Zimmann	TL	Life in Piety
Deanna Long	ALD	Changing Our World
Shirley Shriver	ALD	Growth Through Study
Karen Wissinger	ALD	Priority
Pat Burns	LOG	
Nola Keeny	LOG	
Pam Kooser	LOG	
Jan Schneider	PS	
Shelia Shade	PS	
Suzzi Bibby	AMD	
Kristi Schnipke	MD	
Shirley Gallagher	LD	Perseverance
JoAnn Floyd	Board Rep.	
Dave Evans	ASDL	Justifying Grace
Mamie Johnson	SD	Means Of Grace
Palmer Jason	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Sandy Pappenfus	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Tim Benkert	ASD	Prevenient Grace

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

 Nancy Winslow, who is the secretary at NUMC, is retiring July 31, 2004. She has been an incredible asset to the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community and will be sorely missed. NUMC is hosting a Celebration on her behalf at the **Sunday, July 25 10 AM service**. Nancy and the Board would like to invite the Emmaus Community to attend and celebrate with her as she starts this new chapter in her life.

From the SD's Office

In a seminary theology class, one of the students was playing "Stump the Professor." He asked his prof, a scholar widely recognized by both conservatives and liberals as a man of knowledge and wisdom, "Professor, could you state, in as few words as possible, your most profound theological statement?"

The professor thought for a moment, and then replied, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."

Oh, how I love that song! It certainly was the first song I ever learned as a small child. BUT! It contains within it a little problem: WHY should we believe it, just because it's in the Bible? "It's in the Bible! You have to believe it!" Some will say.

But why?!?!

Well, there is proof that would stand up in any courtroom: Over five hundred people saw Jesus AFTER He was dead and buried. That's convincing! Although that doesn't prove Jesus loves us, it does prove He arose.

But there is something more convincing about love. That something is the lives of those who followed Jesus then, and those who TRULY follow Jesus now. It is in transformed lives that we see the real proof that Jesus loves us, and His way of living and loving others works.

Now the challenge to Christians today, and that includes Emmaus communities all over the world, the challenge then becomes: Do people see Christ in you? In me? In us?

How many people have joined churches because they wanted to be like you and have what you have?

"Jesus loves me, this I know, for His people show me so.

De Colores,
Keith Weller

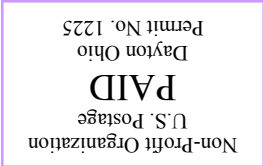
BOARD DECISIONS

After months of prayer and discussion, your Board has made some decisions regarding our Community's alignment with the National Emmaus model. The Board felt two areas brought up by our Regional Representative needed to be explained to the GDE Community, at this time.

1. We were advised that the Pilgrim's entrance to the sanctuary at Candlelight should be down the center aisle only. We do that at Christ United Methodist Church now. However, it was voted on and approved to leave the Candlelight walk as it is at Normandy United Methodist Church (weaving down all the aisles), but to stress to the Community to keep the pathway as wide as possible and not to initiate hugging the Pilgrims. The basis for this decision was that the model does not give specific instructions for this procedure and thus this was a "flavor" we could have.
2. The second item that is an emotional issue with some in our Community concerns the use of clowns. Our Community is able to have Emmaus Walks and participate in the Emmaus Movement because the Board has signed a Covenant with the National Emmaus Board promising to be obedient to their model. The clowns are not part of the model and are not considered a "flavor," but our own addition. To knowingly be disobedient would put your Board in violation of the covenant. The addition of the clowns interrupts and changes the intended flow of the weekend as laid out in the model. The recent MW#34 had no clowns and nothing was substituted for them. The result was that both the Pilgrims and Team had more time for rest and reflection and every Pilgrim had God meet them at their point of spiritual need on the Walk. After much input from our National Emmaus Representative, many in the Community and our Spiritual Directors, it was unanimously voted to discontinue the use of clowns on our Walks after August 1, 2004.

I am proud of our Board and would hope that you are also. They take their responsibilities seriously with a spirit of cooperation, charity and a desire to make the GDE Community the best it can be.

Community Lay Director
Bob Hewitt



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*The Light shines in the darkness ,and the darkness has not understood it.
John 1:5 (NIV)*

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