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Chairman's Message

We have completed two Walks for this new year. It is amazing to me how quickly time passes. I looked forward to this year of serving as your Community Chairperson and we are already into the third month of this year. WOW. I am just so humbled by the experience.

It is such an amazing feeling being involved with this Dayton Emmaus Community. Hearing the Pilgrims at the recent Gathering speak of how God is working in their lives after their Walk is such a blessing. I am not sure they understand at this early point how much of a blessing it really is to the rest of us to hear their stories. Someone said to me after the last Gathering that the Pilgrims sharing is our "payment" for all of the work that goes into planning and running a Walk. To hear people share how God is working in their lives and that they have allowed the Holy Spirit to work in them is uplifting to all of us. I thank God every day for this Emmaus Community.

I encourage everyone to get involved in the Community. I encourage the new Pilgrims to get plugged in as quickly as possible. It is one way to keep a little of that Mountain Top Experience you had during your weekend. Share groups are a wonderful way to get involved. Not only is a share group an opportunity to develop close personal relationships, you can serve together making the experience more meaningful. Jesus was here to serve, and I really feel that we as Christians are called to serve our fellow man as well.

I do want to take this opportunity to recognize two people who will be leaving our Community. Andy and Mary Manvell will be moving to the Boston area. Andy has accepted a position at the Air Force Base there. Both Andy and Mary have been very active in the Dayton Emmaus Community for many years. Both have served on several Teams and both have served on the Board for our Community. We will miss them and wish them well as they begin a new chapter of their lives. We hope they will come back for a visit once in a while.

God Bless you ALL,
Don Adams, Chairman

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*"From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." John 1:16*

### HOW TO FIND US!

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Normandy UMC  
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd  
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[www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)

### UPCOMING EMMAUS WALKS

#### Held at Normandy UMC:

Women's Walk # 74: Apr 17-20

Men's Walk # 45: May 15-18

Women's Walk #76: Sep 18-21

#### Held at Christ UMC:

Women's Walk # 75 - Jul 17-20

Men's Walk # 46 - Aug 16-19

### GATHERING & BOARD MEETING

Normandy UMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 7:15 PM

Dayton Board 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 7:00 PM

### CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

Candlelight 8:30 PM Saturday

Closing 4:30 PM Sunday

### TRAINING & ORIENTATION

#### SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

**Date:** March 11, 2008 / 6:30pm

**Place:** Normandy UMC, Room #214

This is an open invitation for everyone to attend a 45-minute training session before the Gathering. Come and learn the best methods suggested by the National Emmaus Board.

#### SHARE GROUP ORIENTATION

**Date:** March 11, 2008 / 6:15pm

**Place:** Normandy UMC, Chapel

This is a great opportunity for new members of the Community to get connected with a Share Group.

# Giving Our Hands to Christ

But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you. *1 Samuel 12:24*

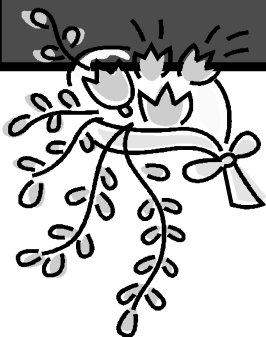
## MEN'S REGISTRAR

The Registration has begun for Men's Walk #45, May 15-18, 2008. The request for confirmation letters have been sent out to all prospective eligible Pilgrim candidates with an active application on file with the Men's registrar. Numbers are limited so it is important for applicants to return their confirmation letter as soon as possible. We will be accepting applications for the May walk until May 1st, so get your confirmation in early. Currently there are a total of 51 applications in the Men's database. For the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community to continue to have 3 men's walks per year, we need to have more applications submitted. If you know of other Christian men from your Church, family, or work that would like to attend a Men's walk, please have them complete an application and forward it to the Men's registrar. May God continue to Bless you and show you his Love and Saving Grace.



*Your Emmaus Brother in Christ, Keith Simpson, Men's Registrar*

## AGAPE CHAIR



While everyone wants to shower Pilgrims with gifts, books, and other types of agape during the Walk weekend, please remember that the Sunday packets are for cards/letters only. Space limitations prevent large items from being included. We suggest giving books and other items to the Pilgrims after closing, on the way home, or during their 4th days.

*De Colores, Roiann Ward, Agape Chair*

## SUPPLY CHAIR

Please prayerfully consider the Supply Chair position, which I will be leaving at the end of this year. If you are interested in serving or would like more information about the job, I can spend some time coaching on the roles/responsibilities. Please contact me at: (937) 256-4691 or [richardhill@fuse.net](mailto:richardhill@fuse.net). You will be blessed for your service.

*De Colores, Rich Hill, Supply Chair*

## COMMUNITY EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN



If you have prayer concerns or would like to pray for other requests in the Dayton Community, please email me ([bennercl@notes.udayton.edu](mailto:bennercl@notes.udayton.edu)) or call 937-879-2118. We ask that you limit your requests to a serious, urgent nature and to the needs of either a member of the Emmaus Community or your immediate family. Thanks to all who support the prayer ministry.

*De Colores, Charles Benner*

## FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

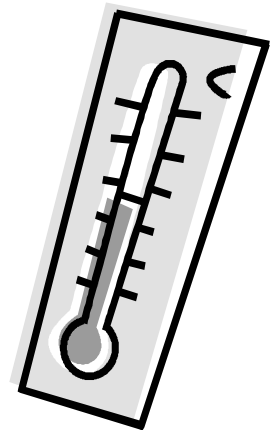


### Neither Hot Nor Cold

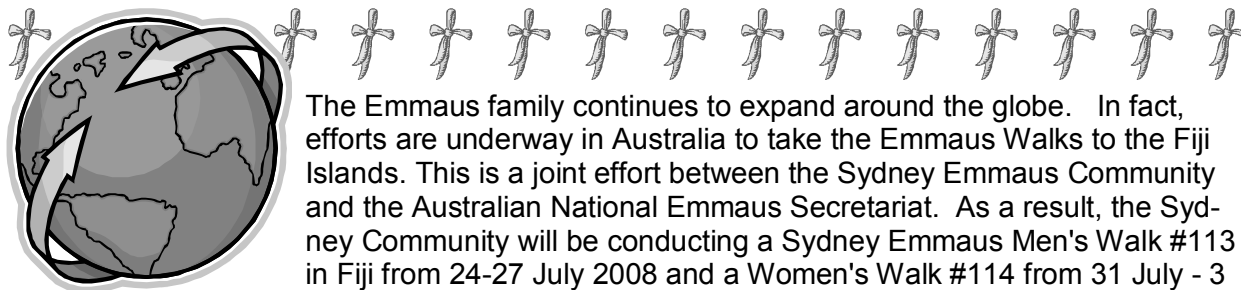


*“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth... Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.” Rev 3:15-20*

I have no idea what the weather will be like when this is published. Lukewarm may not be such a bad forecast when we’re talking about the outside temperature. However, when we’re referring to your inside temperature it spells bad news. Take a moment to reflect on your walk with Christ before meeting up with Him (as the two disciples did) on your Walk to Emmaus. How would you describe your walk before? Were you just having an average kind of spiritual journey—neither cold nor hot? Shall I dare ask, was it—lukewarm? I hope that hearing today’s passage from Revelations will get you (and/or keep you) off of the back burner and back into the heat of things. Find something that you are passionate about in your walk and relationship with the Master. Find something that you are not only willing to live for but also to die for! What good is it to be lukewarm? (You remember those days, don’t you?) Make a choice and stick with it. After spending three days in a short course on Christianity, three days in the presence of the King, three days laughing and crying, three days sleeping and eating in community, three days loving and being loved, can you honestly say that you don’t know whether you are cold or hot?



De Colores,  
Palmer Jason, SD



The Emmaus family continues to expand around the globe. In fact, efforts are underway in Australia to take the Emmaus Walks to the Fiji Islands. This is a joint effort between the Sydney Emmaus Community and the Australian National Emmaus Secretariat. As a result, the Sydney Community will be conducting a Sydney Emmaus Men's Walk #113 in Fiji from 24-27 July 2008 and a Women's Walk #114 from 31 July - 3 August 2008. We are currently forming a team from communities across Australia and will be undertaking the selection process in February. Then we will be doing training and a lot of logistics in how to get the team and supplies to Fiji. After the Walks are held this year, we hope to launch a Steering Committee in Fiji where the International office will be able to start Fiji Walks #1 and #2.

Fiji is a group of over 300 islands in the South-West Pacific with a population of around 800,000 people of Indigenous Melanesian (50%); Indian (42%) with the remainder being Rotuman, Chinese, European and other island groups. It was cannibal islands when Europeans first came into contact in the 1800s and subject to continuous tribal wars. Subsequent missionary activity from the 1830s converted the Fijians to Christianity by the 1860s. In 1874 Fiji became a British colony. As Fiji advanced to sugarcane farming, indentured laborers were brought into Fiji from India to work these cane fields from the 1880s to 1915. Many stayed on after this period and made Fiji home.

Fiji has a chiefly system within villages, and a democratic system of government since independence from Britain in 1970. However, tensions between the indigenous and Indian populations at the political level have seen four army-based coups since 1987, the last being December 2006, which is still in place. Elections are expected in March 2009.

Fiji is a largely religious country. The Methodist Church is the largest Christian denomination in Fiji, with Catholics, Anglicans, Assemblies of God, Baptist, Church of Christ and numerous other small groups. Within the Indian population, it is mainly Hindu and Moslem with about 10% Christian.

Specific Prayer Requests:

- 1) For the team selection and training process - that it will build a harmonious team focused on Pilgrims and their walk with Christ. Also that the differences between communities' expectations will be handled with grace.
- 2) For the planning, preparation, and implementation involved in taking the Walks to Fiji.
- 3) That through the Emmaus Walks in Fiji, there may be a greater depth of Christian leadership in all aspects of church and community life.
- 4) That \$5,000 -10,000 will be raised to make the conference center in Fiji adequate to hold Emmaus Walks.
- 5) For the Lay and Spiritual Directors, the team, and Board of the Walks - that they will be kept in health and wisdom to take on the challenge of running the Emmaus program in Fiji.
- 6) That the Holy Spirit will inspire sponsors and Pilgrims alike to attend the Walks in Fiji.
- 7) For Fiji to resolve its political difficulties and produce a democratic government for all races.

In Christ - Grace and Peace,  
Rev Brian Jago  
National Spiritual Director  
Australian Emmaus Community

# Giving Our Hands to Christ

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. *1 Peter 4:10*

## KITCHEN CHAIR



The Kitchen staff continues to need help during the following shifts on Walk weekends:

- ☑ **Thursday, 9:00am - 12:30pm**
- ☑ **Friday, all shifts**
- ☑ **Sunday, 6:00am - 9:00am**

If you would like to volunteer for these needs, please contact Virgil Gallagher ([shgaoh@verizon.net](mailto:shgaoh@verizon.net)) or check the sign-up sheets at the monthly Gatherings.

**Remember: If you sign up to serve in the Kitchen, please be sure to show up!**

*Thank you, Virgil Gallagher, Kitchen Chair*

## HOUSING CHAIR

Please check the housing sign-up sheets for the next Walk at the next Gathering. We can always use a few more hands. Also, keep an eye open for the BIG move that will be happening in July. You can check out the Housing section on the Greater Dayton Emmaus website: (<http://daytonemmaus.org/deHousing.htm>) for additional information

*De Colores, Stephen Puderbaugh, Housing Chair*



## LEADERSHIP CHAIR



**Please remember to complete your Willing Servant forms!**

If you are interested in serving on a live-in Team or in other ways, you must have a Willing Servant form completed and on file with the Computer Chair. Also, depending on the items you select on the form, your name will be provided to the various Board chairs and you will be contacted to serve in those areas. In order to maintain current information, your form must be updated every 2 years. The 2-year cycle runs from July 1 through June 30. So if your Willing Servant Form is submitted by July 1, 2008, and you meet the requirements to serve on a live-in team, you will be eligible to serve through June 30, 2010. You may pick up a Willing Servant at the monthly Gatherings or online at the Dayton Emmaus Community website:

<http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deForms.htm>.


*De Colores, Chantele Dow, Leadership Chair*

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*1 John 4:16*



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