

# Houston North Emmaus Community

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### FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

**Matthew 28: 19-20**



### Two Thoughts: "Life Changing!" and "What are you going to do about it?"

The first two Walks of the year were awesome events that touched Pilgrims in powerful ways. The first gathering, at Lake Houston UMC, was incredible, and featured a fourth day testimony that was absolutely phenomenal – amazingly powerful, personal and moving. The Women's Summer Walk #104 is rapidly approaching and training is already in progress. Team selection has already occurred for the Men's and Women's Fall Walks and calls are being made to fill the teams. With that much done it's easy to get complacent and think that there is nothing left to do – but the most important role has not been filled yet, and consider this my personal invitation for you to fill that role – Pilgrim Sponsor.

In reading the Walk to Emmaus story, remember that the two disciples who walked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, once their eyes were opened, RAN to tell the good news. They could not contain their joy. Recently we had a booth providing information to Texas Annual Conference attendees. Practically all of the people who stopped at the booth who had been on a Walk used the same two words to describe their experience – Life Changing! Was your Walk life changing? In what ways has your life changed? More importantly... "what are you going to do about it?"

The role of Emmaus is to equip disciples so that they can go out into the world and serve God as they are led by the Holy Spirit. This manifests itself in a plethora of ways: leadership roles in your home church (this should be a part for every member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Day, even if they serve in other ways); serving through Kairos, Chrysalis, or another 4<sup>th</sup> Day program; individual discipleship at work, or in your community; just to mention the most common. The Houston North Emmaus Community currently needs volunteers, so if you are looking for a place to serve, please consider helping our Community.

I talk to people all the time who tell me they went on their Walk, but haven't been involved since "because they have not been asked to help." Well, here are just a few of the many ways where we can use YOUR help:

- Sponsor a Pilgrim
- Be an Emmaus Co-ordinator for your church (help grow your church's 4<sup>th</sup> day Community, and keep it connected to resources) Contact LeRoy Fronk (281)684-5194 or [lfronk@gmail.com](mailto:lfronk@gmail.com) for more information
- Sponsor another Pilgrim
- Interested in serving by working with the Board of Directors? We are always looking for people with energy and new ideas. Consider serving on a Board committee or even running for the Board. If you are asked to serve on a committee or run for the board, please consider it prayerfully. If not you, do you know someone with great energy and ideas who is currently under-utilized? For more information on how to get involved with the work the Board does, contact Tammie Walterbach at [tammiahman@yahoo.com](mailto:tammiahman@yahoo.com).
- Have you considered Sponsoring a Pilgrim?

Weren't our hearts burning – when we were in his presence? Sometime the salt loses it's flavor. So how do you get it back? Come to a Candlelight service, and help fill the chapel. Participate in a Walk by helping pack up on a Sunday, and stay to listen to the Pilgrims at closing. Come to a gathering and listen to a 4<sup>th</sup> Day testimony. Life changing. Ask yourself these questions – What did my Emmaus Walk mean to me? What am I going to do about it?



Jesus is with us always, to the very end of the age – so our part is to “go into the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...and teaching them to obey everything (Christ) commanded.”

See you at Candlelight – July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - **De Colores!**

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## **We're Gathering!**

### **Come Celebrate the 104th HNEC Walk at the Walk 104 Follow-up and Gathering**

Date - **Saturday, August 10, 2019**

Time - 4:00 pm – Women's Walk 104 Follow-up  
5:15 pm - Sponsorship Orientation  
**6:00 pm – Community Gathering—Pot Luck Feast and Communion**

Where – Good Shepherd United Methodist Church  
**2015 Cypresswood Drive, Cypress, TX 77433**

Last name A through L - bring main dish or casserole.

Last name M through Z - bring salad, side dish, or dessert.

Beverages will be provided.

Come to the Walk follow-ups, take advantage of sponsorship training, and stay for dinner and communion. Invite any prospective pilgrims who might want a glimpse of the Emmaus Community.

It will be more joyous with your presence -

**De Colores!**



### **\*\*\*A Special Note from Communications\*\*\***

HNEC is using a third party email system (iContact) during the changeover to The Upper Room's new membership management system, which does not currently have email capability. So...**anything you see about HNEC from iContact is not spam**...it is the only way for now that we can communicate with the community as a whole.

As the new membership management system comes on line, you should receive an email from **The Upper Room asking you to go to the new membership portal to register and verify your information. Please do so** as it will be the method used for communications and membership management once the full system is online. Having your correct information will ensure that you can remain an active and informed part of our community in the future.

If you did not receive an email from The Upper Room or have misplaced yours before verifying your information in the Ministry Manager, go to this URL: <https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org/> and click the **Sign Up** button. Fill out the form that is presented and if you get in, please verify all of your personal information (Home phone and birthdate are mandatory fields and must be entered or all other changes will be rejected) and click **Save** in the lower right corner. If you are told that your email is already taken, it is probably because both you and your spouse used the same email in our old iNet system. Ministry Manager requires a discrete email address for every member, so if you had a common email address, one of you was automatically assigned a "dummy" Ministry Manager email address to satisfy this need. Have the other spouse log in and complete their registration and then contact [communications@h nec.org](mailto:communications@h nec.org) to obtain your "dummy" email address so you then can use that to register and then log in and change it to a real email address.

Although it is inconvenient, it is important that you maintain your email address up-to-date in both the Ministry Manager system and in iContact so you will receive HNEC communications now (via iContact) and in the future (when bulk email is enabled in Ministry Manager).

## JOIN THE TEAM OF SPONSORSHIP TRAINERS

Pilgrim Sponsorship is the #1, most important job in Emmaus! We are looking for individuals to join our team of trained presenters who can deliver Sponsor Training at their local church. The HNEC Train-the-Trainer Program will provide the resources and guidance you need to train future Sponsors effectively on the importance and impact of their role on the pilgrim experience.

By becoming a Sponsorship Trainer at your church, you can help attract new interest in Emmaus and bring more into a closer relationship with Christ!

For more info, contact Salana Yarger at 713-907-1053, or email: [salana.yarger@att.net](mailto:salana.yarger@att.net)

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All HNEC Emmaus Walks are held at the beautiful Kaiserhof Retreat Center.

<http://www.kaiserhofretreatcenter.com>



### 2019 WALK DATES

[Women's Walk #104](#)  
[Men's Walk #105](#)  
[Women's Walk #106](#)

July 25-28  
September 19-22  
September 26-29

## Houston North Emmaus Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at a willing church host, from 7:00-9:00 pm. For the remainder of 2019, meetings will be held at Klein United Methodist, 5920 FM 2920, Spring, Texas 77388. Fourth Day members are welcome to attend as guests. If you have concerns that you would like to address with the HNEC Board, you may contact Rick Bruce, Community Lay Director at [communitylaydirector@h nec.org](mailto:communitylaydirector@h nec.org) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, and you will be added to the meeting agenda.



## **HI 4TH DAY - THE AGAPE TEAM NEEDS YOU!!!**

Every small piece of handmade AGAPE is so appreciated. Thank you for all you do for our community! You awesome people have provided all our needs for the July women's walk!

For the 2 Fall walks, we need 40 men's & 40 women's purple book covers! Also, 40 Caterpillars.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Donna Drabek 713-398-3028 (text or call)

[donnadrabek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnadrabek@sbcglobal.net)

For Internal/Table and Pillow Agape, here are a few reminders....

50 Pieces - Pilgrims & Table Leaders

60 Pieces - Pilgrims & Conference room teams

75 Pieces - Pilgrims & Serving Team

\* always make a few extra in case of misplaced or broken items. \*

Please label your Agape : # of pieces & intended recipients, & if you have a preferred time to distribute

Thanks and DeColores – Your Agape Team

### Pilgrim Applications

Please make sure you are using the 2017+ forms for pilgrim applications.

Application forms should always be submitted in a timely manner and keeping the following in mind:

- The maximum number of Pilgrims per walk is 36.
- Walk registrations can be accepted up until the beginning Walk date provided openings are still available.
- Applications are considered received in the order of their postmark or email date.
- For questions about pilgrim applications, status, etc., contact registrar at: registrar@hnec.org
- For financial assistance on Walk fees, please indicate this need on the Sponsor's form.

Go to the "Applications and Documents" link on the web at [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org).

## Community Related Sites

[Houston West Emmaus Community](#)

[Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community](#)

[Cradle of Texas Emmaus Community](#)

[Cradle of Texas Chrysalis Community](#)

[Kairos Prison Ministry](#)

[Texas Epiphany Ministry](#)



## Wanting to Work a Walk? Wondering How?

Dear Fourth Day,

Team Selection again thanks you so much for your willingness to serve. If you would like to serve on a team, please let us know if you have not already done so. You may register your desire to serve on a team by going to the HNEC website, and selecting “Team Service” under Fourth Day Community on the Left side. Read through if you have any questions and then look for the “Team Service Interest” link which will take you to the page to actually notify Team Selection of your interest.

Names that are submitted through the website or any Fourth Day activity are brought to each Team Selection meeting to be considered for appropriate positions.

**Please help us honor your offering of service if you presented your name this year but did not get a call to work a walk. Please [re-submit your name](#) and give us a note that you submitted your name but did not receive a call. We will try and give you priority for next year.**

Please also help us to spread the word among our clergy! Remind them how the walk to Emmaus has deepened your faith and prompted you to serve in your local church.

Encourage them to talk to the congregation about the Walk to Emmaus opportunity and, if appropriate, ask if they would be willing to serve as a clergy for a day or for the weekend.

Remember, Christ is counting on each of us! DeColores,

Corey Worthen and Kevin McMachen

[serve@hnec.org](mailto:serve@hnec.org)



## Other Ways to Serve

We still need help! Looking for a way to participate on a Walk Weekend without serving on a team or even as a day servant? Consider volunteering for 1 of the 6/7 options which fall under the "**Community Servanthood**" area! These are the "behind the scenes" activities that add another special layer to the pilgrims' Walk experience . . .

Remember yours?!



**For the Women's Walk 104, July 25-28 we need the following:**

Candlelight Parking - 6 people

Candlelight Service - 8 people

Sunday Cleanup - 5 people

### **Snack Supper**

Requirement: 6-8 people

Arrival time: 5:00 pm

Task: Provide light supper for team and arriving pilgrims and sponsors

### **Agape Dinner**

Requirement: 6-12 people

Arrival time: 3:30 for decorations; 4:30 for food preparation, serving, and cleanup

Task: Provide special Agape Dinner for pilgrims and team. Fourth Day persons from multiple churches can join together. If you want to serve, let us know and we will put you together with others.

### **Candlelight Luminary Team**

Requirement: 6-8 people

Arrival time: 7:00 pm

Task: Set up luminaries for pilgrim arrival and take down after Candlelight is finished.

## **Community Servanthood Continued**

### **Candlelight Parking Attendants**

Requirement: 4-6 people

Arrival time: 7:15 pm

Task: Direct traffic to designated parking areas.

### **Candlelight Service Team**

Requirement: 6-8 people

Arrival time: 6:30 pm

Tasks: Set up the Fourth Day service area in the Dining Hall; serve as ushers; hand out candles and then collect them; assist in taking down chairs in the Dining Hall after the Fourth Day service.

### **Moving Cleanup**

Requirement: 4-5 people

Arrival time: 1:30 pm

Task: Move furniture from cabins to the conference room; move kitchen supplies from the dining hall to the property room; move agape supplies from the inn to property room; and to assist the servant team in the cleanup of Kaiserhof.

### **Rose Providers**

Requirement: Individual or small group Task: Bring 4 dozen (48) roses to Kaiserhof to be handed out to pilgrims, table leaders, and assistant table leaders in their rooms prior to breakfast on Sunday morning.



**To volunteer for any area of service or if you have any questions, contact HNEC Board members:**

Mike Allen – 713.857.8775 / [mike.allen99@yahoo.com](mailto:mike.allen99@yahoo.com)

or

Orpha Haag -713.202.6738 / [orpha@entouch.net](mailto:orpha@entouch.net)

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## MEN'S WALK #102 ~ MARCH 21-24, 2019 KAISERHOF RETREAT CENTER ~ TOMBALL, TEXAS

### Attendees, left-to-right:

**Row 1:** Roger Harris, J.D. Wallace, Jerry Pennington, Carrie DeLeon, Mike O'Shea, Phil Henderson, Larry Thieme, mark Urban, Steve Johnson, Tom Huckabee, David Mauck, Ed Kelly, Chad Runeberg

**Row 2:** Rick Seifert, West Hickham, Mark Clark, Chris Vancamp, Greg Anderson, John Griffin, Matt Hunt, Tom Auld, Steve Abshier, Jim Poe, Bill Phillips, Matt Castillo

**Row 3:** Craig Hantelman, Matt Pearce, Tom Cartledge, Rhett Ansley, James "Jake" Jacob, Glenn Cox, Jon Clements, Joe Perez, George Schmidt, Chris Kochenower, Richard Stone, Ron Villarreal, Bruce Jarvis, Bill Craigmyle

**Row 4:** Dan Pearce, Phil O'Neal, Joseph Murphy, Bob Kissner, William Zarco, Bobby Hantelman, James Deitiker, Glen Wilson, Benny Marquez, Kenny Shortsleeve, Paul Ellis, Dan Spenser, Ben Brinkley, Brian Banner

**Posthumously:** Dick Manning



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## WOMEN'S WALK #103 ~ MARCH 28-31, 2019 KAISERHOF RETREAT CENTER ~ TOMBALL, TEXAS

### Attendees, left-to-right:

**Row 1:** Yvette Hayes, Drewann Pearce, Kris Duke

**Row 2:** Sandy Ramsey, Dale Mefford, Erika Dees, Misty Melancon, Carol Bodin, Andrea Statham, Zoeieann Townsend, Carlene Jackson, Jackie Forbes, Kelli Eldridge, Leigh-Anne Williams, Laura McMeans

**Row 3:** Mary Evans, Annie Koon, Marge Williams, Lauren Bokel, Teresa Simmons, Lisa Solomon, Mary Petrovich, Margi Yerrow, Margaret Mahle, Janet Anna, Shebel Gardner, Helen Chime, Michelle Ramirez

**Row 4:** Deb Tisch, Carole Kennedy, Margarita McCarthy, Bonnie Benson, Linda Askins, Mary Hoover Hernandez, Cindi Halpin, Toni Curry, Jessica Bentsen, Pamela G. Ladnier, Chris Pearce, Caryn Uttenweiler, Sarabeth McVey, Gina Ansell, Robin Gribble, Carol Baker, Barbara Ostrowski, Sandy Burley

**Row 5:** Jennifer Schindewolf, Ann Rodriguez, Trisha Morrison, Cynthia G. Hayden, Jennifer Matthiesen, Theresa Reed, Lauri Meeler, Tiffani Whitaker, Nancy Bruce, Brenda Paulk, Melissa Warner, Alyssa Macaluso, Robin Collier

## Is Your 4<sup>th</sup> Day Reunion Group Listing Up-to-Date?

HNEC strives to maintain a comprehensive listing of [Reunion Groups on our web site](#) (**Reunion Groups** is the first item listed in the **Stay Connected** section of the menu). This information includes the day, time, and place when/where the group meets as well as contact information.

**We need your help to keep this information current!**

If you are a member of an active 4<sup>th</sup> day group, please check our [Reunion Groups page](#) for the accuracy of the information about your group. If your group isn't listed, please forward the information about your group as seen on the page for other groups to [communications@h nec.org](mailto:communications@h nec.org) and your group will be immediately added to the page.



**DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN FIND AND FILL OUT  
All of the forms below on the website?**

- [HNEC Pilgrim Application](#)
- [HNEC Sponsor Form](#)
- [HNEC – Sponsor Checklist](#)
- [HNEC - Sponsor Request for Pilgrim Letters](#)
- [HNEC - Information Sheet for Sponsors](#)
- [HNEC Team Service Interest Form](#)
- [HNEC Day Servant Application](#)

And... we now offer the capability to pay for walk fees for Team Members, Pilgrims, and Day Servants online via **PayPal!**