



*Northern Colorado Emmaus Community
January/February 2010 Newsletter*

Service and leadership are two important components in the Fourth Day of all who have participated in a Walk to Emmaus. That service and leadership can take many forms as we live a life guided by the Spirit. For some of us, it's a renewed enthusiasm for service in our local churches. For others who have never been active in a leadership role in their local congregation, it's a beginning of years of service. In addition to service in our churches, we may become more active in our communities, schools, local non-profit organizations, etc. Service in the Northern Colorado Emmaus Community itself can take many forms—serving as community support at a Walk, serving on a Walk Team, serving as a member of the Board of Directors, serving as a Prayer Warrior by signing up for a Prayer Vigil, serving as a sponsor for another Christian to attend a Walk, preparing Agape for those attending a Walk. The list can go on and on.

Each individual's reaction to God's call following a Walk is unique. Today I'd like to tell you about two members of the Northern Colorado Emmaus Community and what they are doing to live out that call.

Dr. Steve (Emmaus of the Rockies Walk #104) and Alene Burgert (Emmaus of the Rockies Walk #98) are spending the next two years in Kenya as a part of a medical team through World Gospel Mission. Following his Walk, Steve felt a call to go to Kenya. He and Alene completed two short-term stays at Tenwek Hospital prior to leaving this past October for the longer period. Alene became involved in the Kairos Ministry at Brush and following studies served as a chaplain at Brush and the Denver Women's Correctional Facility. They've also been involved in several mission trips with their local church and have served in the church's prayer ministry.

Not everyone has the skills and talents of the Burgerts, but how will you know if the person in your Sunday school class or Bible Study, your co-worker, your mother-in-law, or next-door neighbor won't be touched by going on a Walk unless you invite and sponsor them?

Service and leadership are two important components of the Emmaus movement, but ones that can't happen if there is no sponsorship! I encourage you to make a list and begin inviting today.

It's never too early to—

Sign up for the Community Prayer Vigil

Make plans to sponsor a pilgrim (Questions? Contact a Board member.)

Pray for the Walk Leadership Teams and Pilgrims

Sign up to help with Support

Submit your application to serve on an upcoming Walk

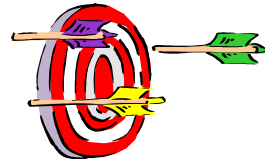
The Team Selection Process

Did you ever wonder how an Emmaus weekend team was selected? Did you think the Emmaus Board of Directors or the Team Selection Committee just threw darts at a community name board? Well, that's not exactly how it's done. According to the Walk to Emmaus Upper Room manual (model), the team selection process is a mission based on prayer and discernment. The process starts months (no later than 4 months) prior to the upcoming walks. The committee consists of the chairperson(s) along with the Community Lay Director and 3-4 other members of the Emmaus Community (non-board members) who have a broad awareness of the Emmaus membership and a solid understanding of the team's needs. The weekend Lay Director as well as the Community Spiritual Director is also invited to attend the team selection meeting.

The team selection committee follows the Emmaus model for selecting an upcoming team based on the progressive servanthood guideline. This progression starts with support roles (agape, kitchen, set-up) and then moves into the conference room. The purpose of this progression of responsibility guideline is twofold: spiritual development and leadership training. The team selection committee will try and fulfill the "one-third" rule and strive to staff each team with approximately one-third "experienced" members, one-third "some-what" experienced and one-third "new" members. With this balance, each walk brings in new members as well as moving others into leadership roles. The committee generally picks first from the community membership who actively support the Emmaus movement and who practice the Emmaus model. A potential team member should be seeking a life of piety, study and action, and should also participate in a reunion group. A community member can notify the team selection committee as to their desire to serve by filling out a team application (prior to each walk) and mailing it to the committee at least four months prior to the next set of scheduled walks.



Now is the time to prayerfully consider serving on the fall walks to be held in late September 2010. When you have prayerfully considered a progression of servanthood for your Colorado Emmaus community and you want to express your interest, desire and calling to be on a future Emmaus walk, please send in your team application to : Emmaus Team Selection Committee c/o The McAleb's, 2931 W. 110th Court, Westminster, CO 80234 (or e-mail:



kmcaleb@gmail.com), or you may call 720-352-6334. You can download a team application from the

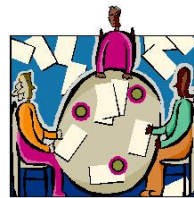
Emmaus website at www.northcoloemmaus.org.

We thank you in advance for your servant's heart!

Bill and Kim McAleb, Team Selection

Training Opportunity Scheduled

Greetings to all my brothers and sisters in the Spirit. Can you remember back to your experience as a Pilgrim? Hopefully, it was one of the most, if not the most moving experience in your journey with Christ. Would you like to be part of a team that would allow you to make that experience possible for others?



Everyone who serves on an Emmaus team must have attended an Upper Room training. If you want the opportunity, there will be a community training on March 27th at First United Methodist Church in Loveland, 533 N Grant. The training will begin at 4:00 pm and will take approximately one and a half hours, according to the questions asked. I hope to see many of you there. Even if you don't think you can serve on a team in the next year, there's no need to wait until the last moment. Once you are trained, you will be able to serve on a team at any time in the future. No further Upper Room training necessary. DeColores.

Reneé Howard, Leadership Development



NCEC is Migrating to a Web-based Database

Last September, we began the process for migrating the data in our database to a new web-based database which is currently in use by over 60 other Emmaus communities. We are in the final stages of this migration and expect that it will be completed by the end of January. At that time, we will be publishing the link to the website and open up the registration to the NCEC community. There will be many benefits to this once it is fully operational. Here are a few of them:

- You will be in control of your own personal information in the database. You can edit it as you need to, and you will be able to confirm your own walk and team history.
- You will be able to submit team applications directly from the database.
- You will be able to submit pilgrim applications on behalf of your pilgrims.
- All the data in the database is secured through the use of privacy privileges based on the login/password. Only the administrators and the board can access all of the community information.

For administration purposes, there are also many advantages to using this database.

- There is only one point of management for personal data – no more need for LDs to create team spreadsheets, update spreadsheets and then have someone else update the official database – all of which introduce the potential for error.
- LDs will have special permission to access and build their team roster.
- Team selection can generate their own queries in order to identify potential candidates for future walks.
- There is an eBlast capability which will replace Google Groups – again reducing the risk of error due to out-of-date information.

It is important to note that for those of you who are uncomfortable with the computer in this way, we will still allow for submission of paper team and pilgrim applications. You can also communicate with the database administrator in order to update or change your personal information.

Stay tuned for further instructions. Beginning with the February gatherings, I hope to be able to bring my laptop and do one-on-one training for those who need assistance. I might even put together a training session to be done at a gathering if there is enough interest.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact me at patc303@comcast.net.

Pat Olsen, Registrar

Board Happenings

The January Board meeting was held on the third at the First Christian Church in Loveland.

During the meeting:

--Tom Webster was elected to serve as the 2010 Community Spiritual Director.



--It was decided that Jackie Thomas will do the annual audit.

--The Treasurer has filed the appropriate annual paperwork with IRS.

--The Board led Team Orientation will be conducted January 30, at the first Spring Walk training.

--The Board is planning to participate in an Upper Room Leadership Development program in conjunction with other Colorado Emmaus communities.

--The Nominating Committee is contacting prospective Board members to fill the Communications and Outreach and Hospitality positions.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 2:00, Sunday, February 7th, at First Christian Church in Loveland.

Rus and Kris Bakich, Secretary



Gatherings 2010

When I think back to 2005 when I went on my walk, I was amazed at the number of

friends I would see at the Gatherings. The food was always great – worship was very moving - but seeing those people who had helped on my Walk, those who sang and shared the love of God – it was awesome.

Lately I have been noticing the numbers of those attending our Gatherings is getting smaller and I am troubled. Are our lives getting so busy that this is one of the things that it's easy to set aside? It's only one Saturday night a month.

At the Gathering in Windsor this month, there were a number of new members who had taken their Walks this fall. Many of the team members were there to greet them. It was a great Gathering and we had a lot of new faces there.

Perhaps God is tugging on hearts and reminding us that all of our 4th days are special and getting together with our brothers and sisters is just another way of basking in His love. Whatever the reason, our Gathering in Windsor was awesome!

Our next Gathering is at the United Church of Christ in Henderson, CO. As usual, our potluck will start at 5:30, with worship starting around 7:00. I hope to see you there!

Sherry (& Bruce) Case, Gathering Coordinators

Sponsorship

The purpose of Emmaus is the renewal of the church through the renewal of the Christian, developing leadership and changing our worlds for Christ. Sponsoring the right pilgrims is the key to fulfilling that purpose. Good sponsorship insures the health of your community. Those sponsored will come back to serve and will

become sponsors themselves. **Sponsorship should be a lifetime commitment, not just for the weekend.** Those sponsored should be:

- ✓ Strong Christians
- ✓ Active in their local congregation
- ✓ Involved or willing to be involved in leadership
- ✓ Not someone needing “fixed”
- ✓ Not someone in a crisis – personal, emotional, medical, etc.

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Ideal Curtis, Western Regional Leader Walk to Emmaus

Your NCEC Board of Directors is committed to offering Sponsorship guidance and training at all Gatherings. If you have questions about Sponsorship, please contact a board member right away.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Do you remember how much fun it was to receive that wonderful AGAPE on your weekend? Now it still remains so much fun to make it for the pilgrims for their weekend.

Our little reunion group has begun to make agape for the April Walks, so please let's all continue to support the weekends with lots of the wonderful agape that you have been making. Please bring it to the community gatherings.

I still enjoy looking through my agape from my pilgrim walk as it helps me to remember and to thank God for my pilgrim weekend. I remain grateful to the loving hands that made it, the team and community that reached out to me.

Lets us together make these upcoming weekends special for our pilgrims. DeColores

Taylor and Milie Leaming, Agape

Community Support

Serving behind the scenes at a Walk can be a great opportunity to meet new friends, renew past friendships and show your love and support for the pilgrims attending a Walk. Willing servants are always needed to stuff packets, clean bathrooms, set up and tear down sleeping rooms, carry luggage, wash dishes, help cook meals, count inventory, etc. There's no limit to the ways in which you can help. Signing up is an easy task. Go to the NCEC website at northcoloemmaus.org and click on Volunteer Opportunities. Then choose a time and area to serve in. Know that if you can't serve an entire shift that you're welcome for a partial shift or the whole day if you have the time. Questions, contact me at 970 613 1521 or anitaandroger@msn.com.

Anita Williams, 3-Day



Please pray for the following:

Pilgrims: Doug B, Jack C, Jan S, Pamela E, Phyllis C

Walk #33 Team Members

Lay Director—Brenda Bates (Perseverance)
ALD—Cathie Bullock (Fourth Day)
ALD—Susan Kuhling (Priority)
ALD—Christy Webster (Discipleship)
Spiritual Director—Tom Webster (Means of Grace)
ASD—Ed Hawkins (Prevenient Grace)
ASD—Pam Hilliard (Justifying Grace)
ASD—Tracy Morgan (Sanctifying Grace)
ASD—Jane Riecke (Obstacles to Grace)
TL—Sam Kerr (Christian Action)
TL—Deb Martin (Life in Piety)

TL—Shirley Brown-Neufeld (Changing our World)
TL—Tonja Svensk (Grow Through Study)
TL—Sherry Wells (Body of Christ)
ATL—Sylvia Hansen (Priesthood of All Believers)
ATL—Mary Knutson
ATL—Diane Mercil
ATL—Roberta Shanahan
ATL—Jeny Stoesz
Music—Dee Perkins
Music—Tamara Danker
Prayer Team—Renee Howard
Prayer Team—Todd Howard
HS—Terri Bowen
AHS—Joan Borden
AHS—Pat Ferrell
Board Rep—Milie Leaming

2010 Board of Directors

Community Lay Director—Perry Cogburn
Vice Chair—Todd Howard
Secretary—Rus and Kris Bakich
Treasurer—Anita Williams
Community Spiritual Director—Tom Webster
3-Day—Anita Williams
Agape—Taylor and Milie Leaming
Chrysalis Coordinator—Perry Cogburn
Communications—Open
Facilities—Todd Howard
Fourth Day—Rus Bakich
Gatherings—Bruce and Sherry Case
Kairos—Rus and Kris Bakich
Leadership Development—Renee Howard
Music—Judi Taylor
Nominations—Todd Howard
Outreach—Open
Prayer Coordinator—Karl Winegardner
Registrar—Pat Olsen and Kellyn Hamp
Team Selection—Bill and Kim McAleb

Upcoming Walks

April 15-18, EOTR Walk #140
**April 22-25, NCEC Walk #32, Loveland, CO
First United Methodist Church**
April 22-25, Columbine Walk #16
April 22-25, EOTR Walk #141
**April 29-May 3, NCEC Walk #33, Loveland,
CO First United Methodist Church**
April 29-May 3, Columbine Walk #17