



GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORSHIP

The purpose of these guidelines will help you as a potential Sponsor to:

- Properly interpret and explain the Walk to Emmaus weekend to potential pilgrims.
- Prepare the candidate for this experience physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- Communicate and explain the purpose of the weekend and the importance of local church participation and ongoing spiritual growth and accountability after the weekend.

READ AND COMPLETE THE PILGRIM APPLICATION THOROUGHLY!

1. **EQUAL COMMITMENT**—READ THE ENCLOSED EQUAL COMMITMENT RULE
Submit applications for spouses to the Board Registrar together.
Attendance during the same year is not mandatory but preferable. No couple should consider attending without prayerful consideration.
2. **REMEMBER** the walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to help change environments by improving Christian leaders. We need candidates with a heart for God.
3. **SHARE OPENLY** with your pilgrim the outline of the weekend. There is nothing secret that cannot be mentioned, although candlelight and the letters make a good surprise.
4. **EXPLAIN FULLY** to your pilgrim the physical requirements of the walk. Sleeping arrangements, shower accommodations, inconsistent temperatures in varying parts of the church and the need to dress appropriately and comfortably, ample supply of food, late hours, (and possible lack of sleep) for some. **BE SURE YOUR CANDIDATE IS ABLE TO HANDLE THE ABOVE.**
5. **BE VERY HONEST** with your candidate about the walk---Don't joke about lack of food and fasting during the weekend!!!
6. Tell your candidate to bring a **check or credit card** to the walk as there will be an opportunity to purchase books.
7. **NO CELL PHONES, PAGERS, LAPTOPS, CAMERAS, CLOCKS,** or other electronic devices are to be brought to the walk.
8. **Don't expect** your pilgrim to experience the same things that you did. Each of us is at a different place on our spiritual journey. Don't set up potential candidates with expectations or unnecessary anticipations
9. **ANY DIETARY OR MEDICAL** needs must be listed on the application!

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES MUST INCLUDE:

- **AGAPE LETTERS**— Write your letter and collect letters from family and close friends expressing agape love and bring them to the church at Send Off. Late letters can be brought to the church no later than Candlelight.
- **SEND OFF**— Bring your candidate, help them with suitcases, bedding, room location, bed making, registration, and fee payment.
- **SPONSOR'S HOUR** — In the Sanctuary immediately following Send Off.
- **CANDLELIGHT**— Be prompt in your arrival. (It starts at 8:30 sharp.)
- **FAMILY SUPPORT**— Make sure that the spouse, children, pets etc, are taken care of by making sure you and phone numbers are available.
- **CLOSING**— Attend and make arrangements to bring your pilgrim home.
- **FOURTH DAY**— Bring the new community member to the Fourth day meeting.
- **GATHERINGS**— Attend the first Gathering with the new community member.
- **REUNION GROUP**— Help them find or establish a Reunion Group.
- **ASSIST** them with their first SPONSORSHIP
- **PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**