



Pilgrim's journey

The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community

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Looking for PRE-EMMAUS Volunteers!

Pre-Emmaus assists with the nitty-gritty details of the walk prior to the weekend. This allows the Inside/Conference Room Team to focus on the Pilgrims and their individual tasks. Pre-Emmaus has the fun of recruiting volunteers to serve the Snack Supper and the Agape Dinner, to help set-up Candlelight, to make "halos" (women only), placemats, pillow & table agape, Pilgrim and Team bags, and so on.

The Board had a great training in January presented by Dick Gilmore of the International Emmaus Board. Dick encouraged each of us to select a committee to help with our area of responsibility, thereby getting more 4th day involved. We want to seize and incorporate this concept, so that the same groups will not be called upon time after time. The joy of serving could be spread across many more churches and reunion groups.

Rather than call up a few friends to help with these tasks, I desire to be open to the Lord's leading. I know that the Lord will send those who want to help in this area. We need 4th day to serve the snack supper and agape dinners (VC provides food-we serve), to make placemats, halos, agape, bags, etc. Please pray about how you want to serve, talk with the 4th day in your church and then please call me, Sherry Bone: 281-471-2655 home, 281-339-1511 shop, or 713-252-9512 cell

I know I will hear from many of you very soon. Thank you my dear sisters and brothers.
God bless you. De Colores!

2006 Walks

- Women's #37
8/3-8/6
- Men's #38
10/5-10/8
- Women's #39
10/12-10/15

Make sure you mark your calendars for the next Gathering—

June 10 11:30 - 2:30

First Baptist Church - Galveston

Coming down Broadway, turn left onto 23rd St. The church is on the corner of 23rd and Tremont next to the Rosenberg Library.

Lunch (home made BBQ) will be provided for a \$5 donation.

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven—G C Lichtenberg

Remember the Emmas cruise!! Join us Sept 26—30, 2006.

For more information - contact Steve Forgas at s.nasatravel@galvestonbay.net or by phone at 281 333-3124-work, 409 550-4002-cell or 409 938-7751-home.

Welcome our New Pilgrims

Walk # 35

Walk # 36

Cantrell, Loring
 Ellis , Randall
 O'Brien, Jerry
 Stout, Derek
 Robertson, Lee
 Winburne, Jerry
 Thornsby, John
 Foster, Kevin
 Palmer, Jack
 Hilton, Neal
 Guillotte, Kenny
 Black, Kent
 Smith, Roy
 Reeves, Jerry
 Mc Ada, Darrell
 Castillo, Ralph

Aldersgate UMC
 Aldersgate, UMC
 Atascocity Community
 Calvary Chapel Houston
 Cedar Bayou UMC
 Clear Lake UMC
 Friendswood UMC
 Friendswood UMC
 Friendswood UMC
 Gateway Community
 Highlands UMC
 Lakewood
 Moody UMC
 New Beginnings Church
 Pasadena FUMC
 St. Johns

Bell, Lynn
 Cantrell, Ethel
 Guidry, Carol
 Moore, Barbara
 Elledge, Sheila
 Little Carey
 Nichols, Nicole
 Bluth, Mary Jane
 Palmer, Jean
 Cadar , Dulce
 Finch, Dahlia
 Neumann, Diane
 Courtney, Carrie
 Roudbari, Amy
 Phillips, Peggy
 Rempfer, Bev
 Baker, Eileen
 Richards, Sharion
 Cole , Jovi
 Doyle, Lynn

Aldersgate UMC
 Aldersgate UMC
 Alvin FUMC
 Alvin FUMC
 Alvin FUMC
 Bay Harbour UMC
 Clear Lake UMC
 Friendswood UMC
 Friendswood UMC
 Friendswood UMC
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 Friendswood UMC
 Mainland Community
 Manvel Grace UMC
 Pearland FUMC
 Pearland FUMC
 Pearland FUMC
 Sagemont Church
 San Jacinto Baptist
 Seabrook First Baptist

2006 Houston Bay Area Emmaus Leadership Team

Lay Director	Lisa Ragland	281-534-8972
ALD	Steve Forgas	409-938-7751
Spiritual Director	Rev. Frank Guidry	713-433-6457
Assistant Spiritual Director	Karl Tewold	
Past Lay Director	Mathen Samuel	409-744-8303
Pre- Emmaus	Sherry Bone	281-471-2655
External Agape	Barbee Williams	281-992-2465
Music	Mark Johnson	409-739-4130
Property	Fred Zimmerman	409-938-8364
Property	Denny Roberts	281-425-8704
Follow-Up	Seantele Foreman	
Books/Training	James Schultz	281-484-3177
Sponsorship	Bill Smith	281-286-4769
Team Selection	Lois Elsner	281-435-4536
Reunion Groups	Susan Skeeter	281-482-0962
Secretary	Pat Robinson	832-556-8787
Web Site	Ken Freeman	713-944-6311
Finance	Norma Jacobson	409-948-2038
Registration	Edith Schultz	281-998-2443
Pilgrim's Journey	Leslie Johnson	409-739-6105
Data Base	Buck Waida	281-482-8113
Outside Coordinator	Sam Metzger	281-732-7287

- NOTICE -

Board Meeting for the Bay Area Emmaus community are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The dates for this year will be as follows:

June 20 - July 18 - August 15
 September 19 - October 17
 November 21 - December 19

Gathering Schedule

June 10 - 11:30 First Baptist - Galveston
 Sept. 23 - 9:00 First Baptist - Dickinson

Bylaws of The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community (A Non-Profit Corporation)

The following constitute the Bylaws of The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas.

Article One Name

Section 1. The name of this corporation is THE HOUSTON BAY AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas. This corporation, together with its members, is commonly called "The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community."

Article Two Purpose

Section 1. This corporation is organized primarily and exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including but not limited to activities of all types and kinds directed to furthering the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to nurturing the spiritual growth of Christian individuals by such means as seminars, and retreats, printed literature, audiovisual materials, music and other compatible ministries.

Section 2. The principal aim of this corporation is to inspire, challenge, and equip members of local congregations of Christians for leadership in Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work, communities, and other environments through the Christian experience commonly known as the Walk to Emmaus.

Section 3. This corporation, through its members and under the oversight of its Board of Directors, presents and carries out the copyrighted program known as the "Walk to Emmaus" pursuant to agreements with the copyright holder, *The Upper Room*, as administered by The Upper Room Emmaus Movement, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee.

Article Three Membership

Section 1. All persons who have completed the three-day experience of the Walk to Emmaus sponsored by this corporation shall be members of this corporation. The Data Base Manager of this corporation shall include their names, addresses, and telephone numbers on the official directory of the corporation.

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Section 2. Persons who have completed the Walk to Emmaus sponsored by another Emmaus Community or who have completed another expression of this three-day Christian Experience, such as Cursillo, Tres Dias, Chrysalis, Kairos, or any other expression that is recognized by The Upper Room Emmaus Movement may become members of this corporation by participating in the activities of this corporation and requesting the Data Base Manager of this corporation to include their names, addresses, and telephone numbers on the official directory of the corporation.

Section 3. The membership shall meet yearly at a location, on a date, and at a time announced by the Board of Directors and published in the corporation's newsletter, or in the absence of a newsletter by written notice to all members, to consider any and all matters presented to the membership. Notice shall be given not less than ten (10) days nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of the yearly meeting. These annual meetings shall be a part of a Gathering of The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community. A quorum shall constitute the members present entitled to vote, and a member must be present to vote. The vote of the majority of the members present at the annual meeting

at which a quorum is present shall constitute the act of the membership, unless the vote of a greater number is required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws.

Section 4. A special meeting of the membership may be called by the Board of Directors, either at its sole action or at the request of ten percent (10%) of the membership as shown in the official directory of the corporation. Notice of the special meeting shall be given to the membership by either publication in the corporation's newsletter, or in the absences of a newsletter by written notice to all members. Such notice shall be given not less than ten(10) days nor more than fifty(50) days before the date of the special meeting and shall contain the place, date, time, and purpose(s) of the special meeting.

Article Four Board of Directors

Section 1. Management of the corporation shall be vested in an ecumenical Board of Directors. The Board shall be composed of fifteen (15) men and women elected by the HBAEC membership from those persons who have served on a Walk to Emmaus inside team, and are active in a local Group Reunion and in Emmaus Community Gatherings. Clergy members who function as the Spiritual Director and Assistant Spiritual Directors of the corporation shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall be members of the Board of Directors. All members of the Board of Directors shall be active in a local church.

Section 2. The elected directors shall serve three (3) year terms, staggered so that one-third (1/3) of the directors are elected each year. There will be no less than fifteen (15) directors each year. The Spiritual Director and Assistant Spiritual Director shall serve a one (1) year term. The initial director's terms will expire three years from the dates from when they were originally elected. Each elected director will have one vote on each official board concern.

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Section 3. A director cannot be re-elected to successive terms. At least one term must separate terms. Likewise, any member who has served as an elected director may not be elected to fill the remainder of a term which becomes vacant unless one calendar year has elapsed since that member last served as a director. The Spiritual Director and Assistant Spiritual Director may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

Section 4. The term of office for a director begins January 1 and ends December 31. The election of Directors will be handled this way: Ballots and pictures of the Board candidates along with their Walk and team experience will be provided in the October Newsletter and can be mailed. Ballots can be sent through email. Ballots can be distributed at Candlelights during October or November. Ballots must be received or postmarked by November 31st in order to be included in the counting. Seven (7) names shall be included on the Ballots, with five (5) Directors being elected by the highest number of votes. New Directors will be notified in December and sworn in at the January meeting. The nominating committee will tally the votes and the results will be reviewed and ratified on by the Board.

The Lay Director will select three (3) Directors, and three (3) non-board Community members to be on the Nominating Committee. The committee will begin in July and submit names to the Board at the September meeting. The Board will vote on the names to be placed on the ballot.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly. A schedule of Board meetings with the time and location shall be published in the corporation's newsletter, during the first quarter of each year. Special meetings may be called by the Lay Director or by 20% of the directors upon five (5) day's written notice to the other directors stating the place, date, time, and purpose(s) of the special meeting.

Section 6. Two-thirds (2/3) of the directors elected by the Community shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of any and all business at any meeting, regular or special, of the Board of Directors. A

director must be present to vote; a director may not vote by proxy.

Section 7. Every Board member is expected to attend monthly meetings. Any director that is absent from two (2) consecutive board meetings, regular or special without proper reason, that person will be counseled. If the director misses a third consecutive meeting, his/her term shall automatically terminate at the next board meeting, regular or special.

Section 8. In the event that a directorship becomes vacant for any reason, the Board of Directors elects somebody to finish the end of the term of the director that has vacated that position, choosing first from those who ran in the previous election but were not elected.

Section 9. The new Community Lay Director will appoint each of the duly elected Directors to chair the following standing committees: External Agape, Follow-up, Music, Pre-Emmaus, Property (2 required), Reunion Groups, Sponsorship, Training, Team Selection, Outside Coordinator, Web Servant, and Gatherings. Each of these Directors shall then form their committee from the HBAEC membership. Each of the committee members shall be given a list of their responsibilities.

The standing committees and non-voting positions may be renamed and re-aligned by the majority vote of the Board as needed to be able to better serve the HBAEC and report directly to the Board at regular board meetings.

The non-voting positions of Books, Database, PJ (newsletter) and Registrar shall be filled from the HBAEC membership, approved by the Board.

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Section 10. The Chair of the Board is an ex-officio member of each committee of the Board.

Section 11. A person who is the Community Lay Director in their third year of service becomes a non-voting Ex-Officio Board Member at the end of their term and agrees to serve a fourth year.

Article Five Officers of the Board of Directors

Section 1. The officers of the Board of Directors shall be the following: Lay director (President), Assistant Lay Director (Vice-President), Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by and from the directors at the January meeting of the Board of Directors. The officers shall serve a term of one (1) year, beginning with their election at the January meeting and concluding with the election of officers at the January meeting of the next year.

Section 3. The Lay Director shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the entire Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community, appoint any committees as authorized by a vote of the Board of Directors, and shall represent the corporation as its chief executive officer, subject to policies and resolutions of the Board of Directors. The Assistant Lay Director shall execute the duties of the Lay Director in his or her absence. The Secretary shall maintain an accurate record of every meeting of the Board of Directors, inclusive of the attendance or absence of each director, the substance of the business transacted, and the resolutions adopted or rejected by the Directors, maintain the minutes of the meetings of the membership. The Treasurer will oversee finances of the Community, present monthly reports at the Board meeting, and oversee the yearly audit.

Article Six Spiritual Director

Section 1. The Spiritual Director and one or more Assistant Spiritual Directors, as the Board of Directors may determine necessary, shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the January meeting. The Spiritual Director and the Assistant Spiritual Director shall serve a one (1) year term, beginning in January and terminating in December.

Section 2. The Spiritual Director and the Assistant Spiritual Director shall be ordained minister(s), pastor(s), or priest(s) of the Gospel, shall have completed the Walk to Emmaus or other expression

of this three-day Christian experience that is recognized by The Upper Room Emmaus Movement. The Spiritual Director and Assistant Spiritual Director shall have served as the Spiritual Director of a Walk to Emmaus.

Section 3. The Spiritual Director and Assistant Spiritual Director shall serve as directors on the Board of Directors and shall be entitled to vote on all matters.

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Article Seven Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors of The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community shall sign an annual Letter of Agreement, which commits this corporation to follow the current guidelines of The Upper Room Emmaus Office in the structure and discipline of the three-day (72 hour) "Walk To Emmaus". The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus, the Directors Manual, The Talk Outlines, and the Coordinators Manual will collectively serve as guidelines for this corporation and are considered to be part of these Bylaws.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall maintain general administrative responsibility for all matters relating to this corporation's execution of the structure and discipline of the Walk to Emmaus. It shall also have oversight responsibility for leadership training and Lay Director Training.

Section 3. The Board Spiritual Director, together with approval from the board of Directors shall select the Spiritual Directors for each three-day Walk to Emmaus.

Section 4. The Board of Directors will approve the Lay Directors for each three-day Walk to Emmaus.

Section 5. Team Selection shall appoint a committee to oversee Team Selection for each three-day Walk to Emmaus. The committee consists of a Board Director who is responsible for team selection and who serves as committee chair, the Community Spiritual Director, and three or four other members of the Emmaus community (non-board members) who have a broad awareness of the Emmaus community membership and a solid understanding of team needs. After the Board approves the Team Selection Committee list(s), the Weekend Lay Director makes the calls for team members. The Weekend Lay Director can submit the team roster, and once approved can submit input for team members giving talks. The Team Selection Committee again will oversee this process and submit it to the Board for approval. (As found in the Upper Room Handbook On Emmaus).

Section 6. Clergy for Weekend Walks will be qualified according to the guidelines set forth in Article 6, Section 2.

Section 7. The Treasurer can appoint a committee member to handle all dispersion of funds, to maintain the records of such dispersions, and to provide the Board of Directors with a regular statement of the financial status of the corporation. The Treasurer can appoint an Auditor responsible for an annual financial audit of the corporation and to insure that the corporation is in compliance with all relevant tax laws and regulations, as approved by the Board.

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Article Eight

Amendments

Section 1. Amendment of these Bylaws requires the affirmative vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which the amendment is submitted to a vote. It will then be distributed to the Community by the PJ and voted on, by email ballots or ballots from the PJ. The ballots will be due within one month of the first distribution date and postmarked accordingly.

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Section 2. Any amendment must be considered by the Board of Directors at two consecutive regular meetings. At the first meeting the amendment must be presented by a Director and seconded by another Director for consideration by the Board of Directors; it may or may not be discussed at this meeting, as the Directors may choose. At the next meeting the amendment shall be discussed by the Board of Directors and submitted to a vote. When bylaw changes are proposed, the Board of Directors will be advised in writing prior to the meeting.

Article Nine Effective Date

These Bylaws are effective as of the date of their adoption by the Board.

Certification of Adoption

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that these Bylaws of The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas, were adopted by the affirmative vote of at least three-quarters (3/4) of the Directors present at the organization meeting of the Board of Directors held this _____ day of _____, 2006. They were adopted by the affirmative vote of the Community on this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Signed,

Lisa Ragland, Lay Director

Signed,

Pat Robinson, Secretary

Ballot

The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Board has updated the Bylaws according to suggestions from the Upper Room in Nashville.

The Bylaws state that the Community will vote on these Bylaws submitted. Below is a ballot. If you will take a moment to fill it out and send in your Ballot, or vote via email to the Board on the www.hbaec.org website.

All ballots will be accepted for one month. Voting will end on June 25, 2006.

Thank you for your continued servanthood and support of this Community.

Husband and wife can use this form:

_____ I accept the Bylaws for the Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community

_____ I do not accept the Bylaws for the Houston Bay Area Community

Name: _____ Walk _____

Spouse: _____ Walk _____

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****NOTICE****

We are starting a new year with the Pilgrim's Journey. We have over 25000 names on our distribution list. We currently have over 680 of them receiving their PJ each month by email. There are several advantages to receiving it this way. You get it faster. It can be picked up from anywhere you can access your email so it reaches you even when you are away from home. It won't be thrown out with the regular mail. It can be printed out so you can still have the printed version if you desire, and it saves time and money—something we are all short of these days. If you have not yet contacted me about receiving the PJ each month my email, or if you have but are still not receiving it this way—please do so now!!

My email has changed. **I can now be reached at lesjo55@gmail.com or 409-739-6105.** Thanks again and DE COLORES !!

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There is no subscription fee to receive this newsletter. However, donations are very much appreciated to help defray publication and mailing expenses. Donations may be sent to the P. O. Box address below.

All 4th Day members are encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter. They must be received by the 20th of each month. Send your articles, questions, or comments about our Community to: The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community, P. O. Box 890134, Houston, TX, 77289. You may also phone Leslie Johnson at 409-739-6105 or send email to lesjo55@gmail.com.

Agape For Emmaus Walk # _____

Item Submitted: _____

Table Agape _____ Pillow Agape _____
(Agape for Pilgrims and Team must be provided if it is to be used for table agape)

Suggested time to be given _____

Pilgrims Only _____ Team Only _____ Pilgrims & Team _____

Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

Do you want leftovers? Yes No (Pick up in agape room after walk)

Items Needed: Pilgrims – 32 Team – 25 Pilgrims & Team – 57

Please attach this form to the agape