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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

There have been rumors flying around that Coastal Bend Emmaus has disbanded. Let me just say reports of Coastal Bend Emmaus' death are greatly exaggerated! We are alive and kicking and looking forward to 2 great events this fall.

Saturday, September 10th Fall Gathering @ FUMC CC 6-9 p.m. Bring your lanyard, nametag, significant other (even if they haven't been on a Walk) and a covered dish: A-L: fruit, dessert or bread; M-S: main dish, meat entree; T-Z: side dish, veggies or salad.

Women's Walk #1634 October 6-9, 2011 Kay Aeby, Lay Director.

Please help spread the word! Please forward this e-mail to all your Emmaus friends. If you want to receive the Rainbow Bend newsletter, go to www.coastalbendemmaus.org and subscribe online!

There also continues to be much confusion about "cross over" service and how we are to serve on teams. Following is a letter from Kathy Shaw, Lay Director Southwest Texas Conference Emmaus Community. Hopefully, this will provide some clarification.

August 15, 2011

TO: All SWTX Emmaus
Community Fourth Day
Groups

FROM: SWTX Emmaus Community Executive Committee

SUBJECT: Emmaus' relationship with other similar weekend programs

For the past several years, there has been a good deal of discussion in the SWTX Emmaus Community about Emmaus and its relationship with other similar weekend programs. Since last fall, your Executive Committee has been in conversation with Greg Engroff, International Lay Director, Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis, Upper Room, in an attempt to get answers and clarifications regarding those issues and concerns.

Out of those conversations have come several "items" of which I want to make sure you are aware.

At the January and April 2011 SWTX Emmaus Board meetings, the following revision to Article 7, page 12, Section 1 of the SWTX Emmaus Community Policies & Procedures Manual 2009 was
Emmaus Board.

Fourth Day Groups are composed of persons who have completed any three-day

event recognized by the Roman Catholic Cursillo Movement International which currently includes: The Episcopal Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Via de Cristo, Tres Dias, Kairos Prison Ministry, Presbyterian Pilgrimage, Chrysalis Journey, and Chrysalis Flight.

This revision was intended to clarify that those 4th Day programs (and their related teen programs) are the ones that can trace their roots directly back to the original Catholic Cursillo movement begun in Majorca Spain in the 1940s. Greg Engroff has made it very clear that it is not Upper Room that bestows such recognition; it is the Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis International Office in concert with the International Advisory Committee (IAC). He also made it clear that it was up to the SWTX Emmaus Community whether or not to recognize the "pilgrimage" of individuals who attended one of those 4th Day programs. The SWTX Board decided that pilgrims who have attended one of these programs can be part of SWTX Emmaus without having to attend an Emmaus weekend as a pilgrim. For example, if an individual who attended Episcopal Cursillo now wants to support Walk to Emmaus instead of Episcopal Cursillo (for whatever reason) they may do so. Their Emmaus team service would start with outside team service and then move to progressive service on inside teams.

One of the major points of discussion has been whether or not a member of an Emmaus Community (and in our unique situation, a member of a 4th Day Group) can serve on both Emmaus and other program teams. The following statements come from a December 2010 letter from Greg Engroff.

We cannot serve two masters. Commit to one or the other. **Not both.** What we would not want is for people to be moving back and forth, serving on each other's team and sending pilgrims to one group's weekends only to support the other group. There are no cross-overs; not team and not pilgrims.....

Greg has made it clear to us that this directive does not differentiate between "Cursillo-related"

programs and others - it doesn't matter if we are talking about Via de Cristo or ACTS, about Cursillo or the Great Banquet or any other program. We are to serve one program. The exception is the Kairos Prison Ministry, but even there the strong recommendation is to serve Emmaus one year and Kairos another year - don't try to do them both in the same year.

This directive from Greg's letter is for the laity. Clergy answer to a different calling (if you will) and we cannot dictate where they can/cannot serve. However, we do ask that clergy not serve more than one program a year - we ask that they honor and support the directive that came to the laity.

Two big dangers in cross-over service are (1) individual "burn-out" and (2) blending of elements from one program into the other. People who serve on teams too frequently get tired and burned out, and they tend to just drop out of both programs; a terrible loss for all concerned. And it is the rare 4DG that can be successfully vigilant in guarding against transfer of elements from other programs into an Emmaus weekend event. Too often a "really nice" or "special" element from another program is slipped into an Emmaus Walk, and of course the pilgrims who experienced that weekend, think everything that happened was "Emmaus," even though it wasn't. Element additions get perpetuated from weekend to weekend, and before long the Emmaus weekend is no longer purely Emmaus - it is a hybrid. We have seen that happen again and again. Walk to Emmaus is a copyrighted program; we cannot modify it to make it "our own."

A number of years ago SWTX Emmaus made a conscious effort to move closer to the model, eliminating some non-Emmaus elements that had been added (such as Las Mananitas, and having "Angels" in the Conference Room). All who were involved in Emmaus at that time can remember that the "house cleaning" was a painful process - feelings were hurt and some people dropped away from Emmaus. But we in the SWTX Emmaus Community are in Covenant Agreement with Upper Room not only to follow the copyrighted Emmaus model but also to remain true to the intent of the Walk to Emmaus. We constantly strive to uphold that covenant.

On behalf of the SWTX Emmaus Community I thank each and every one of you who serves God through your involvement in Emmaus and your leadership in your church. For that is truly what Emmaus is about - building leaders for the church. Emmaus is only successful

when it moves individuals out of the weekend event conference room and into the world.

May God bless the work each of you does in his name.

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I pray that Kathy's letter helps you understand our situation better and that we all would take her words to heart. The health and future of Coastal Bend Emmaus depends upon our humble service, obedient hearts, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithfully,

Stephanie Creech

CBE Lay Director

Coastal Bend Emmaus 4th Day Group

Energizing, equipping, and engaging God's leaders in the church.



Saturday, September 10, 2011

6:00pm-9:00pm

First United Methodist Church

900 S. Shoreline

Join us for Worship, Music, 4th Day Talks, Great Entertainment, Fellowship and GREAT food!

Bring your lanyard, nametag and a covered dish!

A-L: fruit, dessert or bread

M-S: Main Dish, Meat Entree

T-Z: Side Dish, Veggies or Salad

Bring your spouse or significant other even if They have not been on a walk!



For more information, please contact

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Women's Walk #1634 October 6-9, 2011

Deadline to have Pilgrim Application and Walk fee to SWTC: [Sept. 22, 2011](#).

If your Pilgrim's registration is not in the hands of the SWTC Registrar by this date, she will have to wait until 2012!

The Agape Gift of Sponsorship

There are so many ways to support your special Pilgrim! Here are some things that Walk Lay Directors ask you to bring to Registration-along with your Pilgrim, of course!

- \$5.00 for your Pilgrim's *Day Four* book that will be included in the 4th Day Packet
- 1 set of pillow or table Agape item (if labeled, only with Church or Reunion Group Name)
- 1 Pilgrim's favorite snack
- 1 6- or 12-pack Pilgrim's favorite drink
- Agape Letters*

Please be sure that your Pilgrim's letters

- Have first and last name
- Are NOT marked with abbreviations. Labels MUST be spelled out:

Spouse
Child
Friend
Pastor
Sibling, etc.

Bundle the 8-12 letters you think should be the ones delivered at the table. A rubber band is sufficient.

The rest will be bundled and given on the pillow. Coach your letter writers not to include special gifts for the Pilgrim, letters only.

*When letters arrive at Candlelight, errors occur.

Please help the Walk Servants by bringing letters to Registration! Thanks!

Visit <http://www.coastalbendemmaus.org/SPONSORSHIP.htm> to find Sponsor Tips
<http://www.umcswtx.org/mw-walk-emmaus.html> and Click on Presentation Sponsorship Information

Coastal Bend Emmaus 4th Day Group

Board Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month and you're invited! The next meeting will be September 20th at 6:00 pm at Island in the Sun UMC and will begin with glorious music and worship! The need to strengthen and renew is evident and your input is valued.

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17



Clergy Training Event for Coastal Bend Clergy

Mike Cave will be leading a Clergy training event for all Coastal Bend clergy on Saturday October 1, at First UMC in Corpus Christi. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. the event will conclude by 2:00 p.m. Morning coffee and lunch will be furnished.

This training is not yet required by the Upper Room for Walk Spiritual Directors but it will likely be required in the near future. Whether it is required or not, attendance at such a training is a strong indication of a pastor's desire to participate in CBE walks and could effect the deliberations of the selection team.

The training is open to laity as well as clergy, should they want to have a better understanding of the role of the SD's and ASD's on walks.

Registrations should be sent to:

laity who are interested in the theological foundations of Emmaus are welcome to attend as well as clergy. Those who plan to attend should register with Harold Onwiler at:

honwiler@swbell.net

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Do You Know Someone?

The Coastal Bend Emmaus want to bless some new pilgrims with The Best Walk Ever! Walk #1634 is in need of pilgrims. If the Lord has laid it upon your heart to invite a woman you think may like affirmation that God loves her, please contact Kay Aeby, kaeby1@yahoo.com

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17



Attention All Reunion Groups *Let's get back in touch!*

We would like to better serve our pilgrims by providing them with the most updated info for our 4th day reunion groups. If it's been a while since you last updated your information, please contact Elaine Hinchcliff, CBE Reunion Groups Coordinator and let us know how your doing.

hinchcliffd@yahoo.com (361) 449-1434

Sponsor a Pilgrim for the October Women's Walk!

Deadline to get the application in the mail: September 19

Check here for more information on sponsorship:

<http://www.coastalbendemmaus.org/SPONSORSHIP.htm>

Coastal Bend Leadership Candidates!

Before you forget, get your forms sent back in ASAP to plan ahead for 2012 & 2013!

Thanks!

Update your Information for the CBE Database

All database updates and changes can be sent to Carolyn Orweiler, Database Coordinator
for the CBE Fourth Day group.

conwiler@hotmail.com

Future Events

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Walk/Flight Leadership Training - Sat. Aug 6, St. Luke's UMC 8:00am Corpus Christi, Texas

Clergy Training Sat. Oct. 1, 2011 FUMC CC - Shoreline Contact: Harold Onweiler honwiler@swbell.net

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Board Training
Nov 5, 2011 8:30 am
Location TBD

Women's Walk # 1634
October 6-9, 2011
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Upcoming 2012 Walk's
Women's June 21-24
Men's Sept. 20-23
Women's Oct. 11-14

Those interested in attending a Men's walk sooner can contact the Windmill Emmaus 4th day Group in Beeville, TX.
http://windmillemmaus.com/
Gilbert7@sbcglobal.net

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