

Sponsor's Checklist

1. Why do you want to be a Sponsor?

Sponsorship is probably the most important role you will play in the Emmaus community. Your invitation is the first step on the Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight. You, the sponsor, are the Emmaus community. You walk with the Pilgrim or Butterfly all the way to Emmaus and back. Do you wish to build up the body of Christ by inviting people to participate in the Emmaus experience? If yes, then continue on.

2. To whom shall the invitation be issued?

A. Emmaus and Chrysalis are for Christians actively involved in their church.

B. Will this person, through personal renewal, bring new energy, commitment and vision to the church?

C. Potential prospects include:

- ✓ Church leaders (clergy, laity)
- ✓ Christians who are the backbone of the church.
- ✓ Christians who need a rekindling of grace, awareness and opportunity for renewal of commitment.
- ✓ Christians who are hungry for something more and who want to grow spiritually.
- ✓ Christians who represent a cross-section of the church, and who will help keep Emmaus theologically sound, centered on the essentials of our common faith and openness to different perspectives.
- ✓ Respected clergy and laity whose participation will encourage others to make this pilgrimage.

3. We must recognize that Emmaus is a wonderful experience for many people, but not all people.

Sponsors must be sensitive to factors that may have a negative effect on a weekend or would be divisive to the church. Examples of questionable sponsorship include:

- ✓ Non-Christians and persons with no relationship to the church of Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Persons undergoing an emotional crisis (i.e. family breakup or severe grief).

- ✓ Persons who decide not to participate after receiving the invitation; persons who are badgered into participation can easily develop negative attitudes. A person's "no" is not a rejection of the sponsor, it is a refusal to participate. The choice is the prospects.
- ✓ Christians whose theology and /or practice are notably different or incompatible with the theology and practice represented by the Walk to Emmaus. For example: Adventists who want to be faithful to Saturday Sabbath, and strict dietary stipulations; members of independent groups who would feel it necessary to defend their unique beliefs.
- ✓ "Church Hoppers": those who find fault with the church; persons who would use Emmaus as a tool to divide the church; persons who would want to create an "Emmaus Church".
- ✓ Persons who are continually looking for another spiritual high or an experience to help them "arrive".
- ✓ "Soap-Boxers" who dominate the situation, don't want to hear other views, often chide those who do not agree with them.