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New Year's Greetings from Our 2013 Community Lay Directors

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." *Jeremiah 29:11-13*

Please allow us to introduce ourselves. We are Sherri and Wayne Lamm and we are your Community Lay Directors for 2013. Sherri walked on HOC Walk # 99 and Wayne walked on HOC Walk # 98. We were elected to the HOC Board of Directors to serve a three year term from 2011 through 2013. We have served as the area directors for Gatherings in 2011 and Training in 2012.

On a personal note we have been married for 29 years and have one 22 year old son. Sherri is a nurse at WakeMed and Wayne is a Public Safety Director/Chief of Police at Nash Community College. Our son is a Teaching Fellow Majoring in Physical Education. We attend Nashville United Methodist Church and serve on a number of different jobs/committees.

We look forward to serving the community in the coming year and solicit your prayers and support. We are facing some difficult decisions with Walk numbers decreasing and costs of running a Walk increasing. We will rely on God's Word as we try to make decisions for the good of the community.

THE HOC COMMUNITY NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!

As your community lay directors said above, Heart of Carolina Emmaus is facing some serious issues that impact ALL of us as a community. Please turn the page to find out more about the 2 issues below and what you can do to help:

1. Problems filling the walk with a sufficient number of pilgrims for the best pilgrim experience.
2. Problems meeting our financial obligations for these walks due to the lower number of pilgrims and increased costs.

“Pleas” and Thank You to the Community for Financial Relief

January 10, 2013

This letter is an urgent plea for financial relief in our Heart of Carolina Emmaus Community. Please read this information carefully and respond as the Spirit leads you.

Our Heart of Carolina Emmaus Community has been blessed for many years! We have carried out our primary mission of sponsoring and sharing the very best Christ-centered Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends that we could. We have never really been distracted by money, since the walks are generally self-supporting. Fees paid to attend, along with any additional gifts given during the weekend worship times, have always been enough to pay our bills. Scholarship funds have even been available to prevent anyone from not experiencing a weekend due to money. We have never had to make our worship times together about money issues. It's been about Christian community, fellowship and sharing together in this life-altering experience.

So why are we currently experiencing a problem? In earlier years all of our walks were full, and we had long waiting lists for upcoming walks. In more recent times we often have fewer walk attendees. We lose money when these walks are held, yet they cannot be easily canceled due to the required long-term planning and commitments. Short Journey Retreat Center began making improvements and changes to their property and consequently increased substantially the overnight and meal costs. The improvements are needed and welcomed, but these increases were unplanned and are not covered with current fees and financial resources. We will increase registration fees starting with our April walk, but the 2 upcoming Emmaus Walks, the Chrysalis Flight, and associated team trainings are not covered by this increase.

Fewer attendees and rising costs mean we no longer have the financial resources to cushion these expected shortfalls. **We urgently need financial help from our community members!** \$10,000 in new funding would get us back on track this year. Can you help? Will you prayerfully consider helping with a \$100 or \$200 donation or any other amount you comfortably can? The Heart of Carolina Emmaus Community is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, meaning that any contributions are eligible as, and considered to be tax-deductible charitable contributions by the IRS.

If you can help, please place your donations in the offering baskets at the next event you attend. You may also hand your donation to any board member or mail them to:

David McAnally
Emmaus Treasurer
987 Kintail Court
Wake Forest, NC 27587

Please help us get through this temporary monetary distraction so that we can focus on sponsoring the very best Christ-centered weekends we possibly can! De Colores!

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ALL THE TIME

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU – and again, we say, **THANK YOU!** Your response to our financial plea has been amazing! At a time like this we recall Matthew 7:7-8 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” Christ, through each of you, has indeed answered and given. It is such a blessing to serve with each and every one of you. Because of your loving response we were able to pay our bill to Short Journey in January and remain solvent. We, as a Community, still have many struggles to face but we know with God all things are possible. Again we are reminded of Jeremiah 29:11 – “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” We believe this is true in our lives and in the life of Emmaus. Please keep the donations coming as you are able. We are not out of the woods financially for the future, but we have great faith that the Lord’s plans for HOC Emmaus will NOT be foiled by monetary need. Continue to pray for HOC Emmaus. Again “Thank You” for being the hands and feet of Christ. In the words of Paul, “I thank my God every time I think of you.”

UPDATE
See p. 3.
Increased
fee will
be in
effect for
fall walks
and
beyond.

DID YOU KNOW?

- HOC Emmaus has not had a “full walk” (36 pilgrims) in over 3 years?
- Holding one walk now costs over \$12,000?
- Our largest “growth” areas are in churches that have a new pastor who has been on the Emmaus Walk?

10 THINGS ***YOU*** CAN DO!

1. **PRAY** for HOC Emmaus – its future, its board, its discernment from and filling of the Holy Spirit.
2. **INVITE** others to walk – after prayerful discernment.
3. **TALK** about the walk wherever you go – not just within your own church community. You never know what seeds may be planted!
4. **SHARE** your story with your pastor if he or she has not been on the walk (or even if they have been!).
5. **ATTEND** a Reunion Group – keep it real!
6. **LEARN** new things about sponsorship at an updated training session.
7. **SUPPORT** the February Women’s Walk!
8. **CONTRIBUTE** prayerfully to the financial funds.
9. **SUGGEST** ideas to the board.
10. **SIGN UP** for the yahoo group on the HOC website and **FRIEND** us on Facebook.

TWO WALKS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

Dear HOC Emmaus Community,

It was with great sorrow that we canceled two walks recently – the February Men’s Walk and the Women’s April Walk. Unfortunately there were only 11 men signed up for the February Men’s walk and 4 women signed up for the April Women’s Walk. The Upper Room, who issues our Emmaus guidelines, suggest 20 pilgrims for a valid walk. The reasons for this minimum number are many, and all the reasons are in the interest of the best pilgrim experience possible. To summarize, a minimum of 20 pilgrims ensures that we do not have the number of team members overwhelm the pilgrims and that the pilgrims have a sufficient number of other pilgrims with whom to interact during this special time together. Each sponsor has been contacted and each pilgrim who had been scheduled to be on one of these walks has been given the opportunity to attend another walk. Canceling the Men’s Walk still held us in obligation for 50% of the fees to Short Journey, but we could not hold a legitimate walk with 11 pilgrims. Canceling the Women’s April Walk at the beginning of February allowed us to notify Short Journey without financial obligation – and the likelihood of reaching a walk quota in the remaining time was extremely small.

These decisions have been excruciating for us, and we continue to pray that they were the right choices for this community that we all deeply love. So what do we do now? Well, we continue to pray, first and foremost. And we ask for YOUR help in strengthening and growing the community. Continue to prayerfully discern who the Lord is calling you to invite to participate. Talk about the walk with your friends in other church communities, not just your own church. If your pastor(s) has not been on the walk, continue to reach out to him or her, affirming what the Lord has done for you through your walk and beyond. Participate in a Reunion Group to keep your own “flame” alive, so that it can be seen by others.

The Women’s Walk is still scheduled for Feb. 14-17. We look forward to seeing you participate during that weekend, and we hope to see you there as sponsors for the Fall Men’s & Women’s Walks.

Blessings,
The Emmaus Board

HOW TO SPOT YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS!



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