

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 the 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:

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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!

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