



Sponsorship Information – Part 1 of 2

(article by Dan Matthews)

According to the dictionary, a sponsor is:

1. One who assumes responsibility for another person or a group during a period of instruction.
2. One who vouches for the suitability of a candidate for admission; one who takes responsibility for another.

Sponsorship is the act of carrying out that responsibility for a pilgrim that God has chosen. You are God's instrument, "The Sponsor", the one who takes responsibility for another. God chose you to go on The Walk to Emmaus experience. Now be sure that God has chosen your potential pilgrim. It requires a lot of PRAYING. God should decide whom and when we should sponsor someone.

GOOD SPONSORSHIP is vital to the Emmaus Movement; it is the most important job in Emmaus.

Unwise Sponsorship

1. Those persons who would find The Walk to Emmaus a discomfoting experience should not be pressed to attend. This discomfort might extend to beliefs about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit that differ from the traditional Christian belief of the Holy Trinity. The Walk to Emmaus it is not a place for theological or religious debate.
2. Do not sponsor persons who are not a member of a church.
3. Do not sponsor people involved in recent or unresolved emotional distress; for example, the death of a loved one, family breakup, divorce proceedings, work downsizing, job loss, and health problems. (If you are unsure about this, please ask his/her pastor!) Those who are unable to sit in the conference room chairs for several hours at a time, or have severe medical problems should NOT attend.
4. Church Hoppers (those who join a church, find something they don't like, complain, and then leave) would be an unwise choice. Many always seem to have an axe to grind against the church, while others are looking for a perfect church.
5. People that use any forum to talk about their own agenda. They do not hear or want to hear other views.
6. Persons who decide not to make a Walk after being presented the opportunity.

Wise Sponsorship

Initially, consider sponsoring those persons who are committed to living a life that is pleasing to God, those who want to grow and increase their knowledge and understanding of God and His will.

1. Church leaders (pastors and laypersons), those serving on committees, outreach programs, anyone participating in the ministries of the church.
2. Couples: Try to get them to go on the same set of walks or back-to-back walks.
3. Single persons who are active in the church.
4. Less active members who need their awareness of grace rekindled and their commitments renewed.
5. Christians who want to grow spiritually.

Make arrangements for music
Make arrangements for a nursery if possible (optional but preferable)
Have food available (snacks are appropriate)

If you would like to have a local Gathering please get your information to Burton Love, Grace Emmaus Board member. (Burtonlove@embarqmail.com ; 903-425-3864) If you need help with the planning, we may be able to assist.

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The G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community wishes to continue to spread the life changing experience that an Emmaus weekend can deliver. Won't you help us by donating funds for scholarships for both pilgrims and team members or the general fund of our community?

We are asking you to consider donate \$5, \$10, \$25 monthly or whatever amount you would like to set the donation to. This monthly donation will be debited automatically from your bank account on or about the 15th of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.
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