



WALK TO EMMAUS PILGRIM APPLICATION - INSTRUCTIONS

- ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED. **PILGRIM'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, AND BIRTH DATE MUST MATCH ON ALL FORMS.**
- GO TO <http://www.austinemmaus.org> THEN DOWNLOADS TO DOWNLOAD ALL INSTRUCTIONS, APPLICATIONS, AND FORMS.
- **PLEASE DOWNLOAD, OPEN WITH ADOBE ACROBAT (FREE READER), COMPLETE ON YOUR COMPUTER PRINT, SIGN AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS BELOW, PLEASE DO NOT PRESS THE SUBMIT.**
- ALL 3 FORMS WITH SIGNATURES AND PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED BEFORE THE APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED. **PLEASE MAIL ALL DOCUMENTS TOGETHER TO THE REGISTRAR TO AVOID SOME FORMS BEING SEPARATED AND LOST.**
- IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT, PLEASE CONTACT THE GREATER AUSTIN EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Please take special note of the following questions on this Walk to Emmaus Pilgrim Application. All information must be complete. GAEC is the Greater Austin Emmaus Community. Go to <http://www.austinemmaus.org/Walks.php> then at the bottom "RTECC Walk History" and "GAE4DG/GAEC Walk History" to assist in locating Pilgrim Walk numbers and dates. Enter "1/1/1900" if you do not know a certain date.

INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Because Emmaus is not intended to make disciples, but rather strengthen those who are already disciples, persons accepted for a Walk to Emmaus are expected to be **ACTIVE** members of a Christian congregation. **ALL EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY** must be approved in advance by the Greater Austin Emmaus Community's Spiritual Director. Please make note of this before you submit your application; otherwise the packet may be returned.

Persons who are members of one congregation but are actively attending another congregation should reconcile the issue of where God is calling them to service and make a commitment to one congregation before applying for the Walk to Emmaus. This enables the Pilgrim to participate **FULLY** in that congregation upon their return from the Walk to Emmaus.

HAS THE WALK TO EMMAUS BEEN EXPLAINED TO YOU? Make sure you are fully aware of what the Walk to Emmaus is all about. If you have questions, ask your Sponsor for more information. Your Sponsor should not sign this form until he/she has explained the Walk to Emmaus and the events after the Walk weekend to you and, if applicable, your significant other.

WHAT IF THE WALK IS CANCELLED OR THE PILGRIM CANNOT ATTEND? All changes in Walk Registration must be submitted to the GAEC by e-mail or mail. Registration fees can be transferred in full to another GAEC-sponsored Walk upon notification to the GAEC before Thursday at 6 pm of the start of the original Walk. Full refunds minus a \$25 processing fee rounded to the nearest even dollar per payee may be issued to the original payer(s).

INFORMATION ON SPECIAL NEEDS: It is especially important to know if you have any special needs or challenges. It is rare that any such need cannot be met; however, we must know in advance to prepare for your full participation in the Walk to Emmaus activities. Please let us know as far in advance as possible. **NONE OF THIS INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED EXCEPT TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING YOUR PHYSICAL, MEDICAL, OR DIETARY NEEDS.**

SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON THE FORMS. There are three (3) signatures that are **REQUIRED** for reservation: **ONE ON EACH FORM.** All three signatures need to be present or the form will be returned for completion, which may result in a delay of your registration. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SPONSOR TO SEE THAT ALL THREE SIGNATURES ARE PRESENT!**

1. **PILGRIM'S SIGNATURE** – This is your free commitment to accept God's invitation to attend the Walk to Emmaus. Therefore, the form must be signed by you personally - not your sponsor, spouse, friend, or parent (they cannot make such a free commitment for you).
2. **PASTOR'S SIGNATURE** – This signature is the commitment of the clergy member of the congregation that you serve and worship in to work with you in developing your service to God after the Walk to Emmaus. The Clergy member does not have to have been on a Walk, or similar 3-day experience, him/herself; however, the Walk to Emmaus is not intended to bypass or usurp the authority of the pastor of your congregation in any way. If your pastor is opposed to your attending a Walk to Emmaus, it will be difficult for you to serve effectively in your church after your Walk to Emmaus and you may feel frustrated and discouraged. If your Pastor is hesitant, uncertain, or has questions, they may contact your Sponsor and/or the Spiritual Director for the Greater Austin Emmaus Community. **IT IS MEANINGLESS TO HAVE ANY MINISTER OTHER THAN YOUR OWN SIGN THIS FORM, SINCE THAT WOULD COMPLETELY DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF THE PASTOR'S SIGNATURE.**
3. **SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE** – This is your sponsor's commitment to both you and to the Emmaus Community - that he/she is willing to help you prepare for your Walk to Emmaus, care for your family while you are away, and help you become more active in service after the Walk weekend. This signature emphasizes the great importance the Walk to Emmaus places on your sponsor.