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#### Central California Walk to Emmaus

## PILGRIM APPLICATION

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Send completed application and fees to:

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# SPONSORS, please include all of the following:

- Your e-mail address and that of your pilgrim.
- The \$50 per pilgrim application fee. The fee MUST accompany the application; made payable to CCWTE. Fee is non-refundable.
- Special medical and/or diet needs. Go over this with your pilgrim(s) and indicate any special needs on the correct space below. It is vital that we have this information in advance of the Walk. **Special diets cannot be added at the Walk**.

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### SPONSOR(S)

**Prior to sponsoring your first pilgrim**, you are required to attend a Sponsorship Talk. The talk reinforces your understanding of your responsibilities to the Emmaus Community in the area of sponsorship and emphasizes what you need to do in order to make your pilgrim's Walk the best it can be. The Board also suggests that you re-attend the Sponsorship Talk every couple of years.

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## FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS

The Gospel of St. Luke relates the story of the risen Christ appearing to two who were walking along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). This story provides the image for Emmaus, an Upper Room program that calls for and renews Christian discipleship.

Two friends were walking together. They were sharing their deepest heart's concerns. The risen Christ joined them and explained the scriptures as they walked -- how it was ordained that Christ should suffer and so enter His Glory. This experience on the road was a heart-warming experience as the risen Christ walked and talked with them. The illuminating climax of the experience was when Christ took the bread and said the blessing then broke it and gave it to them. The two had their eyes opened and they recognized Him as the risen Christ.

Emmaus is centered in the weekend experience. This "Walk to Emmaus" is with friends and the scriptures are explained in such a way as to bring light and understanding to our needs. For many, it will be a heart-warming experience. Many will share so deeply in worship and Holy Communion that their eyes will be opened and they will see the risen Christ. Participants will study, discuss and experience God's grace and discover how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and expresses itself in the world. This grace will become personal in small communities through table group discussions. Those attending the weekend personally experience God's grace through prayers and the many acts of service of a support community. One of the primary strengths of Emmaus is the follow-up activities.

There are two expectations of a person following his or her Walk:

- 1. Expand his/her own spiritual life.
- 2. Become a more active disciple of Christ in the world through his/her own church.

To nurture this process of discipleship, the Emmaus community offers several specific opportunities. First there is a follow-up meeting after one's Walk to Emmaus. It is at this meeting that the Sponsorship Talk is given. This talk provides new pilgrims with the knowledge needed to be good sponsors. Second, there are monthly meetings. All persons of a particular community or area are invited for fellowship, worship, and informal instruction. Thirdly, each person will receive a newsletter which highlights upcoming Walks, future events and Emmaus news in general.

The real focus of the Emmaus Community is not on itself, but on the local church. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work and communities.

The weekend is a three-day (72-hour) experience that begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Please note: If a husband and wife have signed up to attend a specific set of Walks and the husband, for one reason or another, does not attend, the wife will be asked to wait until the two can attend the same set of Walks.

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