

# Sponsorship Guidelines



## Responsibilities of Sponsorship:

Successful sponsorship entails the completion of various tasks, and your dedication to these details is pivotal in ensuring a truly meaningful Emmaus experience for your new Pilgrim. It's essential to recognize that sponsorship goes beyond the weekend, extending into your Pilgrim's Fourth Day. We are here to partner with you every step of the way.

### 1. Active Participation:

- Be an active member of the Emmaus community.
- Participate in a reunion group, small group, or Bible study group.
- Attend one Sponsorship Training Session at your local gathering.

### 2. Relationship Building:

- Know the new Pilgrim for at least 6 months.
- Pray about sponsoring and consider "Guidelines for New Pilgrim Selection."
- If your Pilgrim is married, speak with both spouses.

### 3. Communication and Preparation:

- Explain that Emmaus is a Christian leadership training course.
- Describe the weekend's elements: talks, communion, prayer, food, singing, and fellowship.
- Have the Pilgrim fill out the application's information section.

### 4. Application Process:

- Take responsibility for getting the pastor's signature and mailing the application to the Pre-Walk Coordinator.
- Pay the \$50 per Pilgrim registration fee (or \$100 per couple) with the application.
- Make checks payable to "Central California Walk to Emmaus" or pay online at <https://ccwte.org/about/donations/>.

### 5. Agape and Support:

- Contact friends and relatives for Agape letters; include your handwritten letter. See sponsorship tab for sample Agape Request Letter.
- Ensure the Pilgrim's spouse is supported during the weekend.

### 6. Walk Weekend Logistics:

- Personally pick up and take your Pilgrim to the Walk, assist with sleeping room setup.
- Attend key events: Sponsors Prayer Service, Candlelight, Mananitas, and Closing.

### 7. Post-Walk Responsibilities:

- Stay in contact with your Pilgrim(s) after the Walk.
- Bring your Pilgrim(s) to the next area gathering; assist with their sponsorship efforts.
- Offer to work upcoming Walks and explain Fourth Day opportunities.

## Guidelines for New Pilgrim Selection:

When considering a candidate to sponsor for participation in a Walk To Emmaus weekend, our initial step is to fervently seek the guidance of the Lord through prayer. It is imperative that individuals under consideration not only align with but also actively embrace our Statement of Faith. This foundational commitment ensures that those embarking on this pilgrimage are united in their spiritual journey, fostering a shared understanding and pursuit of our core beliefs.

### CCWTE Statement of Faith:

- GOD THE FATHER who is the Creator of the universe and the Source and Sustainer of life.
- JESUS, THE ONLY SON OF GOD, who came down to earth in the form of man, and being fully God and fully man died on the cross and rose from the grave to redeem us.
- THE HOLY SPIRIT who is the Comforter, Giver of power and direction, inspiration and spiritual gifts, and is present in the hearts and lives of believers.
- We believe the Bible is the Word of God. It was written by men under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, it is infallible in everything it teaches, and it is still inspired by the Holy Spirit every time a believer reads it.
- We believe that God ordained the union of marriage to be exclusively between one man and one woman and anything else is going against His word. (Mark 10:6-9)
- We believe that all people are sinners and forgiveness of sins was purchased by the blood of Jesus. Salvation is only available by the Grace of God through our faith in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and acceptance of Him as our personal Savior.
- We believe that membership in the body of Christ comes through a personal relationship with Jesus, not registration on a local Church role. We believe the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Communion were instituted by Christ and given to the Church as a means of remembrance and participation in His life, death, and resurrection, and He is present in the observance of them.
- We believe that our life in Christ is meant to be lived in this community with other believers. We believe that the hands and feet of Christ are the local Church and that all members of the body are to be ministers to each other, their community, and their world according to the gifts given to them by the Holy Spirit.

To make the process even more convenient, the sponsorship form is now a fillable PDF, allowing you to complete it online and subsequently print it for the necessary signatures. However, please note that attendance at a Sponsorship Talk during your local gathering is still a mandatory step in the process.



Dear [Friend/Family Member],

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share exciting news about our dear [Pilgrim's Name], who has been selected to participate in the upcoming Central California Walk to Emmaus. This is a significant spiritual journey, and I am reaching out to you, their cherished friends and family, to request your support in making this experience even more memorable.

As [Pilgrim's Name] embarks on this transformative journey, we believe that your words of encouragement and love would greatly contribute to the depth of their experience. Handwritten letters are powerful tools that can provide comfort, inspiration, and love during their time at Emmaus. Therefore, I kindly ask if you would consider writing a heartfelt letter to [Pilgrim's Name].

In your letter, you may choose to share personal anecdotes, offer words of wisdom, or simply express your love and support. Your words will serve as a source of inspiration, reminding [Pilgrim's Name] of the community that stands behind them on this spiritual pilgrimage.

Additionally, if you feel inclined, you may also consider including a small, meaningful gift that [Pilgrim's Name] can carry with them on their journey. Whether it's a handwritten poem, a keepsake, or a thoughtful token, your gift will serve as a tangible reminder of your love and encouragement.

Please send your letters and gifts to [Your Address] by [Deadline Date] to ensure that they reach [Pilgrim's Name] before their Walk to Emmaus begins. If you are unable to send a physical letter, electronic versions are also welcome and can be emailed to [Your Email Address].

Your participation in this endeavor will undoubtedly contribute to the richness of [Pilgrim's Name]'s Walk to Emmaus experience. Thank you for considering this request, and for being a cherished part of [Pilgrim's Name]'s support network.

May your words and gestures be a beacon of love and encouragement as [Pilgrim's Name] embarks on this sacred journey.

Warm regards,

[Your Full Name]

[Your Contact Information]